



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

In the early 2000s, Kane County initiated RS 2477 litigation against the federal government to defend historic roads and public access across federal lands within the County. As the litigation progressed, the State of Utah recognized that RS 2477 is not a localized issue, but a statewide matter affecting 22 of Utah's 29 counties and implicating the State's sovereign authority over historic rights-of-way. Because the outcome of Kane County's case would establish precedent with statewide consequences, the State intervened as a partner with Kane County in the bellwether trial, working collaboratively through the Utah Attorney General's Office. Continued state funding is necessary to support this ongoing partnership and retain Kane County's experienced outside council, to ensure the State's sovereign interests, public access, and local road authority are effectively defended through Kane County's long-standing litigation effort.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Taylor Glover

Organization: Kane County

Position: Director of Government Affairs

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$1,500,000.00	



Statewide R.S. 2477 Legal Services

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality

Category	One-time	Ongoing	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$1,500,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total



One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$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?

It is projected that \$1,500,000.00 would cover legal costs up to three years. If budget constraints prevent full funding, a reduced allocation of \$500,000.00 would be sufficient to cover expenses for the upcoming year, with additional funding required in the following year. It is difficult for Kane County to continue to seek funding each year. A longer term would be greatly appreciated.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Land and Environment

Agency:

560 / Natural Resources

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Local Government

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Ongoing project with Kane County. Kane County already has an active contract with outside counsel.



Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

This case would benefit the state and the 22 counties who are involved in R.S. 2477 litigation to protect statewide travel networks on public lands. Additionally, this request would benefit the residents of the state of Utah and visitors from around the world who use R.S. 2477 routes to access and utilize public lands.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This appropriation will continue to support court proceedings with the intention of solidifying the state and county rights-of-way for the R.S. 2477 through the "Bellwether" process established by the Federal District Court for the District of Utah. The outcome of the Bellwether proceedings in Kane County will establish the process for adjudicating the remaining 12,300+ R.S. 2477 routes in Utah.

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

In re Jointly Managed R.S. 2477 Road Cases Litigation, Memorandum Decision and Order Concerning Possession and Control of the Roads, Case No. 2:10-cv-01073-CW (and consolidated cases) (D. Utah Aug. 13, 2025) (Waddoups,J).

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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