



## Requester Information

**Legislator Name:** Buss, Emily

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## Section 1: Requester Details

### Description:

The Wellness Farm Foundation’s Grief & Trauma Farm Support Program offers a distinctive, whole-health approach to healing through evidence-based, experiential modalities on a 2.5-acre therapeutic farm in Bluffdale, Utah. These programs integrate animal- and nature-assisted support, art and music-based practices, and other restorative experiences designed to support nervous system regulation and integration of grief, loss, and traumatic experiences. Guided by Arizona State University Professor Dr. Joanne Cacciatore’s Regenerative Social Health Model, The Wellness Farm is the third therapeutic care farm in the world to implement this groundbreaking research-based framework. The program addresses the profound and often long-lasting effects of grief and trauma on individuals and families, providing accessible, compassionate pathways toward healing, resilience, and restored well-being.

### Legislative designee contact information:

**Name:** Camille Hawkins

**Organization:** The Wellness Farm Foundation

**Position:** Agency Director

## Section 2: Funding Information

### How will the appropriation be used?

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



# Grief & Trauma Farm Support Program

Social Services

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

## Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00

## Funding Sources:

### General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$20,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$15,000.00

## Revenue Total



One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00

**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?**

The Wellness Farm is a younger organization and is actively looking for funding opportunities to support low-income individuals and families through grants, fundraising events, and community partnerships.

### Section 3: Agency Information

**Subjects:**

Health and Wellbeing

**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**

The Wellness Farm Foundation

### Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement



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

The program is available to support all ages of individuals living in Utah who experience loss and trauma. Funding for this request would specifically reach those in our community who are low-income, financially disadvantaged, experiencing financial hardship, and/or have barriers to accessing treatment for grief and trauma.

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

The program's goals are to improve community mental well-being, reduce frequent mental distress episodes, including anxiety and depression, and decrease alcohol and opioid misuse.

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

Success will be evaluated through participant feedback surveys, attendance tracking, and follow-up phone calls measuring emotional well-being, self-reported stress levels, and coping patterns. We will document both quantitative outcomes such as program participation, retention rates, scholarship distribution, and qualitative outcomes such as personal reflection and narratives of healing.

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## **Section 5: Other Supporting Documents**

**Intent Language Documents**

**Previous Funding Documents**

**Full Time Employees**

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