



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS GRANT

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS

1. **Are non-profits, educational institutions, or other non-governmental organizations eligible to apply?**

No. This funding is intended to specifically support the Jordan River Commission's governmental members.

2. **Are projects that received funding through the Commission's last grant cycle eligible to apply for these funds as well?**

Yes; however, preference may be given to projects (or project phases) that have not yet received funding through the Jordan River Commission's partner grants programs.

3. **Are projects that have received previous Salt Lake County funding eligible to apply for these funds as well?**

Yes; however, the project scoring criteria gives preference to projects that have not yet received County funding.

4. **Are local governments not represented on the Jordan River Commission eligible to apply?**

No. However, partnerships between local governments are encouraged and non-Commission members may partner with a Jordan River Commission member on an inter-jurisdictional project.

MATCHING REQUIREMENT QUESTIONS

1. **Is there a matching requirement?**

This program is generously supported by Salt Lake County, and the County has not required a matching contribution for these funds. However, matching contributions and funding partnerships are encouraged.

2. **Can the match include funds that we do not yet have in hand? E.g. an anticipated upcoming grant, or pledged funding from other sources.**

Yes, pledged or anticipated match funding is allowed, as leveraging resources is often how projects are completed. It is the grant proposal reviewers' responsibility to determine the likelihood of those pending funds and options if that funding doesn't come through (e.g. funds not released until all pending funds confirmed).

3. **Can the matching contribution come from a local government that is not a member of the Jordan River Commission?**

Yes.

BUDGET QUESTIONS

1. **Can the grant funds be used to pay for seasonal labor or just capital projects?**

Yes. The grant funds may be used for any type of project that fits Salt Lake County and the Jordan River Commission's funding priorities, which have been posted on the Commission's website.

2. **Can the grant funds be used for planning and design or just construction?**

Yes. Planning and design is an approved use for the grant funds, however, projects resulting on the ground implementation by the end of the grant term will receive a higher priority.

3. **What sort of rates are you accepting for the labor and equipment? Do you have standard rates listed under the grant info?**

We have not identified specific rates for labor or equipment for the budget or matching contributions. Please include these items in the project budget with enough detail for the reviewers to understand what is being proposed and from where the funding is coming/going.

TIMELINE QUESTIONS

1. **Does the entire project need to be completed by December 2018, or just the grant funds expended by that time?**

The entire project, including all grant and any matching funds must be spent by December 2018.

OTHER QUESTIONS

1. **On the grant application this prompt is given: "Describe the purpose and need of the project." Does this refer to why the project is needed, or the needs that we have to arrive at project completion?**

Please describe the purpose of the project and why it is needed.