

Outdoor Education for Title I Schools

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Requester Information

Legislator: Watkins, Christine F.

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Section 1: Request Details

Description:

Canyonlands Field Institute seeks a one-time appropriation of \$100,000 to provide outdoor education to 120 Title I middle school students from across the state of Utah. The 3-day education program takes place at a campground outside Moab and provides lessons on geology, hydrology, ecology, astronomy, as well as social/emotional and place-based learning.

Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Michelle Johnson
- Organization: Canyonlands Field Institute
- Position: Interim Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$65,600.00	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$13,600.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$20,800.00	\$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
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00

**Funding Sources:**

## General Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$100,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

## Revenue Total

One-time 2024  
\$0.00

One-time 2025  
\$100,000.00

Ongoing 2025  
\$0.00

**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

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

If the full funding request is not provided, the project can be scaled down from four schools to one, two, or three schools participating in 2024.

**Section 3: Agency Information****Subjects:**

Education and Research  
Land and Environment

**Agency:**

400 / State Board of Education

**Type of entity to receive pass-through funding**

- Private for Profit

**Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement****Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?**

Students and teachers from Title I middle schools throughout the state of Utah who don't normally have the opportunity to unplug from technology, connect with nature, and experience the joy of exploration.

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

This program provides life-changing outdoor education. CFI's trained naturalist educators will guide students through a three-day experience that includes immersive lessons in a range of STEM topics. One day of the trip will be spent rafting on the Colorado River, where students can engage the scientific and social principles they have learned in an entirely new terrain.

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

Participating youth will demonstrate improved overall school performance including better standardized test scores, attitudes about school, in-school behavior, and attendance. In particular, students with learning challenges will report improved concentration skills.

**Section 5: Other Supporting Documents****Intent Language**

The Legislature intends that \$100,000. from the Public Education Appropriations Committee provided by this item be used for outdoor education for Title I Middle schools in Utah.

### **Previous State Funding**