

# Turf Removal Funding

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## Requester Information

**Legislator: Owens, Doug**

Creation Date: 2024-01-19

Submission Date: 2024-01-19

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## Section 1: Request Details

### Description:

The state has currently appropriated \$3 million on an ongoing basis for turf removal. The funding needs to be increased by an additional \$12.5 million annually (ongoing) to match the level of funding appropriated for turf removal by the state's water districts.

### Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Candice Hasenyager
  - Organization: Utah Department of Natural Resources; Division of Water Resources
  - Position: Director
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## Section 2: Funding Information

**How will the appropriation be used?**

One-time

Ongoing

|                                    |                              |                 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Personnel Services                 | 2024: \$0.00<br>2025: \$0.00 | \$0.00          |
| In-State Travel                    | 2024: \$0.00<br>2025: \$0.00 | \$0.00          |
| Out-of-state Travel                | 2024: \$0.00<br>2025: \$0.00 | \$0.00          |
| Supplies and Equipment             | 2024: \$0.00<br>2025: \$0.00 | \$0.00          |
| Technology Purchases               | 2024: \$0.00<br>2025: \$0.00 | \$0.00          |
| Infrastructure/Capital Investments | 2024: \$0.00<br>2025: \$0.00 | \$0.00          |
| Other Charges/Pass Thru            | 2024: \$0.00<br>2025: \$0.00 | \$12,500,000.00 |

Expenditure Total

|               |               |                 |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| One-time 2024 | One-time 2025 | Ongoing 2025    |
| \$0.00        | \$0.00        | \$12,500,000.00 |

**Funding Sources:**

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$12,500,000.00

Revenue Total

|               |               |                 |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| One-time 2024 | One-time 2025 | Ongoing 2025    |
| \$0.00        | \$0.00        | \$12,500,000.00 |

**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

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## **A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled**

Turf removal initiatives are organized into individual projects. Price quotes are produced prior to project approval, making it easy to scale the number of projects approved in accordance with funding constraints.

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## **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)?**

This request is intended to conserve water by eliminating non-functional turf and helping replace that with more water efficient landscaping like trees and shrubs. It helps people who want to make that change.

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

This project removes non-functional turf to conserve water.

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

The legislature has the capacity to track how many projects have been funded to remove turf, how much turf has been removed, and how much water was being allocated to this turf. Water metering allows the water allocated to sections of turf to be tracked so the Legislature can produce quantifiable outcome data.

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

### **Intent Language**

The legislature intends that \$12,500,000 from the General Fund provided by this item be used for turf removal. This funding will be appropriated to the Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Resources which will then distribute funds to local water districts to supplement their funds used for turf removal.

### **Previous State Funding**

Last legislative session (fiscal year 2023) the legislature allocated \$3,000,000 ongoing and \$5 million one time to turf removal. This funding was overseen by the Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Resources.