

# Wildfire Fuel Crews

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## Requester Information

**Legislator: Snider, Casey**

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Submission Date: 2024-01-26

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## Section 1: Request Details

### Description:

This RFA would provide funding to the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to utilize fuel crews on various projects throughout the state. Competition with entities that have year-long career staffing models, as well as some seasonal staffing models, makes it difficult for the Division to compete due to increased costs and lack of base funding. Utilizing fuel crew base funding solves this problem and creates efficiencies where crews can work on any fuel projects available during downtime between assignments or larger landscape-scale projects within the existing programs.

### Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Jamie Barnes
  - Organization: Forestry, Fire, and State Lands
  - Position: Director/State Forester
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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	\$3,000,000.00
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: \$200,000.00	\$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: \$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Expenditure Total</b>		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$3,000,000.00

## Funding Sources:

### General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$200,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$3,000,000.00

### Revenue Total

One-time 2024  
\$0.00

One-time 2025  
\$200,000.00

Ongoing 2025  
\$3,000,000.00

**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

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

\* 8-person Fuels Crew for a 6-month season at \$200,000 a year in personnel costs, \$500,000 yearlong workforce, and vehicle/equipment costs at \$45,000 a year. \* A 20-person Fuels Crew for a 6-month season at \$500,000 a year in personnel costs, a yearlong workforce at \$1,100,000.00, and vehicle/equipment costs at \$100,000 a year. \* A 9 Area fuels (squads of 4-6), 1 Lone Peak fuels (crew of 18-20), 2 Lone Peak fuels (squads of 6-8) for about \$5,800,000.00 a year and a 6-month season for \$3,000,000.00 a year.

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## **Section 3: Agency Information**

### **Subjects:**

Land and Environment  
Safety and Security

### **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 citizens of the state of Utah, local communities, and local government.

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

This will increase safety in local communities and municipalities along with increasing safe and effective wildfire response. This will allow for increased, prevention, preparedness, and mitigation actions to take place in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas, bringing more awareness to communities and local governments of land development wildfire risks that are increasing as the population density increases.

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

Mitigation and reduction of hazardous fuels that are measurable. Reduction in the number of wildfires and a reduction in the risk of wildfires in communities- both of which are measurable.

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**Section 5: Other Supporting Documents**

**Intent Language**

**Previous State Funding**