

Singing River Trail Request for Proposal Received Consultant Questions and Associated Answers

Question:

Do you have a budget number for this planning effort?

Answer:

As noted in the RPF, the partners of the Launch 2035 initiative are currently fund raising for the Singing River Trail. The budget for the consultant is an item for that effort. The selection committee purposely did not set an arbitrary budget number. We hope that this will stimulate proposers to not limit themselves and their creativity. While we will obviously have a limited budget since this is a non-profit effort, we have not set a budget number.

Question:

Given that preparing a proposal involves considerable effort on the part of the consultants pursuing the project, can you share a general ballpark of the amount of funds you have already procured to do this work, and the additional amount of funds you are hoping to raise?

Answer:

I appreciate your concern about dedicating time and effort to a project that is dependent on a fund raising campaign. Hopefully I can allay your concern by sharing a little more about Launch 2035. The Launch 2035 effort has been active for almost two years. The initiative has three areas of focus, Entrepreneurship, Work Force and Land Use. The Land Use group has been working internally with the various jurisdictions in the tri-county area to solidify support for a land use project that all could rally around. Recently the Singing River Trail project rose to the top of possible projects and was selected.

During the past two years, Launch 2035 has raised approximately \$150,000 to support selected projects, primarily centered on the other two prongs of the mission. Since this project has just been selected, we are only beginning to raise funds. However, given our previous success, we have full confidence that we will be able to fund the consultant costs for this trail project.