

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Determination for Issuing a Single Source Financial Assistance Award

Instructions: In accordance with Service policy 516 FW 6, *Issuing Discretionary Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards without Competition*, complete this form to document the justification for issuing a single source grant or cooperative agreement award. This form must be signed by both a program representative and the employee with signature authority for the award to be issued (see 516 FW 3, *Signature Authority for Grant and Cooperative Agreement Awards*). The completed and signed form must be maintained in the official award file.

Recipient Name: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Project Title: Regional Monitoring Protocol for Coastal California gnatcatcher
Program Contact: Susan Wynn and William Miller

Select all criteria that apply (from 505 DM 2):

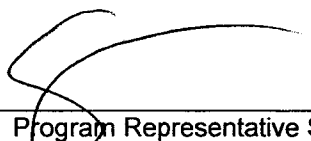
✓	(1) Unsolicited Proposal: The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited application that represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach that is not the subject of a current or planned award, but is found to be advantageous to program objectives.
	(2) Continuation: The activity to be funded is necessary for the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity we are funding and holding a competition would have a significant adverse effect on continuing or completing the activity.
	(3) Legislative Intent: The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates the intent of Congress to restrict the award to a particular recipient or purpose.
	(4) Unique Qualifications: The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based on a variety of demonstrable factors such as location; property ownership; voluntary support capacity; cost-sharing ability, if applicable; technical expertise; or other such unique qualifications.
	(5) Emergencies: Because of a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety, there is not enough time to follow adequate competitive procedures.

Explain below why competition for this award is not practical. As applicable, summarize the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and any cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient. Be brief and specific:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is charged by the State of California to help maintain sufficient populations of all species of native wildlife and plants and the habitat necessary to ensure their continued existence. CDFW is uniquely qualified to perform regional monitoring of the coastal California gnatcatcher because they have a role in coordinating ongoing subregional monitoring efforts of the subregional Natural Community Conservation Plans, and have the expertise to perform the survey work in a manner that is consistent with the subregional monitoring efforts. The project will benefit the public by providing opportunities for public education about the coastal California gnatcatcher, associated endangered and threatened species, and providing connections to the larger ecosystem that encompasses the gnatcatcher habitat. This project is contingent upon the availability of funds.

I have determined that this project meets the requirements for a single source award and recommend that it be awarded to the recipient named above.

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Program Representative Sign and Date
G. Mendel Stewart, Field Supervisor
Printed Name of Program Representative

I, as the Service employee with signature authority for this award under 516 FW 3, have reviewed this program recommendation and find that it meets the requirements for a single source award.


Authorized Signator Sign and Date

Darrin Thome, Deputy ARD, ES, Region 8
Printed Name of Signator