

# LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program

**What is the LeRay McAllister Program?** The LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program was established by the Utah Quality Growth Act of 1999. It provides grants to local governments, state agencies and non-profit organizations to conserve, or restore, important agricultural lands, wildlife habitat, watershed, recreational lands, and culturally or historically important lands. The fund is administered by the Utah Quality Growth Commission, and staff for the Commission and the fund is provided by the Governors Office of Management and Budget (GOMB).

**What has it done?** Since CY 1999 the Commission has approved 92 projects to conserve or restore more than 80,000 acres of Utah's critical lands. In that time, it spent about \$20 million from the LeRay McAllister Program. This amount was matched by about \$174 million from local, state and Federal governments, and private donations, nearly a 9:1 ratio. These grants have been made in 19 of Utah's 29 counties.

**Why do we need the LeRay McAllister Program?** As you can see from the spreadsheet below, the McAllister Program funds play a key role in accessing millions of dollars in Federal, Local and private funding that makes conservation in Utah possible. Without the McAllister Program funds, protecting critical agricultural lands, watersheds, wildlife habitats and providing public access to our critical lands would be far more difficult.

## LeRay McAllister Program Expenditures and Matching Funds by Calendar Year A 9 to 1 Match Ratio, 9 dollars in matching funds for every state dollar invested

| Year         | McAllister Grant    | Federal Match        | Other State Match   | Private Match       | Local Gov't Match   | Landowner Donation  | Match                | Total Cost           | Acres         |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 1999:        | \$1,983,049         | \$1,150,000          | \$173,000           | \$2,094,500         | \$1,104,000         | \$3,900,000         | \$8,421,500          | \$10,404,549         | 7,821         |
| 2000:        | \$2,470,976         | \$8,412,000          | \$30,500            | \$960,742           | \$807,485           | \$1,731,515         | \$11,942,242         | \$14,413,218         | 6,646         |
| 2001:        | \$3,367,671         | \$4,558,300          | \$0                 | \$3,672,772         | \$595,882           | \$4,630,300         | \$13,457,254         | \$16,824,925         | 14,996        |
| 2002:        | \$415,612           | \$1,060,000          | \$0                 | \$708,000           | \$45,412            | \$683,000           | \$2,496,412          | \$2,912,024          | 1,672         |
| 2003:        | \$490,000           | \$1,000,000          | \$30,000            | \$230,000           | \$260,000           | \$500,000           | \$2,020,000          | \$2,510,000          | 577           |
| 2004:        | \$643,000           | \$1,015,329          | \$110,000           | \$172,000           | \$175,000           | \$380,165           | \$1,852,494          | \$2,496,494          | 571           |
| 2005:        | \$3,162,500         | \$6,473,000          | \$213,000           | \$6,868,130         | \$11,588,500        | \$0                 | \$25,142,630         | \$28,305,130         | 21,585        |
| 2006:        | \$1,860,000         | \$6,751,000          | \$420,000           | \$9,730,816         | \$1,250,000         | \$3,990,000         | \$22,630,816         | \$24,490,816         | 9,847         |
| 2007:        | \$2,280,000         | \$50,377,000         | \$4,541,052         | \$4,183,567         | \$751,875           | \$1,676,000         | \$61,529,494         | \$63,809,494         | 4,707         |
| 2008:        | \$1,998,800         | \$100,754,000        | \$9,082,104         | \$8,367,134         | \$1,503,750         | \$3,352,000         | \$14,822,303         | \$16,821,103         | 3,091         |
| 2009:        | \$370,200           | \$1,919,500          | \$0                 | \$1,765,800         | \$3,192,496         | \$1,118,750         | \$7,996,546          | \$8,366,746          | 2,405         |
| 2010:        | \$1,089,000         | \$2,911,625          | \$0                 | \$624,400           | \$908,415           | \$516,600           | \$4,961,040          | \$6,050,040          | 3,072         |
| 2011:        | \$237,500           | \$3,092,375          | \$0                 | \$713,500           | \$5,186,197         | \$4,231,125         | \$13,223,197         | \$13,460,697         | 3,181         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$20,368,308</b> | <b>\$189,474,129</b> | <b>\$14,599,656</b> | <b>\$40,091,361</b> | <b>\$27,369,012</b> | <b>\$26,709,455</b> | <b>\$190,495,928</b> | <b>\$210,865,236</b> | <b>80,171</b> |