



Requester Information

Legislator Name: Owens, Doug

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Garfield County, Utah, is seeking a funding request of \$1 million from the Utah State Legislature to support the development of architectural drawings and 3D renderings for a proposed museum and science center in Escalante. This project aims to enhance local education and tourism, showcasing the area's unique geological and cultural heritage. The funds will facilitate the design process, ensuring that the facility meets the community's needs, and aligns with sustainable practices. The funding will also assist with development of the project including locating additional funding sources. By investing in this initiative, the state can help preserve and promote the rich history of Garfield County while also promoting economic growth.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Jerry Taylor

Organization: Garfield County

Position: County Commissioner

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
In-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	



Escalante Dinosaur Museum & Science Center

Economic and Community Development

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Technology Purchases	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$1,000,000.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$1,000,000.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00



Is this a multi-year project?

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?

The project might be scaled by seeking additional funding from other sources or trying to raise funds on our own. The county has already completed a substantial feasibility study demonstrating the strength this project could bring to the area and spent time in Canada visiting other museums with similar characteristics. After the design is completed, the next steps will be to fund the construction of the museum.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Economy

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Agency:

710 / Cultural and Community Engagement

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Local Government

Grant recipient

No

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement



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

This project would benefit 1) the local community and economy, 2) visitors and tourists, 3) students and educators, and 4) researchers and historians.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The project aims to enhance education of paleontology and science, preserve cultural heritage, stimulate economic growth, and support research initiative in the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.

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

The legislature can assess the success of the project if the County and partners continue with the development of the project after the design of the museum is completed. After planning and development, key performance indicators will include advancement of the project to the construction phase and eventually visitor attendance, educational program participation, community feedback, and positive economic.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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