



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Low income Children who are under insured with visual impairment is the intended audience.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Jamie Justice

Organization: Friends for Sight

Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



Category	One-time		Ongoing
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$125,000.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

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

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

Yes

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?

Yes. The project is designed to scale responsibly and sustainably. This appropriation allows to Friends fore Sight to more efficiently bring eye care to students statewide. It supports infrastructure and modest staffing growth, while the organization leverages diversified funding streams, including grants and partnerships, to sustain and expand services over time. By prioritizing strategic, manageable growth, Friends for Sight can reach more children statewide while maintaining long-term operational and financial stability.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

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Agency:

250 / Department of Health and Human Services

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

Private Not for Profit

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Friends for Sight

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

The primary beneficiaries are low-income and under-insured children across Utah who lack access or who cannot affordable eye care. These include students in Title I schools, rural communities, and underserved urban areas where vision issues often go untreated. Families benefit by receiving exams and glasses at no cost, while schools experience improved academic engagement as students gain the ability to see clearly.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This project expands vision care for children across Utah by increasing the reach of mobile SightFest clinics and the SightPass voucher program. Through pop-up clinics providing eye exams and on-site glasses dispensing, it removes financial and logistical barriers that keep children from receiving timely eye care. Funding will support a mobile clinic vehicle, equipment, and staffing needed to reach more communities statewide, allowing Friends for Sight to serve hundreds more children each year and improve academic outcomes through early intervention. SightPass provides redeemable vouchers coordinated with schools and local optometrists for students who cannot attend mobile events. Participating providers offer exams at no cost to families, and glasses are supplied through Friends for Sight's partnership with OneSight EssilorLuxottica. SightPass ensures children receive full follow-up care close to home and helps families build ongoing relationships with local eye care providers.

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

Within the first year, Friends for Sight aims to serve at least 1,500 low-income and under-insured children statewide through combined SightFest events and SightPass vouchers. By 2030, we aim to serve 8,000 students annually. Key metrics include total exams provided, prescription glasses dispensed, and geographic distribution of services. Additional benchmarks will track the number of participating schools, rural outreach days, and utilization of SightPass vouchers. Annual reports to the Legislature will demonstrate outcomes, cost-effectiveness, and improvements in academic readiness

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Personnel Services · Event coordination and volunteer management needed for up to 10 SightFest events. · Event-day staffing (4–5 additional staff per event) for pre exam, patient flow, and safety. · Glasses dispensing staff (5 hours per event). · Administrative processing, data entry, and ordering support for 700+ children. · SightPass glasses ordering and coordination These staff ensure safe, efficient events and accurate clinical documentation. In-State Travel · Covers mileage and travel costs for mobile clinics across Utah, including rural and remote regions. This allows Friends for Sight to reach Title I schools and underserved communities that lack local eye care. 3. Supplies &



Equipment Includes the remaining essential clinical equipment for operating a pop up mobile vision clinic, such as: · Auto lens meter · Autorefractors · Stereopsis tests · Adjustable patient chairs · Mobile clinic and suv (van) wraps · Equipment cases, trolley, straps · Clinical consumables (exam forms, probes, wipes, tissues, drops, sanitizer, etc.) These items are required to provide accurate, high-volume screenings and exams in school and community settings

4. Infrastructure / Capital Investments This category covers the purchase and operation of a mobile clinic cargo van, and 2 regionally based SUVs central to delivering services statewide. Funding includes: · Cargo van purchase (primary capital investment) · SUV purchase · Vehicle insurance · Maintenance and repairs · Storage The van and SUVs provides a reliable, dedicated vehicle capable of transporting equipment, supplies, and modular clinic tools to locations across the state.

5. Other Charges / Pass-Thru Includes shipping charges, printing, volunteer supplies, medical consumables, and room/board for long-distance events. These support event logistics and ensure safe, compliant clinical environments.

Previous Funding Documents

NA

Full Time Employees

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