Utah Geospatial Resource Center Imagery

General Government

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Weiler, Todd

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

The Utah Geospatial Resource Center (UGRC) requests the Geospatial Data Fund annual allocation to be increased by a onetime appropriation of $600,000. The Geospatial Data Fund is used to purchase statewide aerial imagery. Vendor costs are increasing due to increases in cost for fuel, planes, data storage. Increasing usage and popularity of the services comes with additional costs to provide these services as agencies expand their usage of the services through web mapping applications to reach more people and provide critical information. The imagery is for agencies and local governments to conduct essential government services for the citizens of Utah. It is used for municipal boundary certification, addressing for elections, 911 and emergency response, Utah Department of Transportation project planning, Utah Inland Port Authority boundaries, wildlife habitat studies, and more.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Laura Ault

Organization: Utah Geospatial Resource Center

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

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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 $600,000.00	$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	**$600,000.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$600,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	$600,000.00	$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

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Land and Environment

Agency:

100 / Department of Government Operations

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State 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)?

The imagery is used for 911 and emergency response, validating address points for elections and school district boundaries, municipal boundary certification, inventorying and tracking housing construction trends, infrastructure and asset management, natural resource management, RS2477 - historic and current use, water budgeting and distribution, broadband access expansion. UGRC serves out the imagery through a web service. This service has 1,825 users, including state agencies, cities and county offices educational institutions, and other government organizations resulting in 2 million requests made to our servers per month.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

UGRC's imagery program is a tremendous asset to the state of Utah, particularly in rural communities, as it facilitates the cost effective acquisition of high-resolution statewide aerial imagery for diverse applications, at a very low cost. Without it, imagery would likely be limited to urbanized areas or only in cities and counties who are able to afford to collect imagery on their own.

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

There are about 1,825 accounts statewide and usage is increasing each year. The best metric is an increase in usage each year. FY Data Requests Increases: FY21 52.96 TB 658,017,581 requests FY22 66.54 TB 696,253,240 requests FY23 71.65 TB 716,932,365 requests FY24 75.03 TB 774,547,398 requests FY25 82.99 TB 1,041,031,221 requests

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Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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