

# Wetland Protection and Restoration

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## Requester Information

**Legislator:** Hall, Katy

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## Section 1: Request Details

### Description:

The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands shall administer a one-time grant(s) of \$5,000,000 to protect and restore wetlands and habitats of the Great Salt Lake for the benefit of the Lake. The Division shall complete an analysis to determine the infrastructure and engineering needs related to salinity management, hydrologic improvements within the meander line of Great Salt Lake, and consult with the Division of Wildlife Resources to identify projects on sovereign lands that benefit wildlife habitat through the improved flow of water and management of both native and invasive plant species with a one-time appropriation of \$500,000. Pursuant to authority vested within the Division, in 65A-10-203 the Division shall work to improve the conditions of wetlands and protect wildlife habitat and may increase capacity to do so with ongoing funding of \$500,000. A one time appropriation of \$1,000,000 shall be used for the removal of invasive species, and/or the restoration and enhancement of the riparian and wetland areas of Bear Lake and Utah Lake (\$500,000 for Utah Lake, and \$500,000 for Bear Lake).

### Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Ben Stireman
- Organization: Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

- Position: Deputy Director

## 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: \$6,500,000.00	\$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
Expenditure Total		
One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$6,500,000.00	\$500,000.00

### Funding Sources:

Sovreign Lands Restricted Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$6,500,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$500,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$6,500,000.00	\$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

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

All of the funding, with the exception of the \$500,000 for the analysis of infrastructure and engineering nees for salinity management and hydrologic improvements can be scaled and would be utilized for the same purposes, at a lower amount.

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## **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)?**

All citizens and visitors of Utah will benefit from the protection and enhancements of GSL's wetlands and the management of salinity and wildlife habitat. This funding will improve the conditions of Bear Lake and Utah Lake as well.

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

The overall goal of the funding is to protect, enhance, or restore GSL wetlands for the benefit of GSL, as well as, remove invasive species, and improve the riparian corridors and wetlands of Bear Lake and Utah Lake. The funding will also identify solutions to better manage salinity conditions of GSL and improve wildlife habitat.

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

The project can be measured in acres treated, protected, restored, or projects funded.

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## **Section 5: Other Supporting Documents**

**Intent Language**

**Previous State Funding**