


# RFA for Veterinary Diagnostician

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# Funding Request Description

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is requesting **\$154,000 in ongoing funding** for salary and benefits for a laboratory diagnostician at the Spanish Fork Branch Laboratory (SFBL) of the Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. This position will replace the Utah state poultry extension specialist who was located at SFBL until his retirement.



# Utah Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory

*Spanish Fork Branch*


- Cooperative effort by USU and UDAF
- Main laboratory in Logan, branch laboratory in Spanish Fork
- Provides veterinary diagnostic services for the state
- Mission: **animal health, agricultural economy, public zoonosis**

## Current Expansion

- **Molecular Diagnostics**
- Faster response to outbreaks in the Southern half of the state
- Plans for future National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) accreditation



# Summary

- Lab is currently understaffed, resulting in decreased capabilities and increased wait times for results
  - Fast results are critical to stop the spread of disease, facilitate animal movement, and improve treatment outcomes
  - Veterinary support will be essential to support the laboratory expansion planned for 2024-2025
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