



## Requester Information

**Legislator Name:** Weiler, Todd

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**Submitted Date:** January 29th 2026

## Section 1: Requester Details

### Description:

This request provides ongoing funding to strengthen statewide policy leadership, research, and civic engagement capacity addressing complex public challenges such as homelessness, public safety, and system accountability. Funding supports professional staff who coordinate volunteers, conduct policy analysis, engage with legislators and stakeholders, and communicate data-driven solutions to the public. The investment enables consistent, accountable participation in Utah's policymaking process. The intended beneficiaries are Utah policymakers, local governments, and communities impacted by high-cost public systems and Utah's most vulnerable.

### Legislative designee contact information:

**Name:** Lynn Ames

**Organization:** Solutions Utah

**Position:** Chair

## Section 2: Funding Information

### How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$180,000.00
In-State Travel	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$0.00



# Policy Leadership Capacity Support

## Economic and Community Development

Category	One-time	Ongoing
<b>Supplies and Equipment</b>	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Technology Purchases</b>	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$10,000.00
<b>Infrastructure/Capital Investments</b>	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Other Charges/Pass Thru</b>	2026: \$0.00 2027: \$0.00	\$0.00

## Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00

## Funding Sources:

### Opioid Settlement Funds

#### Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$200,000.00

## Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00

## 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?**

If funding is reduced, the scope of staffing and policy engagement would be scaled accordingly. A partial reduction could severely impact our ability to establish and retain leadership expertise at the executive director level, as well as delay hiring or reduce intern support, limiting the organization's ability to conduct timely research and sustain consistent legislative engagement. More significant reductions would constrain statewide outreach and coalition-building efforts, narrowing the range of issues addressed. Core volunteer coordination would continue but with reduced capacity and responsiveness.

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## Section 3: Agency Information

**Subjects:**

Labor and Employment

02205

**Agency:**

600 / Workforce Services

**Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:**

Private Not for Profit

**Grant recipient**

Yes

**Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient**

Solutions Utah

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## Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

Individuals experiencing homelessness, communities affected by homelessness, business owners, homeless service providers, law enforcement, policymakers at the state and local levels, and taxpayers.

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

This funding is intended to ensure sustained, professional policy leadership capacity focused on Utah's most complex and high-cost public challenges. It supports research, coalition-building, and legislative engagement that informs data-driven policymaking and system accountability. By strengthening organizational capacity, the state benefits from clearer policy analysis, improved public understanding, and more effective coordination across sectors.

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

In the short term, success can be measured by the volume and quality of policy research, legislative engagement, and public forums conducted annually. The Legislature may also track participation by policymakers and stakeholders in meetings, briefings, and town halls. Over time, success may be reflected in the passage and enactment of critical legislation and policy reforms, coalition building around community issues, improved system accountability measures, and reduced inefficiencies in high-cost public systems influenced by this work.

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

### **Intent Language Documents**

### **Previous Funding Documents**

### **Full Time Employees**

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