

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
Building Block Summary: 2013 General Legislative Session

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MANDATORY MEDICAID EXPANSION

FY13 ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL	
General Fund	\$642,400
Federal Fund	\$1,973,700
TOTAL	\$2,616,100
FY14 ONGOING BUILDING BLOCK	
General Fund	\$6,398,800
Federal Fund	\$5,801,000
TOTAL	\$12,199,800

Priority: 1,2

This request would fund the administrative costs to implement the mandatory provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). ACA goes into effect on January 1, 2014 and will result in Medicaid expansion. ACA will expand Medicaid in two ways; first ACA requires all individuals to have insurance or face a tax penalty, and second the Act changes Medicaid eligibility criteria. Instituting a tax penalty for no insurance will result in individuals currently eligible, but not receiving Medicaid, to apply for Medicaid. ACA also eliminates the Medicaid asset test, increases the income eligibility limit, and allows adults without children, whom are not disabled/elderly, to receive Medicaid. The funds appropriated for this request will be used for additional eligibility staff, facility expenses, equipment and system development.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

FY13 ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL	
General Fund	\$419,600
Federal Fund	\$3,776,400
TOTAL	\$4,196,000
FY14 ONGOING BUILDING BLOCK	
General Fund	\$54,200
Federal Fund	\$487,800
TOTAL	\$542,000

Priority: 3,4

This request is for the one-time and ongoing costs to develop the interface between DWS systems and the Health Care Exchange. This funding will support the development and implementation of the Utah preferred option where the Exchange is the entry point for all customers. This approach will leverage the capability of the rules engine within the existing DWS system.

UTAHFUTURES

FY14 ONE-TIME BUILDING BLOCK	
General Fund	\$2,400,000
TOTAL	\$2,400,000

Priority: 5

The Utah Futures project is being developed using a two year (FY13 & FY14) single-phased approach with funding sources of \$2,685,000 already committed for FY13. Project implementation began in July 2012 for in-house software development and component and data content purchases. Additional funding is required to complete the FY14 project objectives and make UtahFutures the preferred source to help Utah residents make informed education and career plans on its website and mobile applications. The primary goal of the system is to align education with economic development objectives across the state.

THE ROAD HOME SHELTER

FY13 ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL	
General Fund	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$500,000

Priority: 6

The Governor has recommended providing \$500,000 one-time General Funds in FY13 to the Road Home homeless shelter. This request would provide funding to support the purchase of and improvements for the Road Home Overflow Shelter building.

DISABILITY HEARING OFFICER TRANSFER TO HEALTH

FY14 ONGOING BUILDING BLOCK	
General Fund	(\$39,000)
TOTAL	(\$39,000)

Priority: 7

DWS has transferred a Hearing Officer to the Department of Health. Since DWS is not replacing this individual, it is appropriate to reduce the DWS base appropriation by the \$78,000 in total expenditures associated with this FTE. The proposed transfer of General Fund represents the state share of the funding for the position.

RE-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

FY14 ONE-TIME BUILDING BLOCK	
Reed Act Funding*	\$4,576,000
TOTAL	\$4,576,000

*DWS Restricted Account

Priority: 8

The Workforce Development Division operates 34 One-Stop Employment Centers. The department increased its efforts to use these centers to strengthen Utah's economy by (among other things) providing re-employment (job connecting) activities to individuals and employers. By placing the unemployed in jobs and the under-employed in better jobs, the department is able to reduce demand for temporary assistance programs, including Food Stamps and Unemployment Insurance. Those placed in jobs are also able to contribute to the economy through their employment.

JOB GROWTH PROJECTS

FY14 ONE-TIME BUILDING BLOCK	
Job Growth Fund*	\$5,890,300
TOTAL	\$5,890,300

*DWS Restricted Account

Priority: 9

In Fiscal Year 2014, DWS plans to continue supporting Demand Driven employment activities in the nine Economic Service Areas. This funding would allow the Department to engage industries to provide economic growth. The State of Utah is one of only a few states that maintained unemployment Insurance (UI) Compensation Fund solvency during the Great Recession. These projects may help the State maintain the solvency of its UI Compensation Fund. DWS requests these projects be funded through the Special Administrative Expense Account, which is a restricted account funded by penalty and interest proceeds associated with the UI program.

PAMELA ATKINSON HOMELESS TRUST FUND

FY13 ONE-TIME SUPPLEMENTAL	
General Fund	\$500,000
TOTAL	\$500,000

Priority: 10

The Governor has recommended providing \$500,000 one-time General Funds in FY13 to the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund. This request would provide funding for case managers needed to manage cases associated with the State's 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness.