

Lane Avenue, Jackson, TN 38301. Grant: \$340,000.

#### Southwest

13. Southern University at New Orleans, Dr. Leetta Allen-Hayes, Southern University at New Orleans, 6400 Press Drive, New Orleans, LA 70126. Grant: \$550,000.

14. Texas Southern University, Ms. Ella M. Nunn, Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne Avenue, Houston, TX 77004. Grant: \$550,000.

Dated: October 17, 2003.

**Darlene F. Williams,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4800-FA-9E]

### Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2003; Tribal Colleges and Universities Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for Fiscal Year 2003 Tribal Colleges and Universities Program. The purpose of this document is to announce the names and addresses of the award winners and the amount of the awards which are to be used to enable tribal colleges and universities to build, expand, renovate, and equip their own facilities, especially those that are available to and used by the larger community.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Brunson, Office of University Partnerships, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8106, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-3061, ext. 3852. To provide service for persons who are hearing or speech impaired, this number may be reached via TTY by Dialing the Federal Information Relay Service on 800-877-8339 or 202-708-1455 (Telephone number, other than "800" TTY numbers are not toll free).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program was enacted under section 107 of the CDBG appropriation for Fiscal Year 2003, as part of the "Veterans Administration,

HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 2003" and is administered by the Office of University Partnerships under the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. In addition to this program, the Office of University Partnerships administers HUD's ongoing grant programs to institutions of higher education as well as creates initiatives through which colleges and universities can bring their traditional missions of teaching, research, service, and outreach to bear on the pressing local problems in their communities.

The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program assist tribal colleges and universities to build, expand, renovate, and equip their own facilities. On April 25, 2003 (68 FR 21126), HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing the availability of \$3.1 million in Fiscal Year 2003 funds for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program. The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, HUD funded eight applications.

The Catalog Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.519.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing details concerning the recipients of funding awards, as follows.

#### List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the FY 2003 Tribal Colleges and Universities Program Funding Competition, by Institution, Address, and Grant Amount

##### Rocky Mountains

1. Salish Kootenai College, Dr. Joseph McDonald, Salish Kootenai College, P.O. Box 117, Pablo, MT 59855. Grant: \$384,552.

2. United Tribes Technical College, Russell Swagger, United Tribes Technical College, 3315 University Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504. Grant: \$400,000.

3. Sinte Gleska University, Dr. Georgia Hackett, Sinte Gleska University, Rosebud Sioux Reservation, 150 East 2nd Street, Mission, SD, 57555. Grant: \$400,000.

4. Chief Dull Knife College, Bill Wertman, Chief Dull Knife College, P.O. Box 98, Lame Deer, MT, 59043. Grant: \$400,000.

5. Turtle Mountain Community College, Dr. Gerald E. Monette, Turtle Mountain Community College, P.O. Box 340, Belcourt, ND 58136. Grant: \$400,000.

6. Blackfeet Community College, Dr. Terrance E. Whitright, Blackfeet Community College, P.O. Box 819, Browing, MT, 59417. Grant: \$390,500.

7. Oglala Lakota College, Dr. Thomas Shorthull, Oglala Lakota College, 490 Piya Wiconi Road, Kyle, SD, 57752. Grant: \$400,000.

#### Midwest

8. Leech Lake Tribal College, Lenec Ross, Leech Lake Tribal College, 113 Balsam Avenue, NW, P.O. Box 180, Cass Lake, MT, 56633. Grant: \$400,000.

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**Darlene F. Williams,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for scientific research permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before December 3, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Ecological Services, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act. Documents will be available for public inspection, by appointment only, during normal business hours at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Room 4102, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief, Endangered Species Division, (505) 248-6920.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Permit No. TE-834782**

*Applicant:* WestLand Resources, Inc., Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests an amendment to an existing permit to allow presence/absence surveys for Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) within Arizona.

**Permit No. TE-077699**

*Applicant:* Charles H. Lewis, Phoenix, Arizona

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) within Arizona.

**Permit No. TE-076050**

*Applicant:* McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, McAlester, Oklahoma

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) within Oklahoma.

**Permit No. TE-078070**

*Applicant:* University of Arizona, Environmental Research Laboratory, Tucson, Arizona

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to receive bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*) and Apache trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*), in order to assess the effects of water quality on the endocrine system function of these species.

**Permit No. TE-078189**

*Applicant:* Adkins Consulting, Farmington, New Mexico

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within New Mexico: black-footed ferret (*Mustela nigripes*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), Knowlton cactus (*Pediocactus knowltonii*), and Mancos milk-vetch (*Astragalus humillimus*).

**Permit No. TE-078127**

*Applicant:* The Dallas World Aquarium Corporation, Dallas, Texas

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to allow education display of the hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*).

**Permit No. TE-078304**

*Applicant:* Terri L. Symonds, Dallas, Texas

Applicant requests a new permit for research and recovery purposes to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species where they occur within Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas: black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*), cactus ferruginous pygmy owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*), least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), and Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*).

**Permit No. TE-078347**

*Applicant:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ajo, Arizona

Applicant requests a permit for individuals to possess, capture, administer health care, introduce, manage, monitor, maintain, and breed Sonoran pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana sonoriensis*) within the Semi-Captive Breeding Facility located on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*

Dated: October 14, 2003.

**Bryan Arroyo,**

*Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Southern Idaho Ground Squirrel Programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, this notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and the Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation, intends to gather information necessary to prepare an environmental document (environmental assessment and/or environmental impact statement) regarding a proposed Southern Idaho Ground Squirrel Programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) and enhancement of

survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The IDFG is the proposed permit applicant.

The Service is furnishing this notice in order to: (1) Advise other Federal and State agencies, affected tribes, and the public of our intentions; (2) announce the initiation of a 21-day public scoping period; and (3) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental document.

**DATES:** Written comments from all interested parties must be received on or before November 24, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Carmen Thomas, Project Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Room 368, Boise, Idaho 83709; facsimile: (208) 378-5262.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carmen Thomas at the above address or telephone: (208) 378-5243.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances contain a strategy for covered lands and activities that constitute an applicant's contribution to avoid listing or remove the need to list a covered species as threatened or endangered under the ESA. In return, an applicant receives assurances that it will not be required to provide additional conservation measures if any of the covered species become listed under the ESA in the future.

The proposed CCAA planning document would cover approximately 1,000,000 acres in Adams, Washington, Payette, and Gem Counties, Idaho; within this area, individual non-Federal landowners could voluntarily enroll lands under the proposed CCAA. It is unknown how many landowners would participate and enroll lands under the CCAA, however, we expect the acreage of enrolled lands to be substantially less than 1,000,000 acres.

The primary goal of the proposed CCAA would be to implement habitat and population conservation measures on non-Federal lands enrolled under the CCAA for the southern Idaho ground squirrel (*Spermophilus brunneus endemicus*). Habitat conservation measures would focus on restoration or protection of native plant communities, including shrub/steppe habitat, or other habitat management measures to benefit this species. Other conservation measures could include: minimization of impacts from land use activities in southern Idaho ground squirrel-occupied habitat to conserve ground squirrel populations; prohibition of shooting, trapping, and poisoning of