



# LE RAY McALLISTER CRITICAL LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
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BUDGET BRIEF

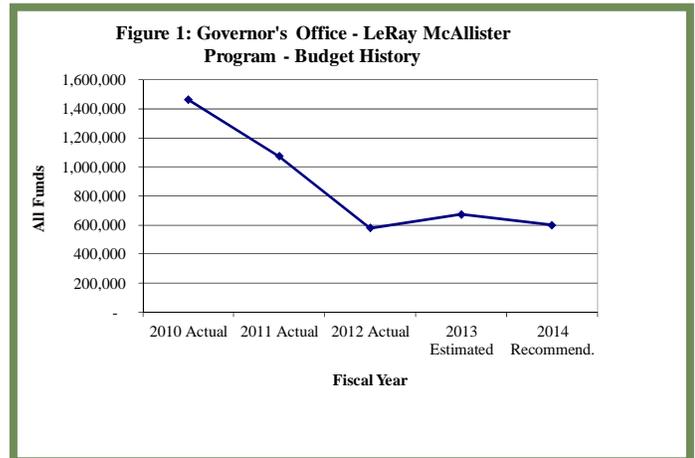
**SUMMARY**

The Legislature created this line item during the May 2009 Special Session. In order to comply with new requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Legislature converted the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation program from a restricted special revenue fund managed by the Division of Finance to a line item in the Governor’s Office. GASB rules require that restricted special revenue funds generate at least half of their own revenue, and the fund consisted entirely of General Fund appropriations from the Legislature.

The LeRay McAllister Land Program provides funds for non-profits, local governments, and state agencies to preserve open space and agricultural lands. The program is overseen by the Quality Growth Commission and went from a base appropriation of \$2,750,000 to \$399,700 during budget cuts in FY 2003 and FY 2011. Since then the Legislature has opted to appropriate one-time funds:

- \$300,000 in FY 2004
- \$3,000,000 in FY 2005
- (\$150,000) in FY 2006
- \$1,000,000 in FY 2007
- \$2,000,000 in FY 2008
- \$2,000,000 in FY 2009
- (\$8,400) in FY 2010
- \$0 in FY 2011
- \$0 in FY 2012

For further detail, please refer to [http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2013/LI\\_CHA.htm](http://le.utah.gov/lfa/reports/cobi2013/LI_CHA.htm)



**ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

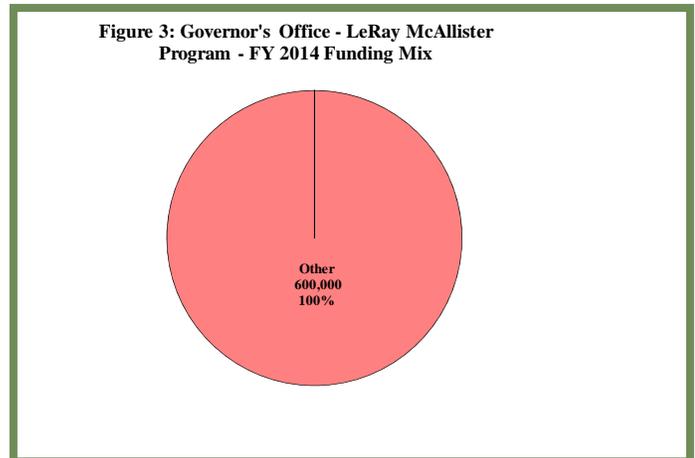
**Base Budget**

For the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program line item, the Fiscal Analyst recommends a FY 2014 base budget of \$600,000. This amount is the total in nonlapsing balances anticipated to be carried over from FY 2013. The program does not currently receive any appropriations.

**Intent Language**

A report on intent language passed by the Legislature during the 2012 General Session for the Governor is included in the issue brief entitled *Governor’s Office Follow-up on Previous Intent Language*.

The Analyst recommends the following intent language to make the LeRay McAllister Program’s FY 2013 unexpended appropriations nonlapsing at the end of FY 2013 (recommended by the Governor):



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Under section 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Governor's Office Quality Growth Commission LeRay McAllister in Item 7 Chapter 11 Laws of Utah 2012 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2013.

**Governor's Recommendations**

1. LeRay McAllister Growth Commission - \$200,000 ongoing General Fund

**BUDGET DETAIL TABLE**

Governor's Office - LeRay McAllister Program						
	FY 2012	FY 2013		FY 2013		FY 2014*
Sources of Finance	Actual	Appropriated	Changes	Revised	Changes	Recommended
Beginning Nonlapsing	1,852,100	900,000	372,600	1,272,600	(672,600)	600,000
Closing Nonlapsing	(1,272,600)	0	(600,000)	(600,000)	600,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$579,500</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>(\$227,400)</b>	<b>\$672,600</b>	<b>(\$72,600)</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>Programs</b>						
LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation P	579,500	900,000	(227,400)	672,600	(72,600)	600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$579,500</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>(\$227,400)</b>	<b>\$672,600</b>	<b>(\$72,600)</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b>Categories of Expenditure</b>						
Other Charges/Pass Thru	579,500	900,000	(227,400)	672,600	(72,600)	600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$579,500</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>(\$227,400)</b>	<b>\$672,600</b>	<b>(\$72,600)</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

\*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Analyst recommends the Legislature:

1. Approve a FY 2014 recommended budget of \$600,000 as shown in the budget detail table
2. After review and adjustment, approve the intent language on page 1.