



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

This funding is geared towards addressing homeless prevention services. Utah Community Action to continue operating its statewide Landlord–Tenant Mediation Program. The program has two primary objectives: (1) providing direct mediation services to tenants facing eviction, including mediation support during eviction court proceedings; and (2) offering tenant education resources to both tenants and landlords to better understand their rights and responsibilities. Over the past three years, UCA has operated this statewide program and mediated more than 2,300 cases, with 80% of participating tenants avoiding an eviction on their record.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Sahil Oberoi

Organization: Utah Community Action

Position: Chief Operating Officer

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$700,000.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$25,000.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



Statewide Mediation Program

Criminal Justice

Category	One-time	Ongoing
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$25,000.00
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00

Funding Sources:

General Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$750,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$0.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00

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?

The level of funding secured will directly determine how we are able to scale the program. Our goal is to maintain the program statewide and strengthen outreach efforts with tenants, property management companies, landlords, and nonprofit partners to reach more renters across Utah. This homelessness prevention approach is focused on keeping tenants safely housed and helping them avoid an eviction on their record.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

Health and Wellbeing

02205

Agency:

064 / Governor's Office - Criminal Justice

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)?

This funding will support individuals facing eviction with incomes below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI), with priority given to households with extremely low incomes. Utah Community Action will also collaborate with partner agencies statewide to deliver tenant education resources to tenants and landlords.



What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

The purpose of this project is to prevent homelessness by supporting landlords and tenants in reaching solutions that work for both parties, with the goal of avoiding eviction and keeping tenants housed. The program also improves court efficiency by partnering with courts across the state to implement a consolidated eviction calendar, modeled after UCA’s work in Mathison Court. This approach is already being piloted in additional courts statewide. Our intention is to also work on marketing this program more actively statewide.

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

Program success will be measured by the number of tenants who access mediation services and the outcomes achieved. Based on performance metrics developed over the past three years, Utah Community Action anticipates providing mediation services to more than 1,150 households, with 80% avoiding an eviction on their record. In addition, the program will deliver tenant education services to over 3,500 households, increasing understanding of lease terms and tenant responsibilities.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

Previous Funding Documents

Full Time Employees

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