

General Operations and UBRV Processes (SCIC)

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Requester Information

Legislator: Winterton, Ronald M.

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Section 1: Request Details

Description:

The Coalition is in need of additional funding to bridge a gap between the end of the CIB grant funding and anticipated revenue from the Uinta Basin Railway. The Coalition needs \$750,000 to fund the ongoing general engineering, planning, and operations of the organization and to address anticipated expenses related to DC Circuit Court decisions regarding interstate commerce and NEPA processes.

Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Keith Heaton
 - Organization: Seven County Infrastructure Coalition
 - Position: Executive Director
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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: \$750,000.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$750,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00

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 Coalition operates at a rate of approximately \$750,000 per year. The Coalition would have to pursue other funding options, including CIB. CIB does not have the grant funding it once did. The UBRy project would bring return revenue to the Coalition, but the Coalition would have to reach important process milestones to trigger that revenue (\$500,000/year).

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Infrastructure and Mobility
Land and Environment

Agency:

560 / Natural Resources

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding

- Local Government

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's projects and planning efforts benefit the member counties (Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, San Juan, Sevier, and Uintah). Projects like the UBRy will benefit the entire state of Utah, surrounding states, and the nation. The state would receive more than \$150M in tax revenue annually.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The requested funding would allow the Coalition to continue its unique mission to identify and develop regional infrastructure projects within the energy-producing regions of the state. The Railway legal process MUST be finished, along with the ongoing planning and operations of the Coalition. Ultimately, the State stands to receive approximately \$27.9M in reimbursement from the Coalition's private partner.

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

Success will be achieved when the Railway legal process is brought to a close, allowing the private partner to pay the State approximately \$27.9M. Success will also be achieved as the Coalition is enabled to innovate and identify other critical regional projects that provide significant benefits to the state and nation.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language

Defense Council will over see the funds

Previous State Funding