Central Wasatch Mountain Projects -- Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Program

Transportation and Infrastructure

Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

The bulk of the Central Wasatch Commission's RFA is for a three-year Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle pilot program. The cost of which is $750,000 per year, accounting for 3,500 hours of service with 10 shuttle vans. The rest of the RFA includes funding for the CWC's essential canyon project work including canyon graffiti abatement, the Ski Bus Priority Access program, trailhead bathroom maintenance, and the CWC's community grant program that funds needed infrastructure and education programming.

Legislative designee contact information:

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Organization: Central Wasatch Commission

Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $2,500,000.00	$0.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$2,500,000.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time) $0.00

2027 (One-time) $250,000.00

2027 (Ongoing) $0.00

Transportation Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time) $0.00

2027 (One-time) $2,250,000.00

2027 (Ongoing) $0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	$2,500,000.00	$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?

The Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle program can be provided all year round if the initial three-year pilot program, which proposes summer service only, is successful. We could increase the number of stops the shuttle services, if the pilot program is successful. We could create an after-school program to shuttle school-aged children to Mill Creek Canyon, if the pilot program is successful. There are myriad ways to scale a shuttle program for Mill Creek Canyon.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Infrastructure and Mobility

TOUREC

Agency:

810 / Transportation

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Local 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)?

Any and all visitors to the Central Wasatch Mountains, and the State of Utah itself would benefit from this funding request, as a fast, reliable, and safe transit option shuttling people between an urban area to the Central Wasatch Mountains will maintain and protect access to the mountains for visitors and Utahans alike. The CWC's work stewards both Utah's Wasatch Mountains, and Utah's reputation.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

These projects aim to increase and maintain safe and reliable access to the Central Wasatch Mountains for all Utahans while ensuring that the visitor experience is quality.

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

The Mill Creek Canyon Shuttle ridership will be tracked, so a metrics report can be provided to the Legislature after each year and after the 3-year pilot program ends. The CWC could periodically collect user feedback for continued improvement of the shuttle service. The Ski Bus Priority Access program has consistently reduced ski bus travel time by over 30% since 2020, when the CWC began the program. The CWC can provide the ski bus program report to the Legislature, if desired.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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