

Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account Modifications

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions related to the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- allows money in the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account to be used for administrative costs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

51-9-902, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 285

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

Section 1. Section **51-9-902** is amended to read:

51-9-902 . Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account.

- (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account."
- (2) The account shall consist of:
 - (a) money deposited into the account under Subsection 59-12-103(4)(h); and
 - (b) interest and earnings on money in the account.
- (3) Subject to appropriation from the Legislature, money from the account shall be used for:
 - (a) new construction of outdoor recreation infrastructure;
 - (b) upgrades of outdoor recreation infrastructure;
 - (c) the replacement of or structural improvements to outdoor recreation infrastructure;

- (d) the acquisition of land, a right-of-way, or easement used in relationship to outdoor recreation infrastructure;
- (e) providing access from state highways, as defined in Section 72-1-102, to outdoor recreation infrastructure;
- (f) the costs associated with bringing new construction or upgrades of outdoor recreation infrastructure into environmental compliance;
- (g) strategic planning related to the development of outdoor recreation infrastructure;
- (h) facilitating avalanche safety forecasting to protect the public in relation to outdoor recreation infrastructure;~~[-or]~~
- (i) clean up or security relating to outdoor recreation infrastructure~~[-]~~ ; or
- (j) administrative costs, not to exceed 2% of the amount appropriated in accordance with Subsection (4)(c).
- (4) For each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2025-2026, the Division of Finance shall, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, distribute money from the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account as follows:
- (a) at least 15% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks - Capital, to be expended using the department's existing prioritization process for capital projects in state parks described in Subsection (3);
- (b) at least 22% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor Recreation - Capital, to be expended for competitive Recreation Restoration Infrastructure grants or Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure grants for outdoor recreation capital projects and related maintenance expenses, where maintenance expenses do not exceed 15% of the appropriation;
- (c) at least 53% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor Recreation - Capital, to be expended for larger outdoor recreation infrastructure projects described in Subsection (3) as recommended to the Legislature by the Outdoor Adventure Commission; and
- (d) at least 10% to the Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration District created in Section 11-70-201 for the development and operation of the district.
- (5) If the Legislature appropriates money to the Department of Transportation from the account, the Transportation Commission, created in Section 72-1-301, shall prioritize projects and determine funding levels in accordance with Subsection 72-1-303(1)(a) based on recommendations of the Department of Transportation.

Section 2. Effective Date.

65 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.