



5th Grade American Values and Patriotism Conference Expansion

Economic and Community Development

Requester Information

Legislator Name: Welton, Doug

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This funding will provide the means for 5th graders from over 100 schools to gather for three nights to celebrate and learn about America's core values while engaging with their community. This grant will expand this program, which currently exists primarily in Utah County, to Weber, Logan, Salt Lake, and Saint George.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Sherry Peterson

Organization: Hope of America

Position: Vice Chairman

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$200,000.00	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$45,000.00	\$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$85,000.00	\$0.00



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Category	One-time	Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$900.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$3,000.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$20,000.00	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$353,900.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$353,900.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$353,900.00	\$0.00

Is this a multi-year project?

No



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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 funds cannot be provided in full, then the program could be scaled to a smaller rollout of fewer cities and areas around Utah costing only \$100,000.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Education and Research

TOUREC

Agency:

710 / Cultural and Community Engagement

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)?

5th graders in Weber/Logan, Salt Lake, and St George would be benefitted by this bill as they receive the opportunity to unite and learn.



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What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This program allows 5th graders to spend time together and with their community while learning and engaging with American core values and patriotism. They also learn history and a sense of pride and respect for their country. The organization strives to create a lasting impact by instilling values of gratitude, service, and community involvement in our next generation.

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

The legislature will know whether the program is successful by examining the reactions of students, parents, and families alongside data on attendance and what is taught and learned while there.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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