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	NPS-19-NERO-0115
Project Title	BOST 245901 - Cyclic Maintenance of Old North Church Windows
Recipient	Old North Foundation
Anticipated Federal Funding	$50,500.00
Non-Federal Cost Share	$0
Total Anticipated Award Amount	$50,500.00
Award Instrument	☐ Task Agreement ☑ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	Through July 31, 2020
Legal Authority	54 USC 101702(a); 16 USC 410z(A); 16 USC 410z(B)
CFDA # and Title	15.954 - Conservation, Protection, Outreach, and Education
Single Source Justification Criteria	Unique Qualifications
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

A. Project Goals – The National Park Service and Old North Foundation work together to preserve the integrity of Old North Church, a National Historic Landmark designated by Congress for inclusion within Boston National Historical Park, as a historic structure for the benefit of the American people. In order to ensure the continued use, accessibility, and safety of Old North Church, the National Park Service seeks to assist Old North Foundation to complete certain projects within and around the exterior of the church.

B. Project Objectives – This project addresses cyclic maintenance needs of Old North Church, specifically the restoration of aging windows within the church. Serving 500k visitors annually, this site requires improvements to modernize infrastructure and address deferred maintenance. This project will restore a total of 41 exterior windows.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project promotes greater public and private participation in historic preservation programs and activities. Caring for this historic property's windows promotes resource stewardship ethics in the project's participants.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

This project will preserve 41 exterior windows of the Old North Church. The project includes:

1. Use of scaffold to access windows.
2. Removal of lower sash for painting not in place - upper sash to be painted in place.
3. Full paint prep to existing paint layer via sanding, cleaning, etc.
4. Spot glazing to be applied where needed.
5. Application of full alkyd primer, followed by two coats latex finish paint, brush applied.
6. Cleaning of glass, interior and exterior.
7. Re-installation of windows and repair of any problems with sash cord, weather-stripping, locks, etc. that need to be addressed or corrected.

In some areas the paint has been worn away exposing the wood to rot. These windows will be repainted, select broken panes will be replaced with replica glass. Sash rope, which continually breaks under the weight of the windows will be replaced with stronger material. Flimsy locks will be replaced with more removable interior jams to secure the building.

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. Preserve, protect, operate, and maintain (including the payment of all its utilities) the site in a manner consistent with the NPS mission, the mission of the recipient, and prevailing professional standards.
3. Provide for public access to all public portions of the site at reasonable times for a market-based admission fee.
4. Provide monthly visitation statistics to Boston National Historical Park.
5. Grant the NPS right of access to the site at all reasonable times for the purposes outlined in this agreement.
6. Solicit suggestions from the NPS regarding changes to the visitor experience at the site.
7. Develop an annual budget for the operation and maintenance of the site and make it available to the NPS prior to the commencement of the Recipient's fiscal year, as consistent with its bylaws.
8. Identify the site as a legislated partner of Boston National Historical Park and cooperate with the NPS in developing interpretive markers, signs, exhibits, and media outside the site and on the site's website as mutually acceptable to both

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. Provide support and/or technical assistance for the preservation, protection, rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of the site's collections, as staffing and funds allow.
3. Substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance for this agreement. In support of this agreement, NPS will be responsible for the following:
i. Serve as subject matter experts to monitor all work performance, ensuring consistency with historic preservation standards.
ii. Approve scope of work for any contracted service.
iii. Participate in the selection of recipient's contractors.
iv. Review and approve work schedules for any contracted service

☐ 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

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.

Old North Foundation is the nonprofit organization responsible for the operations and maintenance of Old North Church, a site included within Boston National Historical Park and named in the park's enabling legislation. As the sole nonprofit responsible for Old North Church, no other recipient organizations were considered for this award. This instrument was selected due to the level of oversight and involvement NPS will have over this project.

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

- [ ] 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.
- [x] 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: