Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This request is to fund replacement of Utah's out-of-date and failing compliance system for campaign finance and lobbying reporting with a modern off-the-shelf software platform. Current 15-year-old system 1) crashes frequently at filing deadlines, requiring excessive staff support; 2) is built on legacy technology not compatible with current software applications; and 3) inhibits public access to vital public information. This request would fund implementation of a modern campaign and lobbying reporting system that has already been selected through an RFP process. This request would also fund expansion of the system to include judicial disclosure, as well as serve city and county jurisdictions in Utah.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Ryan Cowley

Organization: Lt. Governor's Office

Position: Elections Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
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 $2,900,000.00	$500,000.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$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	**$2,900,000.00**	**$500,000.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$2,900,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$500,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$2,900,000.00**	**$500,000.00**

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?

Yes, it would be possible to complete the state elected officials and lobbyists disclosure modules in year one and then the city and county elected officials module in year two.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Government Administration

Agency:

060 / Governor's Office

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)?

1) The public will benefit from increased transparency from an enhanced campaign finance and lobbyist disclosure system. 2) Elected representatives and candidates for office would benefit from a modern technology platform to better enable compliance with campaign finance reporting requirements; 3) governmental relations professionals would benefit from a modern technology

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

By updating the existing failing legacy technology platform with modern, off-the-shelf software, the project is intended to 1) ease and better ensure compliance for officeholders and governmental relations professionals to meet filing obligations and 2) provide the public with access to more transparent information about Utah government.

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

The Legislature should expect to see significant reductions in system outages and reductions in time spent by state staff on technical support for the system. The Legislature should also expect to see an improved user experience for filers and for members of the public accessing records of campaign and lobbyist filings.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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