



Southern Flinders Ranges Cycle Trail Development

Programme (Stage 2) - Invitation for Proposals

BACKGROUND

The Southern Flinders Ranges (SFR), which is broadly described as the areas of the District Council of Mt. Remarkable, Northern Areas Council, Port Pirie Regional Council and the District Council of Orororo Carrieton, is working towards fulfilling its potential as the pre-eminent cycle friendly destination in Australia. We intend to be renowned for our range of cycling opportunities including world class mountain biking. As well as benefiting visitors, this will also create improved and sustainable economic, social and health outcomes for local communities.

The Southern Flinders Regional Tourism Authority (SFRTA) is the local body providing management and direction for regional tourism including the development of a significant and diverse network of on and off-road cycle trails. The SFRTA and its executive arm, the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board (SFRDB), have secured funds for the implementation of Stage 2 of its Cycle Trail Development Programme. This stage incorporates the building of 85km of new off-road cycle trail in the 08/09 financial year.

SOUTHERN FLINDERS RANGES CYCLE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The SFRTA has a Master Plan for the development of cycle tourism in the SFR (available for viewing/printing/downloading from www.southernflindersranges.com.au) which includes a great deal of background information including cycle trails recommended for development.

The purpose of Stage 2 of the SFR Cycle Trail Development Programme is to open access to at least 85km of new off-road cycle trails **with all trails completed before Friday May 29th 2009**. Off-road is defined as not having public vehicle access so the use of appropriate existing tracks and trails, subject to land owner/manager approval, is acceptable.

AVAILABLE FUNDS

A total of \$85,000 (+GST) is available for Stage 2 development and further funds will be available for Stage 3.

WHO CAN APPLY

The SFRTA invites recreational trail builders, Local Government, not-for-profit organisations, community groups and other capable parties to apply for funding towards trail building projects.

Applicants may choose to offer solutions which meet part or all of the required 85km and they may choose to submit joint “partnership” applications.

PRIORITIES

Financial support from the Southern Flinders Ranges Cycle Trail Development Programme may be obtained for 100% of eligible project costs, however, project proposals incorporating matching funds and additional in-kind contributions will be most favoured.

The value of donated materials, loaned equipment/machinery, volunteer labour and other in-kind contributions can be calculated into an applicant’s share of the project costs but they will not be considered part of eligible project costs. Written estimates should be provided to substantiate eligible as well as other project costs.

A range of proposals offering new off-road cycle trails across the SFR region are sought.

KEY CRITERIA

In general, applicants will be assessed on the quality of final product, value for money, market attractiveness and attention to health, safety and environmental (HSE) matters of their proposals.

The SFRTA recommend community and volunteer engagement in order to optimise the cycle trail outcome for the funds available.

Proposals should include details of construction methods, surface preparation, labour force and equipment requirements, trail signage and production of trail maps.

All cycle trails should be developed in an appropriate and environmentally sensitive manner while addressing the criteria below:

Description

- Provide a brief explanation of your cycle trail(s) and its (their) features, describe target users/market, sustainability, and explain why its development is a priority.
- Images of the proposed site location and cycle trail route(s) would be very helpful.

Planning

- Demonstrate that your cycle trail(s) is designed to International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) standards.
- Provide written evidence of support from Local Government and communities.

Land Access

- Provide written evidence of permission from land owner/manager for access to land for both trail building and on-going public trail use.

Ability to deliver

- Demonstrate your skills and experience including project management, cycle trail planning and construction expertise.
- Demonstrate ability to complete all trails proposed on time.

Finances

- Clear request for funds sought.
- Demonstration of matching financial and other contributions.

Mapping

- Inclusion of an accurate map highlighting proposed trail routes and related infrastructure.

Signage

- Demonstration that your cycle trail(s) will be signposted to a standard consistent with current SFR and IMBA standards.

Risk Management

- Demonstration of ability and intent to minimise all risks and liabilities associated with the project.
- Include a future public liability insurance plan for all trails with associated costs where applicable.

Sustainability

- Description of ongoing maintenance plan for your cycle trail(s) including realistic recommendations and all future costs.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- SFR Cycle Tourism Development Master Plan
- SFR Cycle Tourism Strategy
- IMBA Standards

All available upon request.

PAYMENT TO APPROVED APPLICANTS

Successful projects will receive 50% of agreed funds upon execution of a contract and commencement of work. The remaining 50% will be issued upon satisfactory project completion and submission of an accurate financial acquittal report including receipts and verification of materials purchased, volunteer labour, support in-kind, etc. Members of the SFRTA will visit each project to review progress and to verify that the project has been completed as claimed in the final report.

HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants are encouraged to consult with the SFR Tourism Development Officer about their proposal prior to submission.

Applications should be thorough, address the criteria and include all relevant supporting documentation.

Applicants must obtain all necessary approvals and permits and submit them with their application.

Applications are to be addressed to the Tourism Development Officer (contact details below) and received at SFRDB no later than 5pm Friday October 31st 2008.

All applicants will receive initial responses to their proposals within two weeks. All final agreements will be negotiated and contract(s) executed as soon as possible so that the successful applicant(s) can complete all work on time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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