



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Funding to incentivize and accelerate training and certification of landscaping and irrigation professionals, landscaping contractors, and other landscape workers to implement waterwise landscaping plans, practices, and installations, including increasing the number of such qualified water efficient landscapers working within the state.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Shelby Cooley

Organization: Utah Division of Water Resources

Position: Conservation Manager

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2025:	\$0.00
	2026:	\$10,000.00



Waterwise Landscaper Training and Certification

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2025:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2026:	\$410,000.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$420,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2025 (One-time)	\$0.00
2026 (One-time)	\$420,000.00
2026 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2025	One-time 2026	Ongoing 2026
\$0.00	\$420,000.00	\$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 funding provided is lower than the requested amount, the scope of work will be narrowed and the reach and training number of certified landscapers may be scaled back from the goal. Key is the development and delivery of new training resources.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Education and Research

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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)?

*General public or builders in need of water wise landscaping. *Municipalities, counties, water districts and others working toward water conservation *Landscaping and irrigation professionals, landscaping contractors, and other landscape workers who will gain knowledge and skills that will improve their marketability and deliver on water conservation efforts.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Build on the success of Utah's water conservation efforts in outdoor urban landscaping by increasing the capacity and number of qualified and certified water-efficient landscaping professionals. Increasing the number of qualified landscape professionals and contractors can lead to broader reach and increased water conservation and reductions in water demands in urban landscapes over the long-term.

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

Annual report (2026 & 2027) delivered to the Division of Water Resources the oversight agency, detailing: • Summary of program development and implementation • Number of individuals certified under a program such as Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper (QWEL) and or Utah Certified Landscaper Contractor (UCLC). *1) Goal - certify 600 to 800 landscape and planning professionals through the QWEL and/or UCLC programs by December 31, 2027.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

- FINAL_Waterwise Landscaper Training and Certification-Section 5.1 Intent & 5.4 supplemental info 4.pdf

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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