



## Requester Information

**Legislator Name:** Owens, Doug

**Created Date:** January 30th 2025

**Submitted Date:** January 30th 2025

## Section 1: Requester Details

### Description:

This request seeks \$250,000 in ongoing funding to continue the highly successful Utah Archaeology Grant Program administered by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO awards grants to landowners and local governments for projects that foster the preservation, protection, and interpretation of historic and archaeological sites on private lands. All state funding requires a 50-50 match (cash or in-kind) by the landowner. Funding is pursuant to UCA9-8A-205. This program was previously funded by the Legislature in 2024 in the amount of \$500,000 (one-time funding).

### Legislative designee contact information:

**Name:** Kat Potter

**Organization:** Department of Cultural and Community Engagement

**Position:** Deputy Director

## Section 2: Funding Information

### How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	Ongoing
<b>Personnel Services</b>	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
<b>In-State Travel</b>	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
<b>Out-of-State Travel</b>	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00



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Category	One-time	Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
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:	\$225,000.00

## Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00

## Funding Sources:

### General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$250,000.00

## Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00

## 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?**

Reduced funding would still allow some but not all projects to proceed. Reduced funding would simply reduce the number of grants that could be awarded in a given year, thereby deferring certain projects to future grant cycles.

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## Section 3: Agency Information

**Subjects:**

Land and Environment

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**Agency:**

710 / Cultural and Community Engagement

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

State Government

**Grant recipient**

No

**Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient**

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## Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement



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

Beneficiaries include (1) private landowners by providing them assistance to protect and preserve for future generations the historic and archaeological sites found on their private lands, (2) Utah municipalities that seek assistance with site documentation and interpretation related to public trails and parks, and (3) the Utah public by enhancing our understanding of past people and events of importance to Utah's history. Also note that many of the 2024 projects under the grant program involved anthropology students from the University of Utah and Southern Utah University, giving them critical field experience necessary for archaeology careers in the private sector.

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

This grant program is intended to provide matching funds to landowners and local governments who seek to protect archaeological and historic sites. This includes detailed documentations of the historic resources whereby the information is preserved for future generations, assistance with protective fencing to deter trespassing and looting, and interpretive signage in those instances where the landowner and local governments allow public visitation.

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

Metrics for determining success can include (1) the number of acres of private and local government land that were surveyed, (2) the number of historic and archaeological sites documented and added to state's historical archives, (3) the number of nominations of historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places (if that designation is sought by the landowner), and (4) the amount of requests for assistance as a ratio to available funds. Another measure would be the number of volunteers/volunteer hours contributed to projects initiated under the grant program, as well as in-kind matching donations.

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

**Intent Language Documents**

**Previous Funding Documents**

**Full Time Employees**



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