

Budget Brief – Zoos

NUMBER 05-08

SUMMARY

Community Development administers the contracts covering appropriations to the Zoos. Currently Willow Park Zoo and Hogle Zoo receive funding from the State.

Willow Park Zoo Willow Park Zoo was established in 1971 and started as an aviary. The zoo currently has approximately 100 species of birds and 12 species of mammal. The bulk of the zoo’s funding comes from the Cache County and Logan City with a small portion appropriated from the state. The zoo has not been accredited.

Hogle Zoo Hogle Zoo originated at Liberty Park. The original zoo consisted of deer, monkeys, an elephant and several birds and mammals. The Hogle Zoo has been at its current location since 1931. The zoo is an accredited member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association. The Hogle Zoo is owned by Salt Lake City and is supported by tax dollars and private donations raised by the Utah Zoological Society. There are currently 1,100 animals at the zoo representing 250 different species.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Analyst recommends appropriating a base budget of \$1,498,700 from the General Fund for the Zoos in FY 2008.

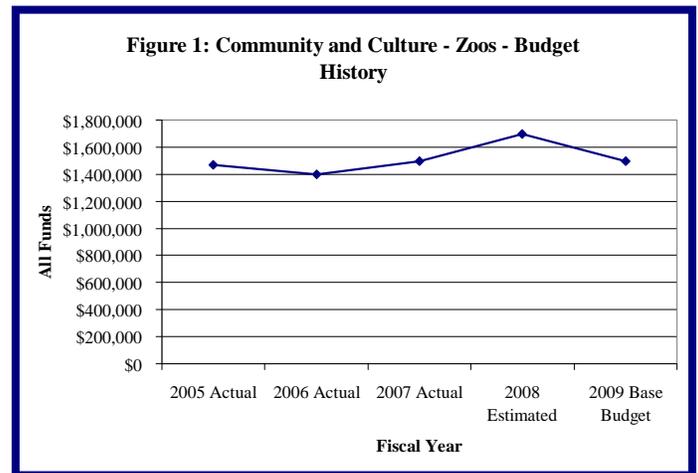
Hogle Zoo Arctic Exhibit

The Hogle Zoo received a \$3 million challenge grant from The George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation to help fund a new Arctic exhibit. The total cost for the project is estimated at \$19.6 million.

Challenges for Willow Park Diversifying the collection is one challenge facing Willow Park Zoo. In the past year the zoo acquired 3 North American White Pelicans, and 2 pronghorn fawns. Willow Park is expecting 4 Capuchin monkeys soon. They are also facing the continuing process of trying to become accredited. The major problem related to accreditation is the precarious funding in place. The zoo is currently looking at options to create a more stable stream of revenue.

ACCOUNTABILITY DETAIL

The Zoos have not been required to submit performance measures to the Legislature.



BUDGET DETAIL

The Analyst recommends appropriating \$1,498,700 from the General Fund for the Zoos to be distributed to both Willow Park and Hogle Zoos.

BUDGET DETAIL TABLE

Community and Culture - Zoos						
Sources of Finance	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2008 Revised	Changes	FY 2009* Base Budget
General Fund	1,498,700	1,498,700	0	1,498,700	0	1,498,700
General Fund, One-time	0	200,000	0	200,000	(200,000)	0
Total	\$1,498,700	\$1,698,700	\$0	\$1,698,700	(\$200,000)	\$1,498,700
Programs						
Zoos	1,498,700	1,698,700	0	1,698,700	(200,000)	1,498,700
Total	\$1,498,700	\$1,698,700	\$0	\$1,698,700	(\$200,000)	\$1,498,700
Categories of Expenditure						
Other Charges/Pass Thru	1,498,700	1,698,700	0	1,698,700	(200,000)	1,498,700
Total	\$1,498,700	\$1,698,700	\$0	\$1,698,700	(\$200,000)	\$1,498,700

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