Grant Opportunity – Implementation of Conservation Actions for the Relict Leopard Frog in Arizona

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) has received Federal Grant funding for the implementation of conservation actions for the relict leopard frog in Nevada, Arizona and Utah. This Grant Opportunity is specific to implementation of those actions in the State of Arizona.

Proposals are due no later than May 20, 2019. Grant proposals and any questions should be submitted to Nevada Department of Wildlife Staff Biologist Chris Crookshanks at ccrookshanks@ndow.org.

Grant Application Instructions:

Please find a Scope of Work below detailing the deliverables for the Implementation of Conservation Actions for the Relict Leopard Frog in Arizona. The proposal must include:

- Identification of the project manager and supporting staff (if applicable) along with a brief description of qualifications;
- Description of how the scope of work will be performed;
- An estimated budget for implementation of the proposed Conservation Actions including personnel costs, contracts, travel and other associated expenditures.
- Federal funding available for this Grant opportunity is $20,000. Applicant must provide a minimum 1:3 non-federal in-kind match towards awarded Federal Grant funds ($6,670).

Grant Eligibility (must meet all of the following criteria)

- Specific authority for management of resident wildlife in the State of Arizona
- Specific experience working with conservation implementation for the relict leopard frog
- Specific experience working on federally managed lands
- Ability to provide and document 25% non-federal in-kind match towards awarded Federal Grant funds.

Scope of Work:

This Grant Opportunity is available to fund conservation actions to benefit the relict leopard frog consistent with the project objectives below, including monitoring and assessment of relict leopard frog populations and habitats, identification of management actions, technical assistance and coordination, management of a head-starting facility, disease detection, frog translocation, and other activities identified in the Conservation Agreement and Conservation Assessment for the Relict Leopard Frog (*Rana = Lithobates onca*) (2016).
**Project Objectives**

1. To implement actions that enhance management and conservation of the relict leopard frog across the occupied and historic range of the species consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the Conservation Agreement for the Relict Leopard Frog.

**Special Conditions**

Funds awarded under this opportunity may not be used for activities involving physical on-the-ground habitat management or habitat improvement.

Any nesting, brooding, or brood rearing bald eagles encountered by field crews at survey sites shall be avoided by a distance of at least 200 m, if work activity is visible to the eagles (direct line of sight), or 100 m, if work activity is not visible to the eagles, for as long as such eagle activity is present.

Any nesting, brooding, or brood rearing golden eagles encountered by field crews at work sites shall be avoided by a distance of at least 800 m, if work activity is visible to the eagles (direct line of sight), or 400 m, if work activity is not visible to the eagles, for as long as such eagle activity is present.

**Submission of Proposals:**

Candidates should include the following information in their submissions:

- A statement of qualifications, addressing each of the specific eligibility requirements listed above;
- A brief description of proposed activities and describing their relationship to the Objectives, Strategies and Actions identified in the Relict Leopard Frog Conservation Strategy.
- A description of any constraints, limitations, or potential or perceived conflicts of interests that may be relevant to this project.
- A proposed budget for all activities, including personnel costs, other anticipated expenditures, and identification of at least 25% non-Federal in-kind match.

**Location and Description:**

Areas within the State of Arizona within the presumed historic range of relict leopard frog or otherwise appropriate for implementation of conservation actions for that species

**Contractor furnished property and services:**

The contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform all work as set forth in the specification.
Government furnished property and services:

No government furnished property is being provided by NDOW.

Duration

Proposed actions funded thought this subgrant may be conducted from the date of award through December 30, 2020.

Contract Monitor:

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Reporting:

The successful vendor shall be required to provide NDOW Interim and Final Performance Reports and Interim and Final Financial Reports. Reporting deadlines and content shall be consistent with normal Federal Grant reporting requirements and will be detailed in the subgrant award.

Invoicing:

A. All invoices shall be sent to the contract monitor listed above.
B. If the full complement objective is not met, and the vendor deems continued efforts are no longer feasible or worthwhile for the term of the contract then an invoice should be submitted for the work completed up to that point for which NDOW has not already been invoiced.

Literature Cited: