

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Owens, Doug

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Pursuant to authority vested within the Division, in 65A-10–203 the Division shall work to improve the conditions of wetlands and protect wildlife habitat and may increase capacity to do so with ongoing funding of \$750,000 to support up to two additional full time employees, equipment and supplies for wetland restoration, and invasive species treatments.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Ben Stireman

Organization: Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Position: Deputy Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	•	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025: 2026:	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$750,000.00
In-State Travel	2025: 2026:	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2025: 2026:	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2025: 2026:	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00



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Category	One-time	•	Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2025: 2026:	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2025: 2026:	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025: 2026:	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time) \$0.00 **2026 (One-time)** \$0.00 **2026 (Ongoing)** \$750,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes



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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?

This funding is scalable at increments. At 50%, we would hire one additional employee and provide additional wetland restoration and invasive species treatment.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Land and Environment

Agency:

560 / Natural Resources

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State 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)?

All citizens and visitors of Utah will benefit from the restoration of GSL wetlands. Additionally, water quality, quantity and wildlife habitat can greatly improve through the enhancement of our wetlands.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This ongoing funding request will support two agencies efforts to improve the wetlands along the eastern shoreline of GSL.



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

The project can be measured in acres treated. Additionally, FFSL intends to conduct frequent monitoring to determine efficacy.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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