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Jon Jarvis, Director National Park Service 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Jarvis:

After reviewing the proposed outline on the major elements of the nationwide competitive grant program, we concur with the comments, positions and opinions expressed in the response letter dated September 30, 2011, from the NASPD, NRPA and NASORLO (letter attached). Specifically, our concerns include the additional responsibility on the part of the states to administer the program when budget cuts have mandated personnel be reduced, unclear criteria, and urban vs rural opportunities.

We thank you for allowing us to preview and comment on the proposed grant criteria.

Respectfully,

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