

Fiscal Highlights

Envision Utah - "Your Utah, Your Future" a Follow-up on Spending - Andrea Wilko

Envision Utah is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to looking at growth issues in Utah. The Legislature provided \$500,000 in FY 2015 to the Envision Utah "Your Utah, Your Future" project during the 2014 General Session. Funding was directed to a long run look at growth in Utah. Estimates show that Utah's population is projected to double by 2060. As a result the State is looking to make informed decisions today to ensure future Utahns have clean air and adequate water, can easily get where they need to go, have educational and economic opportunities, and enjoy an affordable cost of living. Your Utah Your Future hoped to involve 50,000 residents over the life of the project; final totals came in at 52,845 participants.

With the state funding allocation Envision Utah reported they did the following:

- Conducted a statewide survey and values research to identify which issues matter most to Utahns and why those issues matter.
- Involved all the Association of Governments in Utah to ensure all regions were represented in the analysis.
- Organized 400 experts around the state to participate in action teams addressing air quality, water, transportation, public lands, agriculture, recreation, energy, education, economic development, community design, housing, and disaster resilience.
- Thousands participated in an on-line simulation allowing them to see the long-term consequences of various policy alternatives and understand the trade-offs of different policy decisions.

Survey results detailing the results of the program will be released in October 2015. The survey results will detail plans for air quality, water, housing, cost of living, economic development, education, mobility, agriculture, recreation and energy, and infrastructure. State funding was fully expended in accordance with the contract.