



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Harrington Center for the Arts (HCA) is revitalizing one of Utah’s historic treasures—the Harrington School, built in 1903—into Northern Utah County’s premier arts facility. The 68,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art venue will serve as a hub for arts and culture, filling a critical need for performance spaces in the region. HCA has received preliminary site plan approval, contingent on finalizing a Real Estate Purchase Contract (REPC) with American Fork City for two small parcels already committed and declared surplus by the City. With \$840,000 in support from the State of Utah, this project will move towards construction, bringing this vision closer to reality.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Spencer Stevens

Organization: Harrington Center for the Arts

Position: Vice President

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	
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	



Land Acquisition for Harrington Arts Campus

Economic and Community Development

Category	One-time	Ongoing	
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:	\$840,000.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$840,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$840,000.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$840,000.00	\$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?

If the Legislature provides partial funding for this request, project timelines may be extended to allow for additional public and private fundraising. Scaling would depend on securing alternative contributions to achieve critical milestones, ensuring that the facility's construction and operational goals are ultimately realized.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Economy

Agency:

710 / Cultural and Community Engagement

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 benefits Northern Utah County residents by providing access to a premier arts facility, supporting local arts organizations, and fostering a stronger sense of community. Local businesses will see increased economic activity from visitors, while the venue's central location ensures accessibility for 44% of Utah's population. Additionally, revitalizing the historic Harrington School preserves a cultural landmark, creating a lasting legacy for future generations.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The project will address a pressing need for flexible, professional-grade arts spaces in Northern Utah County, where local organizations lack access to quality venues outside of school auditoriums. The center will accommodate one-time events and full performance seasons, supporting local talent while attracting audiences from neighboring communities. By offering cutting-edge facilities in a central, easily accessible location, this project will eliminate a key barrier to the growth and accessibility of the arts in this fast-growing region. Ideally situated in downtown American Fork, the Harrington Center will foster a sense of community identity and serve as a cultural anchor for Northern Utah County. Within a 45-minute radius of the center, 44% of Utah’s population resides. Capturing even a conservative 10% of this market will result in an estimated 88,500 annual patrons.

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

Success will be evident through meeting fundraising milestones, adhering to timelines, and completing the project as planned. Key benchmarks include completing construction documents and bidding Q2 2026 and closing on land acquisitions by Q1 2026. The project is expected to be completed within 14 months of breaking ground, delivering on its promise to enrich the arts and culture in Northern Utah County.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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