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Bureau of Land Management seeks community partners to support management and protection of wild horses and burros

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The Bureau of Land Management has released a funding opportunity inviting new public and private partners to help support the agency's mission to manage and protect wild horses and burros on public lands. The funding opportunity is open to a variety of organizations, including local and state governments, Native American tribes, other federal agencies and non-profit organizations, among others.

"The BLM has a long history of partnering with national and community-based organizations to help manage and protect wild horses and burros," said Nada Culver, BLM Deputy Director for Policy. "We are excited to announce this new, simpler and more streamlined process to partner with the BLM on projects to improve the conditions for our nation's wild horses and burros. I encourage all those who are interested in supporting the well-being of America's Living Legends to submit a proposal."

Partnerships formed through this funding opportunity will support critical activities important to the management of wild horses and burros. Proposed projects could include activities such as establishing training programs for wild horses and burros, facilitating the placement of excess animals into private care or assisting with management efforts on public lands, including fertility control application and building range improvements. Applications to care for excess wild horses and burros in off-range facilities, as well as proposals to fund research, are not eligible under this funding opportunity.

Applicants may propose to partner with BLM field, district and national offices. Interested applicants are encouraged to <u>contact the BLM</u> subject matter expert in the relevant office where the proposed work would take place to discuss the type of projects that are available, and whether they meet the requirements under this funding opportunity.

To learn more or for instructions on how to submit a proposal, visit the <u>Notice of Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov</u>. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 p.m. Eastern Time on May 28, 2021.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$111 billion in economic output across the country in fiscal year 2019—more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 498,000 jobs.

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