



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This funding request aims to meet the critical vision care needs of Utah’s underserved populations, particularly low-income children and families in rural and economically disadvantaged areas. With support, the SEE-MORE mobile vision clinic, operated by EyeCare4Kids, can expand its reach to deliver 20,000 affordable, professional services each year across the state. The mobile clinic model breaks down barriers to access, providing timely care where it’s needed most. Funds will be used for new equipment, as well as operational and outreach expenses.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Joseph Carbone

Organization: Eye Care 4 Kids

Position: President

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$65,000.00	
In-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$7,000.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	



Eye Care 4 Kids

Economic and Community Development

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$428,000.00
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:	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$500,000.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

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?

If the legislature does not fund the full requested amount, the program can still be scaled through a phased approach with the number of services provided adjusted based on the available funding. Initially, the program could focus on expanding the EyeCare4Kids mobile vision clinic to key areas with the highest demand, prioritizing specific rural and underserved communities.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

Agency:

none / Unkown Agency

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)?

This request would benefit children in Title I schools, families below the 200% federal poverty level, rural communities, and Native American communities.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This program is intended to increase access to affordable, professional vision care for underserved populations in Utah, particularly low-income children and families in rural and economically disadvantaged areas. By expanding the EyeCare4Kids mobile vision clinic's reach, the program will provide 20,000 annual vision services, addressing unmet needs and ensuring timely, effective interventions to improve eye health and overall well-being. In turn, the program aims to enhance children's success in school by improving their ability to see clearly, which is critical for learning and academic performance.

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

Success will be measured by the number of services provided and the improvements in access to vision care in rural and underserved areas. A short-term target will be the delivery of at least 7,000 vision care services within the first six months of the program's expansion. Additionally, tracking patient satisfaction will provide insight into the quality and effectiveness of the services. Progress will also be assessed through outreach efforts, such as the number of schools and community organizations engaged in the program.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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