

Lincoln County Archaeological Initiative
Draft Round 8 Priorities
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1) Public Outreach and Educational Program Development for Archaeological Resources within Lincoln County, Nevada

In 1966, in the National Historic Preservation Act the Congress of the United State of America declared that the spirit and direction of the Nation are found upon and reflected in its historic heritage. Added to that declaration was a directive that the historical and cultural foundations of America should be preserved as a living part of our communities in order to give a sense of orientation to the American People. In the face of the ever-increasing pressures on public lands, significant historic properties are being lost or substantially altered with increasing frequency. The Land Managers who bear the responsibility of preserving these fragile and irreplaceable portions of American Heritage are faced with unique challenges and opportunities as they try and balance progress with preservation.

This Priority is aimed at educating and involving the community in assisting Federal Land Managers in the preservation of these unique resources and allowing the citizens to enjoy them as a living part of their community. Projects proposed under this priority should focus on creating opportunities to preserve cultural resources as a living part of Lincoln County and encourage the citizens of the county to participate in the preservation and interpretation of these resources. All projects would deliver scientifically sound information and stress a conservation ethic focusing on awareness, protection, and preservation of the archaeological resources. The proposal would demonstrate that correct information would be conveyed to members of the public in common language that easily understood. The proponent would be expected to coordinate with the appropriate management agency when developing documents under this priority.

Projects proposed under this priority should address one of the following:

A) Develop interpretive materials for Print or Web Based Distribution

Research, write, illustrate and design print or web materials that may be used by the agency educate the public about archaeological resources located in Lincoln County. These materials may focus on a single site or on a specific archaeological theme. Materials may include but are not limited to Posters, Pamphlets, Brochures, Booklets, Coloring Pages, Educational Lesson Plans or Webpages. All materials developed will comply with appropriate design standards of the agency. All materials submitted under this theme should be written in language that is appropriate to the target audience. The Proponent would work closely with agency staff to ensure compatibility with agency plans and systems.

The appropriate agency would make arrangements for printing of any materials in accordance with the agency printing procedures. The proponent would submit an electronic copy for publication on the agency webpage. In order to facilitate web posting, all final materials submitted would need to comply

with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended). For more information on Section 508 mandates visit the following webpage: <http://www.howto.gov/web-content/accessibility>.

B) Distribution of Interpretive or Scientific Information regarding Lincoln County Archaeological Resources

For this priority, the proponent would identify interpretive or scientific materials that need to be shared with the Public and the Scientific Communities. Once the materials have been identified, the proponent would prepare them for distribution through both agency webpages and printed materials. All materials would adhere to the design standards of the agency involved.

For interpretive materials the final deliverables should be written in plain language and provide opportunities for the Public to learn about the unique cultural resources of Lincoln County. The agency would review all materials and approve them for distribution.

For Scientific Reports, in accordance with Section 9 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act all Information concerning the nature and location of any archaeological resource must be redacted from these reports in order to prepare them for distribution. The information to be removed from these Scientific Reports includes, but is not limited to, all site forms and maps showing the location of individual sites. The agency would review the redacted version of the report and approve it for distribution.

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C) Develop an Interpretive and Public Use Site Plan

Using established National Environmental Policy Act analysis procedures, the proponent would develop a Management Plan for one or more significant, well-known, publicly accessible archaeological site(s) or district(s). This plan would be developed in coordination with Federal, Tribal, State and Local Government agencies as well as the Public. The environmental effects of the proposed plan would be analyzed in an Environmental Assessment in accordance with agency policy. This plan would identify the need for interpretation at a specific site, provide alternative plans for the development of the site, and provide an implementation strategy for the construction of the identified infrastructure. Special consideration should be given to ensure that the design provides for visitor safety, resource protection and long-term sustainability for minimal costs. Site plans would focus on providing opportunities for education, interpretation, and recreation using the unique resources at the chosen site. Those submitting proposals under this priority are encouraged to contact the appropriate agency prior to developing their proposal to ensure that the project fits with agency plans. The interpretive concepts would present archaeological and environmental information and deliver a conservation ethic focusing

on protection and preservation of the archaeological resources. The plan should be sufficiently detailed to guide construction of the infrastructure and interpretation later under a separate funding authority.

