

APPROPRIATION FOR RURAL GROWTH MANAGEMENT

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Keele Johnson

AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS; APPROPRIATING \$150,000 TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND TO PROVIDE REGIONAL CIRCUIT-RIDER PLANNERS TO ASSIST RURAL COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES WITH PLANNING NEEDS; PROVIDING THAT THE FUNDS BE NONLAPSING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Legislative intent.

The Legislature supports the objectives of the Governor's 21st Century Communities Initiative of preparing rural areas of the state for population and visitor growth, creating new jobs, reducing unemployment, diversifying rural economies, and protecting quality of life. It is the intent of the Legislature in appropriating these funds to help meet the statewide public purpose of assisting local government leaders to deal with the economic development, community and land planning, technology, and growth concerns of local government through the Governor's 21st Century Communities Initiative.

Section 2. Appropriation.

(1) There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000, \$150,000 to the Office of Planning and Budget for purposes stated in Subsection (2).

(2) (a) The appropriated funds shall be used to:

- (i) help meet the objectives of the Governor's 21st Century Communities Initiative;
- (ii) provide local government officials with training and certification opportunities and materials;
- (iii) provide professional circuit-rider planners;
- (iv) provide tools and expertise to assist with the planning, economic development, land

use, technology, and growth management concerns of local government;

(v) provide information exchange, research, data, and linkages between various government entities, including local, state, and federal agencies, as well as between private and nonprofit entities involved in providing services and information to local communities; and

(vi) provide for administration expenses, recognition and awards to communities, meeting expenses of the Governor's Rural Partnership Board, and other administrative expenses relating to meeting the objectives of the Governor's 21st Century Communities Initiative.

(b) The Office of Planning and Budget shall determine, in conjunction with the Governor's Rural Partnership Board, the allocation of appropriated funds to best meet the purposes stated in Subsection (2)(a).

(3) The money appropriated in Subsection (1) is nonlapsing.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.