JUSTIFICATION FOR USE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Recipient Name: [Name of partner institution]
PR# & FA Award #: [To be completed by IMR-FA]
Project Title: 
NPS Unit or Program: 
CFDA #: 15.945

(A list of NPS CFDA programs and their related CFDA #s can be found at http://www.cfda.gov/)

Legal Instrument Selection:

- ✔ Check here if you are recommending a Task Agreement under an existing Master Cooperative Agreement:

  Recipient recommended to receive the award: [Name of partner institution]

  Describe reason(s) for selection and other recipient organizations considered for the award. At least three recipients under multiple award Master Cooperative Agreements (CESU, youth, etc.) must be considered and documented below along with the rationale for your recommendation:

  (Identify at least three specific nonfederal partners [recipient plus at least two others] you considered for this project. You may consider partners from any of the 17 CESUs nationally. Clearly explain why you selected the Recipient, based on reasons such as unique qualifications, continuation of existing work, proximity, or other factors. If you have not already done so in the TA narrative itself, this step needs to be completed and documented here as per WASO direction.)

- Check here if you are recommending a competitive Cooperative Agreement or Grant

- Check here if you are recommending a single source (non-competitive) Cooperative Agreement or Grant:

  Recipient nominated to receive the award: 

  Per Departmental Manual Release 505 DM 2, a written justification to the file must be prepared to explain why competition is not practicable, including a statement of which criteria described below justify the action and why. The justification will include a discussion of the program legislative history, unique capabilities of the proposed recipient, and cost-sharing contribution offered by the proposed recipient, as applicable. To satisfy this requirement complete the single source award justification as described on the last two pages of this document.

Legal (Statutory) Authority(s): Below is a list of commonly used NPS FA legal authorities. Check the appropriate legal authority(s) below or write in another NPS FA legal authority if another legal authority(s) is more appropriate.

- ✔ 54 USC §101702(a) (Formerly 16 USC §1g): Cooperative Agreements, Transfer of Services Appropriated Funds
- 16 USC § 246(h)(1): Agreements to Operate, Develop, and Maintain Portions of National Trails
- ✔ 54 USC §101702(b) (Formerly 16 USC § 1a-2(j)): Cooperative Agreements, Cooperative Research and Training Programs
- ✔ 54 USC §101702(b) (Formerly 16 USC § 1a-2(j)): Cooperative Research and Training Programs
- ✔ 54 USC §302304(b)(1)(A): Agreements with State Historic Preservation Officers
- ✔ 54 USC §101702(b) (Formerly 16 USC §470a(b)(6)(A)): Cooperative Agreements, Cooperative Research and Training Programs
- 54 USC §200305 (formerly 16 USC §460i-8(a)): Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act
- 16 USC § 1723(c)(1): Public Land Corps

(Summaries of specific legal authorities that enable the National Park Service to participate in financial assistance and partnership activities can be found by going to: http://www.doi.gov/partnerships/partnership-legal-
Describe how this project fulfills a Public Purpose of support or economic stimulation. Public purpose statements that have been previously approved by NPS FA Management and the DOI Solicitors office for the Justification for Use of Financial Assistance document include, but are not limited to, the following. If one of the public purpose statements below is appropriate for your proposed FA grant or agreement, check the appropriate public purpose statement(s) below. If an appropriate public purpose statement does not exist below you must write a more applicable public purpose statement in the space provided below or as an attachment if additional space is needed. The statement of work within the proposed FA grant or agreement must provide additional details in support of your public purpose statement.

☐ The project engages recipients, partners, communities, and/or visitors in shared environmental stewardship.

☐ The project promotes greater public and private participation in historic preservation programs and activities. The project builds resource stewardship ethics in its participants.

☐ The information, products and/or services identified or developed by this project will be shared through a variety of strategies to increase public awareness, knowledge and support for historic preservation and stewardship of the nation’s cultural and historical heritage.

☐ The principal purpose of the project is to support the Government’s objective to provide opportunities for youth to learn about the environment by spending time working on projects in National Parks. The NPS receives the indirect benefit of completing conservation projects.

☐ The project motivates its youth participants to become involved in the natural, cultural and/or historical resource protection of their communities and beyond. Students gain “real world” or hands-on experience outside of the classroom of natural, cultural and/or historical resource projects.

☐ The scientific community and/or researchers external to NPS gains by new knowledge provided through research and related results dissemination of natural, cultural and/or historical resource information.

☐ The project assists in the creation, promotion, facilitation, and/or improvement of the public’s understanding of natural, cultural, historic, recreational and other aspects of areas such as ecological conservation areas, and state and local parks.

See Task Agreement

(Describe public purpose in detail here ONLY if one of above boxes does not apply to your project)

For an Agreement, explain the nature of the anticipated Substantial Involvement. What will NPS specifically do to carry out the project? Substantial involvement statements that have been previously approved by NPS FA Management and the DOI Solicitors office for the Justification for Use of Financial Assistance document include, but are not limited to, the following. If one of the substantial involvement statements below is appropriate for your proposed FA agreement, check the appropriate substantial involvement statement(s) below. If an appropriate substantial involvement statement does not exist below you must write a more applicable substantial involvement statement in the space provided below or as an attachment if additional space is needed. Substantial involvement is a fact-specific inquiry that will vary from project-to-project. The statement of work within the proposed FA grant or agreement must provide additional details in support of your substantial involvement statement. For a grant, simply check the box to confirm that substantial involvement does not exist:
The project being proposed is a Grant. Substantial involvement does not exist.

NPS is involved with the recipient in describing the goals, jointly developing the scope and the activities to be accomplished. This must be combined with other substantial involvement, such as providing technical assistance or any of the statements listed below, that goes beyond Federal stewardship responsibilities.

NPS staff will assist the recipient in selecting projects, provide orientation to park resources, oversee assignments, teach new skills, distribute tools and equipment and provide technical assistance and safety training.

NPS will provide cultural/environmental programs to the team members including park tours, educational programs, talks on the history of the park, and other similar programs in a variety of media and will coordinate among other NPS units in the area to provide joint educational programs and field trips to NPS and other related sites.

NPS will provide the programmatic structure of the project, provide special interpretive programs, and provide educational elements of the project such as trade skill development and leadership development.

NPS staff will work together with recipient to jointly organize and deliver seminars, workshops and types of training programs for the purpose of promoting historic preservation to non-Government entities, States, Tribes and local governments and the general public.

NPS will provide the services of a Program Coordinator to serve as liaison to (the recipient) for the work under this agreement. This includes consulting and working specifically with the Recipient’s program coordinator and team leaders on recruiting, interviewing and recommending appropriate candidates.

NPS will provide a work leader and skilled maintenance staff to mentor and train the youth employed through this program.

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(Describe substantial involvement in detail here ONLY if one of above boxes does not apply to your project)

Detailed Budget Review:

Your initials below certify that a recipient detailed budget has been received, evaluated and determined to be allowable, allocable, reasonable and necessary in accordance with OMB, agency and bureau regulations, policies and guidance.

ATR Review: ____________________________ Awarding Officer Approval: ____________________________

(Initial & Date) (Initial & Date)

Requested by: __________________________ Approved: __________________________

(Signature) (Signature)

NPS ATR __________________________ NPS Awarding Officer __________________________

(Type Name) (Type Name)

Date: __________________________ Date: __________________________