Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This request is for two biologist positions (1 biologist III and 1 biologist I) to assist with habitat restoration and waterfowl management on the Bear River Refuge. These positions will reside with the Division of Wildlife Resources. This effort will strengthen partnerships and efforts to improve waterfowl habitat on the Great Salt Lake. DWR will match the $150,000 with existing federal funds to fully fund the positions and associated expenses.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Justin Shannon

Organization: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Position: Deputy Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$130,000.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$20,000.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
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	**$0.00**	**$150,000.00**

Funding Sources:

Wildlife Resources Restricted Account

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (One-time)	$0.00
2027 (Ongoing)	$150,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
$0.00	**$0.00**	**$150,000.00**

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?

Two positions are ideal, but if only one was funded, habitat on the Bear River Bird Refuge and the Great Salt Lake would still be enhanced.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Land and Environment

TOUREC

Agency:

560 / Natural Resources

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)?

The general public, hunters, and outdoor enthusiasts will benefit from request.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

This project is intended to improve habitat on wetlands on the Great Salt Lake.

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

This project will be successful if habitat is improved and bird populations increase on the Great Salt Lake.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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