

Great Salt Lake Split-Season Lease Project

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Requester Information

Legislator: Owens, Doug

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Submission Date: 2024-01-23

Section 1: Request Details

Description:

The Great Salt Lake Strategic Plan identified the voluntary water transactions, such as agricultural optimization, split season leases and seasonal leases as tools to increase flows to Great Salt Lake. This Request for Appropriation (RFA) seeks to allocate \$500,000 from the \$25 million proposed in the Governor's budget for Great Salt Lake. The funds will be used to develop pilot projects and a handbook to assist farmers who wish to participate in one or more of these voluntary transactions.

Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Tim Davis
 - Organization: Great Salt Lake Commissioner's Office
 - Position: Deputy Great Salt Lake Commissioner
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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 2025: \$500,000.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$500,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024
\$0.00

One-time 2025
\$500,000.00

Ongoing 2025
\$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?

Yes

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled

This project could be used for either the development of just a handbook or a pilot project rather than both.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Land and Environment

Agency:

560 / Natural Resources

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding

- State Government
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Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?

Agricultural producers and people who rely upon a healthy Great Salt Lake will benefit.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This project will develop and test tools to ensure that spit-season leases are successful for both agricultural producers and the State.

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

Completion of a split-season lease handbook and at least one split-season lease will be used to measure success. The Great Salt Lake Commissioner's office will also track successful split-season leases annually.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language

Previous State Funding