Requester Information

Legislator Name: Okerlund, Clinton

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This funding will be used to launch a study to evaluate the benefits, costs, and logistical steps of developing an On-Bill Repayment (OBR) program for their customers. The study will inform the development of voluntary programs that improve home efficiency and housing affordability in alignment with the Utah Housing Strategic Plan. The results of the study will be submitted to the Governors Office and other relevant agencies and commissions to inform potential future programs to support housing affordability. The study will evaluate how a voluntary OBR energy efficiency financing program could provide residential and small business customers with greater access to upfront capital for energy-efficiency and energy-storage upgrades, repaid on monthly utility bills, and would identify strategies required for program implementation, an implementation timeline, estimated costs, and necessary protections for consumers to ensure the program is accessible, affordable, transparent, and beneficial. The study would also evaluate options for private sector financing and implementation.

Legislative designee contact information:

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Organization: Governor's Office of Housing Strategy and Innovation

Position: Senior Advisor for Housing Strategy

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $10,000.00	$0.00
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 $50,000.00	$0.00

Expenditure Total

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

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

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

Revenue Total

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

Is this a multi-year project?

No

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

No

A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled?

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Economy

01533

Agency:

063 / Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity

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)?

Residential and small business customers of Utahs large-scale electric and gas utilities.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This study will identify pathways to reduce energy use and lower utility costs for Utah residents and small businesses by expanding access to energy-efficiency upgrades. Many customers are unable to make these improvements due to a lack of upfront capital. On-Bill Repayment (OBR) can be a highly effective solution that allows utilities to offer energy-efficiency improvements in homes and small businesses as a way to reduce utility costs and improve affordability. Under an OBR model, a customer can work with a participating utility or third party capital provider to cover the upfront cost of eligible energy-efficiency upgrades and pay down those costs through a fixed, site-specific charge on the customers monthly utility bill. The resulting energy savings are intended to offset the repayment charge, lowering overall energy costs for customers, and once the investment is fully repaid, customers—and any future occupants at the same meter—retain the full benefits of those savings.

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

Successful completion of the study will be the first indicator of success.The second indicator is the studys timely submission to the Governors Office and other state agencies and commissions, including the Commission on Housing Affordability and the Public Service Commission. A third indicator of success is formal consideration by the Commissions and other agencies with a recommendation or authorization for new private-sector financing programs that support Utahs housing affordable housing goals.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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