

NPS American Battlefield Protection Program | Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant

**Nonprofit Easement Holder Qualifications**

NPS will consider nonprofit organizations with valid active 501(c)(3) status to hold easements on properties acquired with financial assistance under the Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant program.

Nonprofit organizations proposed as easement holders must demonstrate:

That the organization acknowledges the state enabling legislation authorizing the creation of conservation and preservation easements and allowing nonprofits to hold easements, and show their ability to hold easements through their charter or by-laws;

That historic preservation, land conservation, or cultural landscape preservation is part of their mission through submission of the organization's charter, mission statement, policies, or by-laws;

That the organization has the capacity to enforce and defend the easement in perpetuity through a demonstration of financial resources or legal insurance; and

That the organization has the expertise to carry out land management, stewardship, and conservation and preservation activities consistent with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*. Documentation of such capacity and expertise should include: (1) the names and professional credentials of paid or volunteer staff or contract workers who meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Qualification Standards*; (2) examples of training seminars or conferences attended by staff or contractors; or (3) samples of forms, templates, and files prepared and maintained for properties managed or stewarded by the organization.