NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award financial assistance for the following project activities. *Refer to Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination.*

ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	P19AS00561
Project Title	Transference of Subsistence Knowledge to the Younger Generatio
Recipient	Telida Village Council
Anticipated Federal Funding	$44,790
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$44,790
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	September 3, 2019 - September 30, 2022
Legal Authority	54 USC §101702. Cooperative agreements
CFDA # and Title	15.946, Cultural Resources Management
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This project extends and builds upon the previous Subsistence project entitled Traditional Subsistence Practices and Transference of Knowledge to the Younger Generation. The objectives for this project are: 1) promote the exchange of contemporary and traditional subsistence practices between Denali (Nikolai) and Lake Clark (Nondalton) communities; 2) facilitate the sharing of subsistence-related traditional knowledge with youth; 3) review the current social science research methods used in Alaska, especially relating to subsistence, and identify what would work for our project and what would not; and 4) develop and implement research methods with a participatory integral approach within the framework of indigenous knowledge. To date we have conducted and transcribed 24 interviews and developed a draft booklet, maps, and an edited 10-minute video.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project will offer an opportunity for people to provide insight on the differences and commonalities relating to traditional subsistence knowledge and practices between communities, including historic travel and trade between communities. It will facilitate and support a subsistence knowledge network between two communities that are far apart, yet culturally and linguistically interconnected. Further, it will promote promote the exchange of subsistence information between Denali's and Lake Clark's National Park & Preserves resident zone communities and share this information with park managers.

The information gathered will be used to document our research methods and what we learned from the Elders and youth about their subsistence activities in the form of maps, a final booklet, and a short video. This information will be shared with the communities, local schools, and with Denali and Lake Clark's Subsistence Resource Council (SRC) and at the SRC Chairs meeting.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

This project will develop and implement research methods with a participatory integral approach, set in the framework of indigenous knowledge. It is important for this project that information obtained from interviews and community gatherings will not only provide insight and enhance park management, but will also be of service to the participants in this study and meet their needs. Therefore it is critical to review the current social science research methods used in Alaska, especially relating to subsistence projects, and identify what will work for our project and what will not. Prior to the beginning the project, we will contact the Tribal office in each community, provide a project overview, and obtain approval for the project. We also will notify the Tribal office when we are traveling to the community and then meet with Tribal Council members during the visit. In each community we will hold a public meeting/potluck to introduce ourselves and the project before conducting any interviews. We have developed NPS consent forms for interviews and an open-ended interview protocol relating to the project topic that was flexible to the needs of the interviewees. Before visiting each community, we will post a flyer for the public that explains the dates of our visit and provided a project review.

Our overarching methodological goal is to add the perspective of the community to that of the agency. Instead of only meeting the agency needs, we must ensure the research meets both the needs of the community and the agency. To do this, we must create a culturally relevant context from which to begin research.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The recipient shall be responsible for the following items under this agreement:

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Statement of Work in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein. The Recipient shall adhere to Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes, as applicable.
2. Provide all travel arrangements for Elders to localized areas where they can be interviewed.
3. Facilitate the sharing of subsistence-related traditional knowledge with youth;
4. Promote the exchange of contemporary and traditional subsistence practices between Denali (Nikolai) and Lake Clark (Nondalton) communities.
5. Hire a consultant to assist in final development of research methods relating to an integral method.
6. Travel throughout the study area and interview Elders to document their subsistence travels and stories. Formal written consent shall be obtained from all oral history participants, including a release to make this information available on the internet.
7. Incorporate the new interview with existing information gathered in previous years of the project by digitizing and converting video, time-coding transcripts, scanning release forms, writing biographies narrators, and uploading all content into Drupal

B. The NPS Responsibilities:

☐ A task agreement is proposed;

☑ A cooperative agreement is proposed;

therefore substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will:

1. Monitor and provide Federal oversight of activities performed under this Agreement. Monitoring and oversight includes review and approval of financial status and performance reports, payment requests, and tasks identified below. Additional monitoring activities may include site visits, conference calls, and other on-site and off-site monitoring activities. At the Recipient's request, NPS may also provide technical assistance to the Recipient in support of the objectives of this Agreement.
2. Review the current social science research methods used in Alaska, especially relating to subsistence, and identify what will work for our project and what will not.
3. Develop and implement research methods with a participatory integral approach within the framework of indigenous knowledge.
4. Provide assistance in conducting interviews as determined during project planning and in collaboration with the Principal Investigator (PI).
5. Attend meetings, consultations, and participate in conference calls which pertain to this agreement.
6. Review all work as it progresses. Adjustments to protocol, interview subjects, scheduling and subject matter may be

☐ A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.

