

Great Salt Lake Phragmites Eradication

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Requester Information

Legislator: Owens, Doug

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Section 1: Request Details

Description:

With this funding Forestry, Fire and State Lands could accomplish additional work on vegetation management, invasive species control and restoration. This funding could also be used to increase capacity within the Division to support work around GSL, including work that is being done in the Waterfowl Management Area's. This may include a shared position with our sister agencies. Currently, there is a need not only for project funding, but to increase capacity for successful implementation. A portion of this funding would go towards the hiring of skilled personell, training, and providing personell with the resources to implement these projects.

Legislative designee contact information:

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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	\$500,000.00
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: \$1,500,000.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$500,000.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$1,500,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$500,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024
\$0.00

One-time 2025
\$1,500,000.00

Ongoing 2025
\$500,000.00

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

No

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

The number of acres treated can be increased or decreased. Any funding allocated will advance the restoration of the GSL shoreline and wetlands.

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)?

The people of Utah would benefit from this request as it will help address the impacts of low lake levels of Great Salt Lake and improve the Great Salt Lake ecosystem.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Invasive Phragmites impedes water flow to Great Salt Lake and increases evapotranspiration within the watershed. This project is intended to remove additional acres of invasive Phragmites and restore native wetlands of Great Salt Lake.

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

The number of acres treated can be tracked to demonstrate successful use of this project funding.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language

Previous State Funding