Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

The center has established itself amongst nationally ranked centers within the cannabis research field and has joined research networks that support continued focus on national leadership. This appropriation request is to support the hiring of an established national leader in cannabis research to direct the CMCR and to establish the clinical research infrastructure to lead the nation in medical research within the anticipated changes in the legal paradigm.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Gerald Cochran, PhD, MSW

Organization: Center for Medical Cannabis Research

Position: Interim Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $1,000,000.00	$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

Category	One-time		Ongoing
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 $4,000,000.00	$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	**$5,000,000.00**	**$0.00**

Funding Sources:

Income Tax Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$5,000,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$5,000,000.00**	**$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:

Education and Research

Agency:

512 / University of Utah

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State Government

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

University of Utah Center for Medical Cannabis Research

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

The Center was developed to support the advancement of cannabis research within the state bringing forth deeper understanding of the impact of cannabis on our local community. Implementing this appropriation would benefit the legislative goal of advancing research, medical providers working with cannabis patients, and the public at large.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Tomaximize the impact of the initial legislative investment in the center, it is critical that we have leadership that is recognized and respected within the cannabis research field. The requested funds would help the Center to hire a leader that can establish collaborative projects and grants with other national centers and establish the staffing and infrastructure of a world-class research lab.

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

These costs will be distributed over 4 years to ensure that our director has the ability to focus on the CMCR development. Success will be measured by hiring a nationally recognized researcher that ensures maintenance of the successful progress and current timelines set in place for the center.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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