CenterPoint Theatre Capital Improvements

Economic and Community Development

Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

CenterPoint Theatre welcomes nearly 150,000 patrons per year to elite level community theatre productions and programs, with annual economic impact of more than $8M. CenterPoint also operates CenterPoint Academy, providing training and performance opportunities to more than 1,000 students from more than 700 families. The requested $250,000 will allow CenterPoint to upgrade the current facility to allow for improved sound and accessibility for patrons, in addition to additional rehearsal and performance space for CenterPoint Academy. This investment will solidify and expand CenterPoint's community impact, providing highest quality performances and programs to all members of our communities at accessible financial levels.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Danny Inkley

Organization: CenterPoint Theatre

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
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
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 $250,000.00	$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	**$250,000.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$250,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$250,000.00**	**$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 sound upgrade and build out of space for the Academy at CenterPoint could potentially both be scaled over several years. However, to limit the impact to our ongoing operations (we currently hold more than 400 performances per year) we prefer to execute the full plan, rather than to spread over different phases.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Arts

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)?

80% of CenterPoint's patrons and Academy students are from Davis County, and this is the audience we expect to benefit most. The other 20% impact is in Salt Lake County (10%) and other surrounding counties (10%). All CenterPoint patrons will be impacted by these improvements. Academy students and elderly patrons with hearing impairment will be impacted the most.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This funding will generate increased enrollment in CenterPoint Academy and improved experience and accessibility for all patrons, especially those with hearing needs. The funds will be used for build out of existing areas to provide additional class, rehearsal, and improved performance space for CenterPoint Academy. Already the largest youth musical theatre training program in Utah with over 1,100 students, the Academy currently has a wait list of more than 300. The upgrade of these spaces into rehearsal and performance space will allow for up to 20% growth in Academy enrollment overall. In addition, the sound upgrade for our Main Stage will increase patron experience and make performances more accessible for our patrons with hearing assistance needs.

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

The metrics to measure the impact are quite simple. 1) Did Academy enrollment increase by at least 20%? 2) Were the new sound system and assistance technologies used by an increased number of patrons?

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Centerpoint receives annual grants applied for through the Department of Cultural and Community Engagement, Utah Division of Arts & Museums https://cobi.utah.gov/2026/587/background

Full Time Employees

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