Hill Aerospace Museum Ongoing Funding

Economic and Community Development

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Koford, Jill

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Continued investment in the Hill Aerospace Museum through State of Utah funding represents a strategic opportunity to strengthen Northern Utah's economy, enhance educational opportunities for its youth, and preserve its rich aerospace heritage. Specifically, State of Utah support will: 1. Empower Future Innovators, Enable the museum to provide free, high-quality STEM education to over 20,000 students annually from Davis, Weber, Box Elder, Morgan, Salt Lake Counties and beyond, fostering a pipeline of skilled workers for Utah's growing aerospace industry; 2. Preserve a National Treasure, Ensure the ongoing restoration and preservation of a National Collection that includes aircraft and artifacts, safeguarding the legacy of Hill Air Force Base and Utah aviation for future generations; 3. Drive Economic Growth, Expand the museum's capacity to attract visitors, generating increased revenue for local businesses and contributing to the overall economic vitality of the region.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Robb Alexander

Organization: Aerospace Heritage Foundation of Utah

Position: Executive 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

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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
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	$175,000.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$0.00**	**$175,000.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time) $0.00

2027 (One-time) $0.00

2027 (Ongoing) $175,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	$0.00	$175,000.00

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?

The $175,000 request for ongoing funding is crucial to the continued operation of the Hill Aerospace Museum. While full funding is desired, partial funding would certainly be accepted and appreciated. Less than full funding would not be ideal. Some programs and positions would need to be pared down to match available funding.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Economy

TOUREC

Agency:

710 / Cultural and Community Engagement

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

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)?

The Hill Aerospace Museum stands as a cornerstone of Northern Utah's cultural and economic landscape. Attracting over 350,000 visitors in 2025 alone, the Hill Aerospace Museum is consistently ranked as Northern Utah's top tourist destination by TripAdvisor. The newly opened 90,000 square foot L.S. Skaggs Gallery significantly enhances the visitor experience, while the Reynolds Aerospace Center for Education empowers nearly 20,000 school-aged children annually through engaging STEM-focused programs. Citizens from all of Utah’s 29 counties of all ages that visit the museum would benefit from continued investment by the Utah Legislature.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Operations and Services

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

The Hill Aerospace Museum has consistently served as a significant engine for economic growth in Northern Utah, drawing visitors from across the nation and around the globe. Continued investment in the museum through continued Legislative support will ensure its continued success as a vibrant cultural landmark, a vital educational resource, and a powerful driver of economic prosperity for the region.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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