

# Housing Capacity, Infrastructure, and Market Analysis

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## Requester Information

**Legislator: Bolinder, Bridger**

Creation Date: 2024-01-22

Submission Date: 2024-01-22

## Section 1: Request Details

### Description:

By 2060, Utah's population is predicted to reach over 5.4 million (Kem C. Gardner Institute). Utah faces a daunting challenge: housing costs have risen dramatically in recent years, far outpacing wage growth, linked primarily to a persistent housing shortage. The purpose of this proposed analysis is to evaluate physical constraints and land use planning and market demand to inform decision making. This will build upon the work currently underpinning the regional plans adopted by the various MPOs in Utah, overlaying an in depth market analysis that will identify the pace at which available land will be utilized with present assumptions, as well as the potential for adjustments to policy and infrastructure investments to optimize the potential to accommodate the forecasted growth.

### Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Abby Hunsaker
- Organization: Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
- Position: Policy Advisor

## Section 2: Funding Information

### How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Technology Purchases	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00

Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00	\$0.00
	2025: \$250,000.00	
<b>Expenditure Total</b>		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00

**Funding Sources:**

## General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$250,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

## Revenue Total

One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00

**Should unused funding be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year?**

Yes

**Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?**

No

**Section 3: Agency Information****Subjects:**

Economy  
Infrastructure and Mobility

**Agency:**

063 / Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity

**Type of entity to receive pass-through funding**

- State Government

**Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement****Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?**

Cities, towns, counties, and the state of Utah would benefit from this in-depth study to identify which locations and corresponding infrastructure investments and public policy adjustments are needed to accommodate the greatest amount of forecasted growth. This will also align private sector investment in housing with these public investments.

**What is this project or program intended to accomplish?**

Compare current constrained capacity with forecasted demand and regional and statewide land use and transportation plans. This comparative analysis will inform recommended updates to zoning, transportation planning, and/or water availability that may be necessary to provide adequate housing for current and future Utahns. These recommendations will fall into three broad categories where development will occur (Transit nodes, Infill and redevelopment, Greenfield development).

**How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?**

Program will deliver final report by 2025 and will include actionable recommendations for infrastructure investment, land use regulation changes, and potential other policy adjustments with their corresponding impact on the market's ability to deliver a defined increment of additional housing across the State.

## **Section 5: Other Supporting Documents**

**Intent Language**

**Previous State Funding**