



## **Request for Proposals:**

### **River Towns Needs Assessment**

#### **Application Deadline is March 30, 2022**

The Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic Committee (LFSWS) is seeking someone to conduct a needs assessment for a potential education and outreach program that could support responsible recreational use on or along the watercourses in the nine towns with federally designated Wild and Scenic sections of the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook. The included towns are Avon, Bloomfield, Burlington, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, Simsbury and Windsor.

**Approximate Start and End Dates:** April 15 to September 15, 2022

#### **Responsibilities Include:**

- Work with LFSWS Education and Outreach Subcommittee to develop survey questions and schedule of work.
- Contact town officials in each town provided by LFSWS to understand needs related to river use, safety, enjoyment, and protection of the river that may be addressed by the committee through education and outreach programs or other means.
- Survey the LFSWS members, river outfitters, riparian landowners, and river-related businesses to understand their interests and concerns regarding river-users, safety, enjoyment, and protection of the river.
- Observe activity at known access points and survey river-users to identify their needs and challenges.

#### **Deliverables:**

- A report that (1) summarizes the needs of each town, (2) by user-type, and (3) a list of recommendations including:
  - Requested programs, events, educational opportunities, organized by town and common themes.
  - Towns that want/need kiosks and river signage on road crossings.
  - Resources that might be shared among towns.
  - And how LFSWS might meet these requests.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Good communication skills and ability to work with a variety of people
- Project management/project development skills
- Ability to track and report project results

- Strong interest in conservation
- Some paddling experience
- Knowledge of safety issues around swimming, paddling, fishing
- Valid driver's license and own vehicle

**Hours and Compensation:** Approximately 12-15 hours a week – some week days, some weekends, some holidays (May 15 through September 15). Hourly compensation between \$20 and \$30 an hour, based on experience. Mileage reimbursement at the federal rate of \$0.575/mile. All to be negotiated prior to execution of contract.

**Contact:** Please apply via email and send cover letter and resume to LFSWS Chair, Mike Ryan ([mcrathome@gmail.com](mailto:mcrathome@gmail.com)), LFSWS Rep, Jen Filer ([jenniferannfiler@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferannfiler@gmail.com)) and National Park Service Rep, Andrew Petitdemange ([andrew.petit.de.mange@nps.gov](mailto:andrew.petit.de.mange@nps.gov)). Please submit applications by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Potential start date is as early as April 15<sup>th</sup>.