

Capacity of the Applicant, a minimum of 35 points under Rating Factor 3-Capacity to Administer the Program, and an overall score of at least 75 points. HUD will reject any application that does not meet the minimum rating score requirements.

(f) Ranked Order

HUD will place eligible applications that meet the minimum rating score requirements in ranked order. Funds will be awarded in rank order based on the score received on the application submitted under this NOFA. Applicants within the fundable range of 75 or more points will be considered for funding in ranked order up to the amount requested, or a lesser amount if sufficient funds are not available. Meeting the minimum score of 75 points does not guarantee a funding award will be made. HUD also reserves the right to adjust funding to meet urgent policy priorities. HUD reserves the right to issue a supplemental or independent NOFA if necessary (e.g., to ensure that all appropriated funds are awarded).

(g) Grant Award Adjustments

At its discretion, if HUD determines that there are not enough funds available to fully fund a project as proposed by a successful applicant, then HUD may contact the applicant to determine whether revisions can be made to the program budget, workplan narrative, and Implementation Schedule to reflect the actual award offer. If it is not possible to agree on a revised program budget, workplan narrative, and Implementation Schedule, then an award will not be made to that applicant. In such an instance, HUD may offer an award, in a rank order, to another applicant. HUD may also select additional applications for funding, in rank order, if additional funds become available. See also Adjustments to Funding information in section VI.A. below.

(h) Tiebreakers

When rating results in a tied score and there is not enough money to fund all tied scored applications, HUD will use the following factors in the order listed to resolve the tie:

1. HUD will approve applications that can be fully funded over those that cannot be fully funded;
2. Applicants that receive the most points according to Subfactor 3.2, Availability of Housing Stock;
3. Applicants that propose to leverage other funding sources to increase its housing stock for the use of eligible Veterans; and

4. Applicants that score the highest cumulative points for Rating Factor 1-Capacity of the Applicant and Rating Factor 2-Need.

(i) Additional Tribal HUD-VASH Funds

If, after publication of this NOFA, additional funds become available through additional appropriations or recaptured funds, HUD reserves the right to:

1. Award funding to additional applicants based on their score from this competition;
2. Use the additional funds to provide additional funding to an applicant awarded less than the original requested amount of funds to make the full award; and
3. Fund additional applicants that were eligible to receive an award but for which there were no funds available from the FY 2017 appropriations; and
4. Award funding to applicants that meet the funding errors category in section VI.A. below.

(j) Curable Deficiencies and Pre-Award Requirements:

- *Curable Deficiencies*: If there are curable deficiencies identified in successful applications, then applicants must satisfactorily address these deficiencies before HUD can make a grant award.
- *Pre-Award Requirements*: Successful applicants may have to provide supporting documentation concerning the management, maintenance, operation, or financing of proposed projects before a grant agreement can be executed. HUD may ask for additional information on the scope, magnitude, timing, budget, method of implementing the project or any proposed leveraging resources. HUD may also ask further information to verify the commitment of other resources required to complete, operate, or maintain the proposed project. HUD will notify applicants by email, facsimile, or via the U.S. Postal Service, return receipt requested. HUD will provide official notification to the authorized representative. Each applicant must provide accurate email addresses for receipt of these notifications and must monitor their email accounts to determine whether a notification has been received. Applicants will be provided no less than 48 hours and no more than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of receipt of the HUD notification to respond to these requirements. No extensions will be provided. If the deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the response must be received by HUD on

the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. If an applicant does not respond within the prescribed time period or makes an insufficient response, then ONAP will determine that the requirement has not been met and will withdraw the grant offer. Applicants may not substitute new projects for those originally proposed in the application and any new information will not affect the project's rating and ranking. The time period for calculating the response deadline for pre-award requirements begins on the day after receipt of the pre-award letter from ONAP.

(k) Agency Errors

Judgments made within the provisions of this NOFA and all program statutory and regulatory requirements are not subject to claim of error. There is no appeal process. An applicant may however, bring arithmetic errors in application scoring to the attention of HUD within 30 days of being informed of its score.

(l) Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Following the evaluation process, HUD will notify successful applicants of their selection for funding. HUD will also notify other applicants, whose applications were received by the deadline, but have not been chosen for awards. Notifications will be sent by email to the person listed as the Authorized Representative listed on the SF-424. HUD anticipates announcing awards under this NOFA approximately four to six months after the application due date.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 3535(d); Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235, approved December 16, 2014); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Pub. L. 115-31, approved May 5, 2017).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation and survival of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before April 30, 2021.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit a request for a copy of the application and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name and application number (e.g., Dana Ross TE-08964A-2):

- *Email:* permitsR1ES@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Marilet Zablan, Program Manager, Restoration and Endangered Species Classification, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Henson, Regional Recovery Permit Coordinator, Ecological Services, (503) 231-6131 (phone); permitsR1ES@fws.gov (email). Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting, in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened

species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application No.	Applicant, city, state	Species	Location	Take activity	Permit action
TE38768B	Micronesian Environmental Services, Saipan, MP.	Mariana common moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus guami</i>), Micronesian megapode (<i>Megapodius laperouse</i>), nightingale reed-warbler (<i>Acrocephalus luscinia</i>).	GU, MP ..	Harass by survey	Amend.
CS0003146 ...	SR3 SeaLife Response, Rehabilitation, and Research, Des Moines, WA.	Hawksbill sea turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>), leatherback sea turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>), loggerhead sea turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>).	OR, WA	Rehabilitation and transfer of stranded sea turtles.	New.

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and

from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue a permit to an applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of

1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Acting Assistant Regional Director—Ecological Services, Pacific Region.

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