HOW TO WRITE SUCCESSFUL TRAIL PLANS & GRANT APPLICATIONS
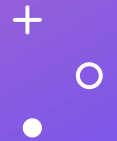
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TRAIL PLANS

Priorities

➢ Identify the priorities and ensure the plan reflects those

Trip focus

➢ What will the trail be used for?

Users

➢ Not all users are the same

➢ Not all users have the same preferences

Network

➢ Facility Type

➢ Surface Type

➢ Amenities

Barriers

➢ Physical

➢ Political

Consistency

➢ Is your plan consistent with other already developed plans and legislation?

Stakeholders

➢ Are the necessary people at the table?

Public

➢ Get them involved

Implementation

➢ What's the plan?

➢ Who's responsible?

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Read the application

- Read the evaluation criteria

- Answer all the questions

- Include all necessary supporting documentation

- Get your point across clearly and concisely

- Show impact

- Realistic cost estimate

- Work on your application in a separate document

- Double check spelling/math

- Have others review your draft

- Ask questions to the awarding agency

- Request feedback if not funded

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- Repetitive

- Vague

- Match requirements not committed/identified

- Abbreviations/Acronyms

- Assume the reviewer knows your area/project

- Wait until the last minute to identify key people to assist with the application

- Copy and paste

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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