

BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE PREHISTORIC MUSEUM

1. One time

The Prehistoric Museum currently houses 1047 paleontological specimens and 9529 archaeological artefacts on behalf of the state of Utah. These objects are from Utah Department of Transportation and from State Sovereign Lands. To properly care for these objects into perpetuity, fire and water resistant steel storage cabinets are needed to replace storage of state property on open shelving and archival cardboard boxes.

11 Cabinets \$3,149/ea. (\$34,639)

Drawers \$56.00/ea. (40 per cabinet) (\$24,640)

Shipping \$1400/ea. unit (15,400).

Total (rounded up due to changing prices) \$75,000

Research and exploration drone \$2000

Research-grade microscope with photographic capabilities for paleontology and archaeology. Can also be used in educational programing. \$5000.

Total one-time \$82,000 (equipment)

2. On-going

The need for an in-house educator whose responsibility will be to develop STEM-based programs for in-house and eastern Utah schools. This would position would serve as the only permanent, major educational outreach in eastern Utah.

Full-time plus benefits \$51,000.

On-going \$51,000 (permanent increase to the museum's annual budget)

Total request for fiscal 2019-2020: \$133,000

Educator for the Prehistoric Museum

Purpose: To ignite curiosity and discovery new ideas through Eastern Utah's prehistoric past.

To provide and be the resource for educators

- Make and distribute teaching kits

- STEM-centered lesson plans made in cooperation w/ teachers

- School visits throughout eastern Utah (will need travel budget), especially to schools in underserved areas (including San Juan, parts of Kane, Wayne Counties, and reservations).

- Develop distant learning program (museum could loan laptop and projector to schools lacking adequate resources).

Develop and operate "summer camps" in archaeology and paleontology; develop Saturday programming.

Provide outreach to senior centers

Act as a docent within the museum during summer

Work with relevant staff to develop on-line exhibits, and provide input to exhibit context and text labels.

Develop the museum member's newsletter

Update the museum's social media

Organize museum events (Cretaceous Christmas, Family Day, etc.) and associated PR

Oversee the museum's volunteers (recruit, etc.)

Maintain scrapbook of the museum for historical purposes