

2013 Public Lands Transportation Scholar Program

Fish and Wildlife Service Application

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Project Information

Project Title: Alternative Transportation planning for new wildlife refuges in New Mexico

Project Abstract (150 word limit):

Working with regional office, refuge staff, and multiple partner agencies, the selectee will review and analyze current infrastructure conditions and needs and develop recommendations for integrating multi-modal transportation options into the overall planning documents for 2 new wildlife refuges within the state of New Mexico for the Southwest Regional Office.

Project Description (250 word limit):

Please describe the need for a Transportation Scholar at your refuge or hatchery. Carefully describe the project on which the Transportation Scholar would work.

Valle de Oro NWR and Rio Mora NWR, via the regional office, are looking for expertise from a Transportation Scholar to network with multiple partner agencies on the local, state, and federal levels in the development of multi-modal transportation options as part of the overall planning as well as the transportation planning for the Region's newest wildlife refuges. These refuges offer different challenges as one refuge is in an urban setting, the other refuge is in a more traditional rural setting. The scholar will be evaluating the current state of infrastructure conditions and accessibility at the new refuges and work with the partner agencies on developing options for multi-modal access to these refuges. They will also work closely with regional NWRS leadership as the overall site plans are developed and seek sources of grants and other funding for development of those transportation options.

Project Products and Benefits (250 word limit):

Please describe the potential products you would like to have produced from a scholar. Please describe how unit resources and/or visitors will benefit from this transportation product.

The products developed will include documentation of the planning process: maps, correspondence between agencies, grant applications, and any supporting documentation for transportation alternatives for road and trail use. Conceptual alternative transportation options for each of the new refuges will be developed and documented. The recommendations and plans will be incorporated into the regional and refuge staff considerations and decision making process as land use plans and site development are completed for these newly acquired properties.

Project Contributions:

Please describe how the scholar's work will continue to the unit's transportation goals and objectives.

Being newly acquired properties in the wildlife refuge system, the work conducted by the transportation scholar will be the foundation for multi-modal transportation related decisions and initiatives for each of these units and provide the necessary guidance towards fulfilling the public visitation and overall transportation objectives.

Project Partners: The Trust for Public Land, City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, National Scenic and Historic Trails, Camino Real Trail Association, New Mexico Department of Transportation, Colfax County, Mora County, San Miguel County, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, NM State Parks, The Nature Conservancy, Mid Region COG, Rio Metro Transit District.

Project Requirements:

Please identify any issues the complex, refuge or hatchery would have in meeting the program requirements listed below

Scholar Program Requirements:

Housing: Host Field Units are responsible for providing housing, office space, any specialized gear, equipment, supplies or materials, including technology needs, to carry out the projects successfully.

Field Unit Contact: A contact from the FWS Unit should be designated to work with the TRIPTAC. This individual will act as a liaison with the TRIPTAC on all aspects of this program and will be responsible for supervising/working with the Scholar while he or she is on the FWS Unit

Housing: Host FWS Units are required to provide housing or Transportation Scholars. (Some Scholars are professionals with families and/or pets. In the application, indicate the station's ability to accommodate families and/or pets in your housing options. Though housing is required, limits on housing options will not be a factor in the FWS Unit selection process, but will help the Scholar review committee match the appropriate Scholar once FWS Units are selected.)

Office Space: Host FWS Units must provide Transportation Scholars with office space and any supplementary equipment, gear, supplies and materials needed for projects, including technology needs.

Public Outreach: All FWS Units that receive a Scholar will be required to work with the TRIPTAC to produce and distribute a press release regarding the program and the work the Scholar will be doing.

Report: A brief narrative report highlighting the benefits and challenges of the program will be required at the end of project including press clippings, photos, quotes from staff, and any other appropriate supplementary material.

Site Visits: FWS Units may be asked to host on-site visits by representatives from the TRIPTAC

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Housing Availability

Please describe in detail the housing that will be made available to the scholar.

Housing will be an off-site apartment within walking distance of the regional office. It will be a single occupant type of apartment, not a shared situation.

Will you provide housing on-site or will a stipend be given for the scholar to obtain their own housing off-site?

Housing will either be a subsidized apartment off site or an apartment that can be paid for with a stipend.

If the housing is on-site, is the housing shared, and if so, what is the turnover rate for the tenants residing in the dwelling

N/A

If a stipend will be given, will the stipend be given before the first of the month or will it be given as a reimbursement?

A stipend will be provided at the beginning of the month, or the housing situation will be finalized prior to the placement of a scholar with a local apartment complex.

Car Usage and Availability

Will a car be required for transportation to and from the unit and the available housing?

A vehicle will be available for transportation during work hours between the units and the regional office.

If the scholar does not own a car, will a car be provided for work related activities?

Yes, a government vehicle will be available during work hours for work related activities.

If the scholar does not own a car, can a car be provided for non-work related activities? i.e. going to the grocery store and airport

No, a vehicle will not be available for personal use. Since the work site will be in Albuquerque, public transportation or bicycle will be sufficient for personal, local transportation needs.