

Recipient	City	State	Award
Shawnee Development Council, Inc. ....	Karnak .....	IL .....	300,000
Purchase Area Housing Corporation .....	Mayfield .....	KY .....	300,000
Passamaquoddy Development and Supply, Co .....	Parry .....	ME .....	300,000
Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan .....	Battle Creek .....	MI .....	300,000
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians .....	Manistee .....	MI .....	300,000
Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone Alliance .....	Itta Bena .....	MS .....	300,000
Fort Peck Assiniboini and Sioux Tribes .....	Poplar .....	MT .....	300,000
The Heritage Institute .....	Glasgow .....	MT .....	300,000
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska .....	Macy .....	NE .....	300,000
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska .....	Niobrara .....	NE .....	300,000
Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation .....	Walthill .....	NE .....	300,000
Navajo Partnership for Housing, Inc. ....	Gallup .....	NM .....	300,000
Native American Lending Group, Inc. ....	Albuquerque .....	NM .....	300,000
Eastern Plains Housing Development Corporation .....	Clovis .....	NM .....	300,000
ACCION, New Mexico .....	Albuquerque .....	NM .....	300,000
The Dona Anna County Colonias Development Council .....	Las Cruces .....	NM .....	300,000
Pueblo of Picuris .....	Penasco .....	NM .....	300,000
Pueblo De San Lidefonso .....	Sante Fe .....	NM .....	300,000
Pueblo of Pojoaque .....	Sante Fe .....	NM .....	300,000
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe .....	Fallon .....	NV .....	300,000
Cortland Housing Assistance Council, Inc. ....	Cortland .....	NY .....	300,000
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe .....	Hollister .....	NC .....	300,000
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians .....	Belcourt .....	ND .....	300,000
Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program .....	Sisseton .....	SD .....	300,000
Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing .....	Pine Ridge .....	SD .....	300,000
The Lakota Fund .....	Kyle .....	SD .....	300,000
Buffalo Valley, Inc. ....	Hohewald .....	TN .....	300,000
Creative Compassion, Inc. ....	Crossville .....	TN .....	300,000
West Tennessee Legal Services, Inc. ....	Jackson .....	TN .....	300,000
Community Development Corporation of Brownsville .....	Brownsville .....	TX .....	300,000
El Paso Empowerment Zone Corporation .....	El Paso .....	TX .....	300,000
Community Development Corporation Of South Texas .....	McAllen .....	TX .....	300,000
Organizacion Progresiva de San Elizario .....	San Elizario .....	TX .....	300,000
Proyecto Azteca .....	San Juan .....	TX .....	300,000
Willacy County Industrial Foundation, Inc. ....	Raymondville .....	TX .....	300,000
Southern Appalachian Labor School .....	Kincaid .....	WV .....	300,000
Stop Abusive Family Environments, Inc. ....	Welch .....	WV .....	300,000

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Notice of Intent To Prepare Comprehensive Conservation Plans and Environmental Assessments for Mandalay and Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuges in South Louisiana****AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Fish and Wildlife Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare comprehensive conservation plans and environmental assessments pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations for Mandalay and Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuges in Terrebonne and Saint Mary Parishes, Louisiana. Mandalay and Bayou Teche Refuges are two of the eight refuges administered by the Southeast

Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The purpose in developing a comprehensive conservation plan is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, plans identify wildlife-dependent opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The purpose of this notice is to achieve the following:

- (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and
- (2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

**DATES:** Please provide written comments on the scope of issues to include in the

environmental documents by May 18, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to the following: Charlotte Parker, Natural Resource Planner, Southeast Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 61389 Highway 434, Lacombe, Louisiana 70445; Telephone: 985-882-2000. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [Charlotte\\_Parker@fws.gov](mailto:Charlotte_Parker@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Open house style public scoping meetings will be held in Houma and Franklin during the comprehensive conservation plan development phase. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will be used to inform the public and state and local government agencies of the opportunities for input throughout the planning process. Many elements will be considered, including wildlife and habitat management, public recreational activities, and cultural resource protection. Public input into the planning process is essential. All comments received become part of the official public record. Requests for such

comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and other Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1996, is in Terrebone Parish in southeast Louisiana. The 4,212-acre refuge is composed of freshwater marsh and cypress-tupelo swamp. The refuge provides excellent habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, and neotropical migratory songbirds.

Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge, established in 2001, is in Saint Mary Parish in southeast Louisiana. The 19,113-acre refuge is composed of bottomland hardwood and cypress-gum forests. The refuge provides habitat for the threatened Louisiana black bear, as well as high-quality habitat for migratory birds.

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: December 19, 2006.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Announcement of Fund Availability, Competitive Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs Indian tribes that grant funds are available through a Competitive Grant Program and that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications from eligible interested entities. To encourage greater tribal participation in this initiative, IEED is offering grants to assist federally-recognized Indian tribes in preparing tribal plans designed for participation in Public Law 102-477.

**DATES:** Applications must be received on or before April 18, 2007. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver applications to: Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, *Attention:* Lynn Forcia, Chief, Division of Workforce Development, Mail Stop 20-SIB, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20245. Potential applicants should fax a request for a copy of the guidance to (202) 208-6991.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Forcia, (202) 219-5270 or Jody Garrison, (202) 208-2685.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This solicitation consists of six parts.

- Part I provides the funding description and background information.
- Part II describes the selection criteria.
- Part III provides the form and content of application submission.
- Part IV provides application review information.
- Part V provides information for selection and non-selection of applicants for award.
- Part VI describes the authority which grants this solicitation for applications for this grant.

#### I. Background

Congress enacted Public Law 102-477 (477) on October 23, 1992, with full tribal participation, and it was implemented on January 1, 1994. The 477 initiative is a program that enables tribes to consolidate Federal funds and devote up to 25 percent of their total resources for economic development projects. The 477 Tribal Work Group, composed of existing grantees, has provided training for tribes wishing to participate in this program.

Independent studies, congressional testimony, the Office of Management and Budget's PART review, and 477 participating tribes have all recognized 477 as an innovative and successful program of benefit to tribes. However, the program has grown slowly over the past 12 years. Many tribes not a part of 477 have lacked the opportunity to determine whether their participation in this program would be suitable for their communities.

To encourage greater tribal participation in this highly successful initiative, the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is offering grants to assist tribes to develop 477 plans. A limited number of tribal grantees chosen, on a competitive basis, will be provided funding up to \$25,000 to develop a 477 plan, which will meet statutory requirements.

#### II. Selection Criteria

IEED will select applicants for the grant funding based upon the following criteria:

- 40 percent need—the tribe's demonstration that it lacks resources necessary to prepare a plan;
- 30 percent—the extent to which the tribal staff responsible for implementation of the program will have been involved in the preparation of a plan; and

- 30 percent—the extent to which job creation and/or job accessibility activities are planned.

In order to be considered eligible for consideration, tribes must document successful audits for the past 2 years.

#### III. Form and Content of Application Submission

All applications must contain the following information or documentation:

- (1) Standard Form 424, Application for Financial Assistance.
- (2) Budget not to exceed \$25,000, which identifies proposed expenses (1-2 pages).
- (3) Narrative (not to exceed 5 pages) which—
  - (a) Identifies the Federal programs the tribe intends to incorporate into the 477 plan, with estimated funding levels;
  - (b) Explains the tribe's need for financial assistance to prepare a plan;
  - (c) States why the tribe intends to participate in Public Law 102-477 and the expected measurable outcome; and,
  - (d) Provides the contact person's name, address, and fax and telephone numbers.
- (4) One copy of the single audit for the past 2 years, if tribe is required to complete audits.

#### IV. Application Review Information

Within 30 days of receiving the application, IEED will acknowledge receipt by letter to the applicant. The application will be reviewed for completeness to determine if it contains all of the items required. If the application is incomplete or ineligible, it will be returned to the applicant with an explanation from the Division of Workforce Development.

A review team will evaluate all applications and make overall recommendations based on factors such as eligibility, application completeness, and conformity to application requirements. They will score the applications based on criteria under the heading "Selection Criteria." All applications that are complete and eligible will be ranked competitively based on the criteria under the heading "Form and Content of Application Submission."

#### V. Notification of Selection/Non-Selection

Those tribes selected to participate will be notified by letter. Tribes will be notified within 60 days of the application deadline. Upon notification, each tribe selected will be awarded a grant.

The Chief, Division of Workforce Development will notify each tribe of non-selection.