Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This funding would support the construction of a rocket engine test facility and the exploration of a Utah launch site. These facilities will drive innovation, advance university research, and create opportunities that prepare students for high-demand STEM careers, while strengthening partnerships with aerospace companies and defense programs.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Logan Herrera

Organization: The Advanced Propulsion Association

Position: Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$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
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $2,500,000.00	$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:

Income Tax Fund

Amount Requested:

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

No

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 rocket testing facility is a higher priority so phase two of the project (the Launch Site Exploration piece) could be cut if necessary.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Economy

00790

Agency:

510 / Utah Board of Higher Education

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

The Advanced Propulsion Association

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

The aerospace and higher education institutions in our state.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The project intends to establish Utah as a hub for research and development by building a $2M rocket engine test facility and exploring a $500K launch site. These sites will accelerate academic, commercial, and military propulsion development. The initiative strengthens Utah's STEM workforce, drives research capabilities in our higher ed institutions, and enhances national security capabilities.

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

Within a year the new facility should be able to attract industry and higher education partners to locate and/or utilize the test facility, spurring economic development.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Please see the attached one-pager for guidance on language.

- Advanced Propulsion Association Utah Funding Request One-Pager[50].pdf

Previous Funding Documents

Not applicable.

Full Time Employees

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