# Local Community and Non-profit Empowerment

Economic and Community Development

## Requester Information

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## Section 1: Requester Details

**Description:**

Hope of Utah is dedicated to empowering local community leaders and nonprofi ts that embrace American principles. It seeks to unite communities, enhance education, and promote entrepreneurship within Utah. Hope of Utah is aligned with the Woodson Center's Community Affi liation Network model and supports other nonprofi ts by providing them with essential resources. We assist in helping organizations fi le for their non-profi t, website design, social media, and newsletter distribution, fi ling necessary governmental paperwork, fundraising and grant writing. By providing these resources to individuals and non-profi ts they will be able to focus more intently on their mission and doing what they do best. We provide a collaborative network and small grants to establish and grow their missions. This support aims to build a stronger foundation for fl edgling organizations to serve their communities more eff ectively.

**Legislative designee contact information:**

**Name:** Ron Williams

**Organization:** Hope of Utah

**Position:** Founder

## Section 2: Funding Information

**How will the appropriation be used?**

| Category | One-time | | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Personnel Services** | 2026:<br>2027: | $0.00<br>$0.00 | $48,000.00 |

| Category | One-time | | Ongoing |
|---|---|---|---|
| **In-State Travel** | 2026:<br>2027: | $0.00<br>$0.00 | $2,000.00 |
| **Out-of-State Travel** | 2026:<br>2027: | $0.00<br>$0.00 | $2,000.00 |
| **Supplies and Equipment** | 2026:<br>2027: | $0.00<br>$0.00 | $0.00 |
| **Technology Purchases** | 2026:<br>2027: | $0.00<br>$0.00 | $5,000.00 |
| **Infrastructure/Capital Investments** | 2026:<br>2027: | $0.00<br>$0.00 | $10,000.00 |
| **Other Charges/Pass Thru** | 2026:<br>2027: | $0.00<br>$0.00 | $120,000.00 |

## Expenditure Total

| One-time 2026 | One-time 2027 | Ongoing 2027 |
|---|---|---|
| **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$187,000.00** |

## Funding Sources:

### General Fund

**Amount Requested:**

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|---|---|
| **2026 (One-time)** | $0.00 |
| **2027 (One-time)** | $0.00 |
| **2027 (Ongoing)** | $187,000.00 |

## Revenue Total

| One-time 2026 | One-time 2027 | Ongoing 2027 |
|---|---|---|
| **$0.00** | **$0.00** | **$187,000.00** |

**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?**

If the Legislature cannot provide the full requested amount, Hope Of Utah will still use what funds are given to help support the non-profi ts with their administrative needs and help provide them with other resources, but the grant part, that would provide funding to help start and grow their non-profi t would be put on hold. Hope Of Utah would also continue to reach out for donations and funding through other sources. This could also be changed to one-time money, if needed.

## Section 3: Agency Information

**Subjects:**

Health and Wellbeing

01938

**Agency:**

600 / Workforce Services

**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 program aims to provide fl edgling nonprofi ts with essential tools to establish and grow, thereby creating a ripple eff ect of positive impact in their communities. With strong foundational support, these organizations can better meet local needs, benefi ting Utah communities at large.

**What is this project or program intended to accomplish?**

This funding would enable Hope of Utah to: ? Support the growth and development of other nonprofits. ? Help these nonprofits create a strong foundation and expand their capacity to serve.

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

To gauge success, the Legislature can look at: 1. Number of nonprofi ts started or strengthened with Hope of Utah's support. 2. Growth in community impact, as refl ected in the activities and outreach of supported nonprofits. 3. Testimonials and case studies from nonprofi ts that have benefi tted from Hope of Utah's support. This framework will allow the Legislature to see the direct influence of the funding on community-level improvements.

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# Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

**Intent Language Documents**

Hope of Utah shall report total expenditures on administrative, personnel, infrastructure, capital projects, supplies, the number of nonprofi ts started, supported, or strengthened with Hope of Utah's support. Number of Utah residents served by affi liate non profi t organizations, and Testimonials and case studies from nonprofi ts that have benefi tted from Hope of Utah's support. This framework will allow the Legislature to see the direct infl uence of the funding on community-level improvements.

**Previous Funding Documents**

During the prior fi scal year, Hope of Utah received a one-time state appropriation of $150,000. These funds were used to directly support nonprofi t capacity-building and ecosystem growth across Utah. With this funding, Hope of Utah successfully

launched 8 new nonprofit organizations, covering their initial registration and fi ling fees and providing hands-on assistance through the nonprofi t formation process. Each organization also received foundational support, including website development, social media setup, introductory videos, brochures, networking assistance, and a small seed donation to help them establish operations. In addition to these new launches, Hope of Utah provided ongoing support to a total of 16 nonprofit organizations through marketing services, event support, and strategic guidance, website development, and fi ling required state and federal government tax documentation. This also included producing videos, managing or advising on social media and outreach materials, contributing modest fi nancial support for events, and leveraging Hope of Utah's professional networks and resources to strengthen organizational sustainability. The appropriation allowed Hope of Utah to signifi cantly expand nonprofit readiness, visibility, and long-term viability, maximizing the impact of state dollars by strengthening multiple organizations rather than a single program.

**Full Time Employees**

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