D) Implement an Interpretive and Public Use Site Plan

Using an established Interpretive and Public Use Site Plan the proponent would build, produce, and implement the plan, or portions of the plan, in accordance with agency guidelines and standards. The interpretive and public use site plan will have been previously prepared and endorsed by the pertinent land managing agency. The plan will have already been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act or the pertinent agency will indicate that such review is forthcoming in a schedule that meets the implementation schedule of the interpretive and public use site plan. The Interpretive and Public Use Site Plan must include interpretive content as well as an approved concept and appropriate infrastructure. The proposed Improvements must take into account a broad range of cultural, scientific, and conservation perspectives including those expressed by culturally affiliated Native American tribes, the local community, archaeological and historical information, and other stakeholders. All interpretive materials developed for these areas will be made available to the public in both print and electronic means. All proposed educational and interpretive materials should comply with those requirements outlined in part B of this priority.

2) Museum Interpretation of the Prehistory and History of Lincoln County

Lincoln County (as well as Clark County) has a number of large-scale development projects that have been developed over the past 10-20 years. These projects have invariably caused adverse effects to dozens of sites eligible for the National Register. To mitigate these effects, sites have been excavated to retrieve their scientific and educational information prior to project construction. As well, previously funded research projects through the LCAI have included a vast array of data analysis and, in some cases, artifact collection. The artifacts recovered from these excavations are required to be curated in a federally recognized curation facility. That means that these artifacts are currently being curated outside of Lincoln County, generally in Carson City, Las Vegas, or in the state of Utah. Lincoln County would benefit from a museum that met federal standards concerning the display of artifacts in order to interpret the history and prehistory of Lincoln County in a more in-depth manner. Artifacts must be displayed while complying with appropriate temperature, humidity, and security measures, in compliance with 36CFR79 (Curation of Federally-Owned and Administered Archaeological Collections) and BLM's companion manual that implements policy on compliance with the 36CFR79 regulations: 411 DM, or Departmental Manual 411 (Housing of Department of Interior Museum Property).

This priority seeks proposals to upgrade an existing facility in Lincoln County to enhance the public interpretation of the county's history and prehistory. Proposals are sought to upgrade a current facility that meets federal security and temperature/humidity standards so that future proposals may seek funds to design and construct interpretive displays that may involve loans of artifacts from permanent curatorial facilities such as the Nevada State Museum. Applicants will need to demonstrate:

- (1) That the chosen facility is owned by a Town, City, County, State or Federal government agency;

- (2) Knowledge of federal security and temperature/humidity standards and how they will be met;
- (3) Ability to staff and maintain the facility, thereby demonstrating feasibility and stability of the facility;
- (4) Adequate space to construct high-quality interpretive displays. Enhancing interpretation of Lincoln County's past is expected to bolster the economic output of the community.

3) Innovative Technology and Techniques in the Preservation of Historic Properties

The field of archaeology and historic preservation is consistently evolving with the development of new technology, techniques, and research opportunities. The application and testing of technology and innovative techniques within historic preservation allows for better preservation of historic properties, as well as the ability to address research questions in a less invasive manner and/or that might not have been previously possible to address. Environmental factors, such as humidity, material pH levels, and weather patterns can affect the results of such research; therefore, it is important to establish baseline data, applicability, and best practices for research techniques and technology in the unique environment of Lincoln County, Nevada. This priority focuses on innovation in the application of technology and techniques for the preservation of and research on historic properties.

(1) A proposal under this priority can include established technology, techniques, and/or research opportunities within the field of archaeology and historic preservation that are new to a specific historic property in Lincoln County, a type of historic property, and/or have not been previously tested in Lincoln County, Nevada or.

(2) A proposal under this priority can include technology, techniques, and/or research opportunities that are new to the field of archaeology and historic preservation. This could consist of the application of research established in non-archaeological fields of study, including, but not limited to, biology, chemistry, and mechanical engineering, to archaeological resources and/or historic preservation.

A proposal submitted under this priority would identify a specific technology or technique that will be used, or developed. The proposal would clearly state how the identification, evaluation, and/or preservation of historic properties will be advanced by this project; otherwise the proposal would clearly establish how the technology or technique will be advanced while improving its application in archaeological research. All projects would deliver scientifically sound information and stress a conservation ethic focusing on awareness, protection, and preservation of the archaeological resources. Non-destructive methods of research would be the focus.