Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

Funding for advanced detection technology, which will help facilitate rapid responses by fire management agencies, yet also increase demand for fire crews. This funding would employ 10 additional full-time fuels crew members. Additional fuels crews would provide suppression capabilities and when not responding to fires and work to remove hazardous fuels from the landscape, resulting in fewer catastrophic wildfires and reduced threats to communities and personal property.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Jamie Barnes

Organization: Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

Position: Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$1,000,000.00
In-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Out-of-State Travel	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00

Category	One-time		Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$0.00
Technology Purchases	2026: 2027:	$0.00 $0.00	$1,500,000.00
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	**$0.00**	**$2,500,000.00**

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

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

Revenue Total

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

Is this a multi-year project?

No

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?

Less fire detection cameras would be implemented in the project.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

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Land and Environment

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)?

Statewide citizen protection.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Decrease risk of wildfires and decrease response time to incidents. Increase mitigation efforts.

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

There will be improved responses to wildfire and quicker suppression efforts. Wildfire suppression costs could be measured to determine effectiveness of this investment

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Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

This funding will put fire detection technology in our state along with more boots on the ground. This will help facilitate rapid responses and provide suppression capabilities. Additionally, it will provide resources to remove hazardous fuels from the landscape, resulting in fewer catastrophic wildfires and reduced threats to communities and personal property. Personnel funding will be used to employ 10 new full-time firefighters. Technology funding will be used to fund AI fire detection camera systems.

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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