



Requester Information

Legislator Name: Vickers, Evan J.

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

UDC requests one-time and ongoing funding for nonpartisan and independent debates for federal and statewide elected offices. UDC debates are broadcast live on Utah’s major television stations and covered by radio and print outlets across Utah. Debates are rotated around the state among major universities, growing public exposure for candidates, highlighting regional issues, and helping each candidate’s message reach Utahns throughout the state.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Becky Edwards

Organization: Utah Debate Commission

Position: Co-Chair

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025:	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
	2026:	\$150,000.00	
In-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
	2026:	\$6,000.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	



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General Government

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$91,000.00
Technology Purchases	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$53,000.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$300,000.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$300,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00

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?

A critical goal of the Utah debate commission is to engage students and a wide demographic of Utah voters. To achieve the school, UDC will continue conducting debates at eight institutions of higher education across the state a reduction in the amount requested would result if you were debates and/or the necessity to hold debates in studio on wash front Wasatch Front outlets.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Safety and Security

Agency:

060 / Governor's Office

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

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)?

Citizens, including students and voters across the state. This specifically includes those in each congressional district.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

UDC intends to help inform the electorate and student population through independent production of free and fair debates in congressional and state-wide races. Appropriations would allow the continuance of such debates, which have been produced over the past ten years.

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

The public will be able to view the debates in person or across multiple major media outlets. Debates will also be recorded and available through the Utah Debate Commission website.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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