

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Mandan-On-a-Slant Village

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Mandan-On-a-Slant Village	250	0	-250	0	-250
Total Requirements \$(000)	250	0	-250	0	-250

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 105-277 (112 Stat. 2681), the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999.

OVERVIEW

To support the restoration and rehabilitation of the historic **Mandan-On-a-Slant Indian Village** in order that these resources may be preserved and better interpreted to the visiting public. On-a-Slant Mandan Village is a partially reconstructed Mandan Indian Village within the boundaries of Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, North Dakota. The North Dakota State Park and Recreation Department has a cooperative agreement with Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation to assist the Department with development, maintenance and operation of facilities on the State park property. The Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation, a nonprofit organization will do the planning, contracting and contract supervision of the reconstruction project.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

Mandan-On-a-Slant Village
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments

Enacted: \$250,000

On-a-Slant Village was constructed along the Missouri River and is one of the oldest Mandan Villages within the State of North Dakota. The site is mentioned in the Lewis and Clark Journals as they passed by it in their westward

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expedition in 1804. The Mandan and Hidatsa Indians that Lewis and Clark befriended just north of this site, provided the support and expertise that the Corp of Discovery needed to survive the winter of 1804/05 at Fort Mandan.

These funds will be used to prepare a reconstruction plan to fully establish the scope of the project. This will require planning and development, design services, archeological services and estimates on the reconstruction costs for historical structures within the village. Research, design, construction and installation of exhibit displays on Mandan history, culture and heritage will be accomplished. The plan shall provide for the retention of existing historic structure properties and documentation to support the decision for reconstruction. Such documentation will be based on actual knowledge of the past appearance of the property, archeological investigations and other information. This work is necessary to help prepare for and celebrate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Anniversary.

FY 2000 BUDGET REQUEST

	2000 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
▪ Mandan-On-a- Slant Village	0	-250

▪ **Mandan-On-a-Slant Village (-\$250,000):** The NPS is requesting the elimination of funding for the Mandan-On-a-Slant Village in FY 2000 to allow increased support for higher priority NPS programs. The plan for the site will be completed in FY 1999, and funding will therefore not be needed in FY 2000.