



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

The federal government controls nearly two-thirds of the state of Utah. These public lands are paramount to the Utah way of life and economic success of rural Utah. This funding would enable the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office to continue vital efforts in protecting access, manage litigation, enhancing state sovereignty, and promote the state’s public lands priorities.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Senator Stratton

Organization: Utah Senate

Position: Senator

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$500,000.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$100,000.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$200,000.00	
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



Stewardship and Advancement of Public Lands

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality

Category	One-time	Ongoing	
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:	\$1,200,000.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$2,000,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00

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?

We have three years left of a Republican administration in the White House. This funding will have the greatest impact if implemented immediately. More has been accomplished to promote the state's priorities in the past year than during the previous four years, combined. Time is of the essence to move the State's priorities forward.

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

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

State agency

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

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

All Utahns would benefit from this request. The state's outdoor recreation economy provides nearly 13 billion dollars to the state's economy with nearly half of that occurring in rural areas closely associated with public lands. Furthermore, activities like big game hunting, oil and gas exploration, and livestock production contribute significantly to the state's economy and promote resilient communities.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The funding will be utilized to promote the state’s priorities through actively engaging in policy, planning, and litigation related to travel management, forest management, public land access, national monuments, endangered species management, and other imminent public land and natural resource issues. Funding may also be used to educate and engage with the public.

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

1. Reduce the size of the Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears National Monument in coordination with the current Presidential Administration.
2. Restore access to at least half of the 2,174 miles of roads closed by the previous Presidential Administration by January 20, 2029.
3. Repeal, rescind, or replace at least 3 of the unfavorable federal policies that don't align with Utah public land priorities through coordination with the current Presidential Administration by January 20, 2029.
4. Successfully design and implement at least one 13-week public education campaign surrounding active public land management and promoting the state's public land priorities.
5. Pursue judicial remedies for state control and care of public lands.
6. Fund at least one third-party consultant to help analyze and provide support for Utah public land priorities.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

The Legislature intends that \$2,000,000 of the one-time General Fund appropriation to the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office be used to address imminent policy opportunities, planning, litigation, research, and education needs to promote multiple-use and sustained yield on federally managed lands.

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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