Tracy Aviary's Jordan River Nature Center

Economic and Community Development

Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Tracy Aviary operates the Jordan River Nature Center in addition and in conjunction with the Liberty Park facility. This newer aviary and nature center provides a clean, safe space for West side community members and patrons of the Jordan River Parkway to experience education programs and have opportunities to learn about nature near where they live. Jordan River Parkway users are able to fill water bottles, use bathrooms, and rest. Annual operation costs are nearly $1,000,000

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Tim Brown

Organization: Tracy Aviary

Position: President/CEO

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$60,000.00
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	**$0.00**	**$60,000.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$60,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$0.00**	**$60,000.00**

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?

Funding will be used to support growing operations and community needs. There is an increased demand for services, programs offered, and hours of operation. Funding available will determine the increased services and hours to be provided to the public.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Land and Environment

TOUREC

Agency:

710 / Cultural and Community Engagement

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Forestry Fire and State Land

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

The primary audience for this request are people who live, work and recreate along the Jordan River Parkway and surrounding communities. This includes residents of West Valley City, South Salt Lake, Taylorsville, Millcreek and other communities.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The Jordan River Nature Center provides a safe and educational venue for thousands of people to get outside, connect to nature, learn about flora and fauna and explore the Jordan River. The Nature Center located adjacent to the Men's Homeless Resource Center, Salt Lake County Jail, Utah Cultural Celebration Center, many businesses and residential areas. The expansion of the Nature Center will floo this part of the Jordan River Parkway with programs and positive activities that helps create and maintain a welcoming atmosphere for all.

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

Success will be measured by the increased number of guests that visit the nature center, enhancement of and participation in the number of programs (classes, events, etc.) held, days open to the public, and increased hours open to the public. Additionally, the increased safety and activities in in this section of the Jordan River Parkway will reflect the positive impact of the nature center.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcobi.utah.gov%2F2022%2F7%2Fissues%2F19683&data=05%7C02%7Cefilimoehala%40le.utah.gov%7C3859ff8cf86444f6ada208de05dee2ba%7Caa13953832ab4071953f2070ac88bcfe%7C0%7C0%7C638954652011882914%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiI%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FCN8ja%2FwFcngUMmfX1iIbajQjGaEvC8fhcZBuAu%2BD%2FI%3D&reserved=0

Full Time Employees

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