☑ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

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SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

(1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;

(2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;

(3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;

(4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be unique qualifications.

(5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

☐ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.

☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency

☐ Legislative Intent ☑ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

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24 interviews have been conducted and transcribed, maps and draft booklets were completed and a 10 minute video has been completed. This agreement builds on the previous agreement.

Section 4. Department of the Interior Secretary's Priorities

This award will support the following DOI Secretary priority(ies):

Other Key Initiatives:

- ☐ Employment of veterans.
- ☐ Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- ☐ Creating jobs in the American economy.
- ☐ Access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Priority 1: Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- ☐ Utilize science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources and adapt to changes in the environment.
- ☐ Examine land use planning process and land use designations that govern public use and access.
- ☐ Revise and streamline the environmental and regulatory review process while maintaining environmental standards.
- ☐ Review DOI water storage, transportation, and distribution systems to identify opportunities to resolve conflicts and expand capacity.
- ☐ Foster relationships with conservation organizations advocating for balanced stewardship and use of public lands.
- ☐ Identify and implement initiatives to expand access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing.
- ☐ Shift the balance towards providing greater public access to public lands over restrictions to access.

Priority 2: Utilizing our natural resources

- ☐ Ensure American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs.
- ☐ Ensure access to mineral resources, especially the critical and rare earth minerals.
- ☐ Refocus timber programs to embrace the entire 'healthy forests' lifecycle.
- ☐ Manage competition for grazing resources.

Priority 3: Restoring trust with local communities

- XXX ☐ Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.
- ☐ Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

Priority 4: Ensuring sovereignty means something

- [ ] Support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.
- [ ] Solidify mutual interests between the U.S. and the freely associated states and territories.

Priority 5: Generating additional revenues to support DOI & National interests

- [ ] Ensure that the public receives the full market value for the natural resources produced on Federal lands.
- [ ] Ensure that fees or costs levied for DOI services are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.
- [ ] Consider the impact of DOI decisions on economic development and job creation.

Priority 6: Protecting our people and the border

- [ ] Actively support efforts to secure our southern border.
- [ ] Ensure DOI law enforcement staffing addresses public safety risks anticipated on DOI land.
- [ ] Promote a "public service" demeanor within our law enforcement community.

Priority 7: Striking a regulatory balance

- [ ] Reduce the administrative and regulatory burden imposed on U.S. industry and the public.
- [ ] Ensure that Endangered Species Act decisions are based on strong science and thorough analysis.

Priority 8: Modernizing our infrastructure

- [ ] Support the White House Public/Private Partnership Initiative to modernize U.S. infrastructure.
- [ ] Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs.
- [ ] Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs to highlight:
    1. Construction of infrastructure;
    2. Cyclical maintenance;
    3. Deferred maintenance.

Priority 9: Reorganizing for the next 100 years

☐ Improve alignment and integration of the DOI organizational structure. Redistribute organizational resources (people and funding) to enhance mission achievement and improved public service.

☐ Improve organizational alignment with Executive Branch counterparts with major land management assets or influence.

Priority 10: Achieving our goals and leading our team forward

☐ Senior executives are expected to provide leadership in achieving goals of the President and the Secretary.

☐ The Management Team is expected to:

1. Ensure cost-effective operations and quality service to the public;
2. Facilitate organizational cooperation and conflict resolution;
3. Ensure the workplace environment is conducive to employee productivity and safety;
4. Hold individuals accountable for actions that violate DOI policies and requirements.

The proposed project does not support any of the DOI Secretary priorities, but the project is being funded for the following reasons: