

Subject: Add RFP process functionality to DashCentral...

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What is an RFP?

A request for proposal (RFP) is a document that solicits proposal, often made through a bidding process, by an agency or company interested in procurement of a commodity, service or valuable asset, to potential suppliers to submit business proposals.

Why do we need them?

- Common way for Dash DAO voting members (aka Masternode owners) to suggest changes they want to see in the community
- Central location for vendors to find funding opportunities
- Communicate long-term planning and vision to the project members

What functions are we looking for in DashCentral to facilitate the RFP process?

- Similar UI to the current proposal process, without the fee and these features:
  - Dash DAO voting members can only submit RFPs
    - Form based on attached best practice template from pandadoc.com
    - Required fields – TBD
    - RFP owners are “sponsors”, submitters and modifiers
  - Dash DAO voting member only vote on RFPs
  - Comments should be done like forum entries metalinks. Free for all and anyone can chip in refining the requirements.
  - RFP should have a status of:
    - Work in Process - New, commenting, refining
    - Open - Vendor proposals should be submitted through current means and reference the appropriate RFP #
    - Closed - No longer open for proposals, work no longer needed
  - The RFP status should only change when a majority votes for a status above and a minimum number of required total votes exist.
    - You can vote any status at anytime (like ‘yes’, ‘no’, ‘abstain’) and the % of votes are displayed on the RFP display, thus no “flow” implied or required
    - Vote counts and %’s – TBD
  - DashCentral should host a separate page for displaying only "Open" RFPs for vendors to watch

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Slack Comments Follow:

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Joezippy:

"It would kinda be interesting to create the idea of a reverse-proposal process in the Dash DAO (ie request for proposal (RFP) process) so we could solicit integrations and features we are willing to fund... Like Jaxx InstantSend, Coinbase integration, Debit Cards or whatever... From crypt-world of vendors.... Thoughts?  
so not proposals (fund what you want to do or propose), but RFP's what the Dash DAO is willing to pay for..."

"I'm thinking (and just that) MN owners should be able to create RFPs for work they want to see done with a price range they are willing to pay... Then Other MN owners could vote up or down the RFP into an "open" status... Which vendors like Jaxx could be made aware of... If Jaxx wants the work... They submit a proposal as they would today referencing the open RFP... (edited)"

"so if we want a marketing team to take on a big super bowl campaign for Evo... we need an RFP..."

"I have to create a proposal, today if I want the work done... but that's kinda broke, because I can't do the work...."

"It just seems like we need a place to send would be vendors, so they know what we want / need... It might help w/ future big ticket budget items (super bowl) as well..."

Rango:

"@joezippy The idea is good. Yes, it could be implemented with DashCentral."

"@joezippy @macrochip Thanks, funding is not the problem. The limitation is my time to do the implementation. I am going to remove 2 large projects from my work list within the next 2 months. I'll be able to do the RFP & voting list implementation afterwards. In the meantime, you could help me with a detailed bulletpoint list of your ideas, how a RFP implementation could look like on DashCentral (webmaster@dashcentral.org)."

Macrochip:

"Well I think it's great. It's basically a feature-bounty although I wouldn't brand it like that lol. RFP is cool"

"Such RFPs should be done like forum entries methinks. Free for all and anyone can chip in refining the requirements."

"@rango If you put in a proposal to pay for the hours to implement this, you'd have my vote"

Pablomp:

"@joezippy at the beginning i was skeptical. Now I am completely sure that it is a great idea. I love it. It is the implementation of the other side of the market. We have proposals offer and we needed proposals demand."