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	P20AS00046
Project Title	Construct Centennial Grove Trails with Yurok Youth in Redwood N
Recipient	Yurok Tribe
Anticipated Federal Funding	$49,700.00
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$49,700.00
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ ~~Cooperative Agreement~~ Project Statement under Annual Funding Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	09/01/2020 – 12/31/2021
Legal Authority	Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act,Title IV, Pul
CFDA # and Title	15.954 - National Park Service Conservation, Protection, Outreach a
Single Source Justification Criteria	(4) Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Yurok Youth Trail Crew (YYTC) program will assist Redwood National Park (REDW or Park) with construction of the Centennial Grove and Berry Glen Connector Trails project. This project is located in REDW in the Orick area. The purpose of this project, as requested by the Save the Redwoods League (SRL), is to build a superlative trail that highlights the magnificent old growth redwood forest in the proposed Centennial Grove. The construction of the Centennial Grove Trail (CGT) and the Berry Glen Connector Trail (BGCT) will provide visitors with the opportunity to experience enjoyment and inspiration of these magnificent trees. These trails will provide access to a network of trails, the popular Lady Bird Johnson Trail. The combined total of both trails to be constructed is 5,266 feet, using GIS calculations and the trail will be constructed to 5 feet wide.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

Through collaboration and mentoring with the park, the project will build further relations with the Tribe and strengthen partnerships. The project will reach out to minority, under-served and disadvantaged young adults and provide financial income; provide opportunities for youth participants to develop skills in the areas of trail maintenance and construction, along with the safe and proper use of associated hand and power tools; and improve their future job and career opportunities with the Yurok Tribe Trails program, (which will help build capacity within the Yurok Tribe) and with REDW and other land management agencies. Through education and hard work, the youth in this program will have a significant and rewarding experience to help develop as sense of stewardship of park resources. The crew will participate in opportunities to gain exposure to various resource management operations, receive orientation and expose these young adults to the different career options available in the NPS. The positive benefits of this program will improve the lives of Yurok youth in the local community.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

Both trails will be constructed with the use of a trail dozer and small excavation equipment operated by park personnel. Both the preparation and detailed finish work will be done with hand labor provided by the YYTC, assisting the park trail crew. The preparation phase will involve assisting with cutting downed logs in the proposed trail route, along with cutting and removing heavy brush. This will be done in the advance of the trail construction with trail equipment. The equipment will move the logs off the trail route. YYTC will assist with falling selected trees under 18 inches diameter at breast height (DBH).

During the construction phase, YYTC will assist with swamping for the trail equipment by removing larger woody debris from the soil being pushed by the equipment. This will include salvaging viable ferns to be stockpiled for transplanting during the detailed finishing phase. Following behind the equipment, the loose soil will be moved and shaped to form the trail surface to an acceptable standard. The soil will be compacted with both hand and vibrating plate compactors.

The detailed finish work will involve the selective removal of vegetation, including root systems, two to four feet back from the outside edges of the trail tread. The intent is to minimize the impact/footprint and have this trail fit in to the forest and leave as much vegetation as possible, targeting the species that will grow rapidly and encroach into the trail corridor in the future. Ferns will be transplanted for both esthetics and to help stabilize loose fill soil. Leaf litter will be gathered and spread on both the trail surface and on exposed soil on the sides.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

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

1. Conduct recruitment for the YYTC targeted to Yurok youth at appropriate venues on and near the reservation and other locations.
2. Interview candidates, hire, and employ one YYTC Crew Leader.
3. Interview candidates, hire and employ a minimum of 3 YYTC crew members, led by the Crew Leader, for at least 12 weeks.
4. Provide timely transportation for YYTC Crew Leader and crew between reporting site and work sites within REDW.
5. Provide basic personal safety equipment for crew to carry out trail maintenance work.

B. The NPS Responsibilities:

☐ A task agreement is proposed;

☑ A project statement under an Annual Funding Agreement ~~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. Post recruitment materials for the YYTC in appropriate park locations and utilize park employees to provide information through its ongoing recruitment efforts, and attend recruitment fairs.
2. Provide technical support, documentation, consultation, and liaison to Tribe in connection with identified tasks.
3. Assign work and provide technical oversight of work.
4. Promote safety and work ethics and provide on the job training.
5. Provide resource stewardship education and information on career opportunities in Redwood National and State Parks.

☐ 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 project statement ~~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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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.

This project is part of the National Park Service and the Yurok Tribe's Annual Funding Agreement, as authorized under The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Title IV, Public Law 93-638, as amended, 25 U.S.C. 458 aa et seq. A large portion of Redwood National Park is located within Yurok Tribal Aboriginal Territory and a portion within the existing Yurok Reservation. Because a significant portion of Redwood National Park contains physical and cultural resources that have an important impact on the demographic, economic, cultural, health and institutional needs of the people of the Yurok Tribe, it is the shared goal of the Tribe and the National Park Service to work toward collaborative management of Redwood National Park.

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

- ☐ 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

- [x] 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: