

OFFICE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION AMENDMENTS

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Patrice M. Arent

Senate Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions related to the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program;
- ▶ describes the requirements and purposes of the program;
- ▶ grants rulemaking authority to the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2017:

- ▶ to the Governor's Office of Economic Development -- Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation -- Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program as a one-time appropriation:

- from the General Fund, One-time, \$5,000,000

Other Special Clauses:

None



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **63N-9-102**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283

31 **63N-9-104**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283

32 **63N-9-105**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283

33 **63N-9-106**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 283

34 ENACTS:

35 **63N-9-201**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36 **63N-9-202**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

37 **63N-9-203**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



39 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

40 Section 1. Section **63N-9-102** is amended to read:

41 **63N-9-102. Definitions.**

42 As used in this chapter:

43 (1) "Accessible to the general public," in relation to the awarding of an infrastructure
44 grant, means:

45 (a) the public may use the infrastructure in accordance with federal and state
46 regulations; and

47 (b) no community or group retains exclusive rights to access the infrastructure.

48 ~~[(1)]~~ (2) "Director" means the director of the outdoor recreation office.

49 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) "Executive director" means the executive director of GOED.

50 (4) "Infrastructure grant" means an outdoor recreational infrastructure grant described
51 in Section **63N-9-202**.

52 ~~[(3)]~~ (5) "Outdoor recreation office" means the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation
53 created in Section **63N-9-104**.

54 (6) (a) "Recreational infrastructure project" means an undertaking to build or improve
55 the approved facilities, services, and installations needed for the public to access and enjoy the
56 state's outdoors.

57 (b) "Recreational infrastructure project" may include the:

58 (i) establishment, construction, or renovation of a trail, trail infrastructure, or trail

59 facilities;

60 (ii) construction of a project for water-related outdoor recreational activities;

61 (iii) development of a project for wildlife watching opportunities, including bird

62 watching;

63 (iv) development of a project that provides winter recreation amenities;

64 (v) construction or improvement of a community park that has amenities for outdoor

65 recreation;

66 (vi) construction or improvement of a naturalistic and accessible playground; and

67 (vii) development, establishment, or expansion of a program for youth related to

68 outdoor recreation.

69 (7) "Underserved or underprivileged community" means a group of people, including a
 70 municipality, county, or American Indian tribe that:

71 (a) has limited access or has demonstrated a low level of use of recreational
 72 infrastructure; and

73 (b) is economically disadvantaged.

74 Section 2. Section **63N-9-104** is amended to read:

75 **63N-9-104. Creation of outdoor recreation office and appointment of director --**
 76 **Responsibilities of outdoor recreation office.**

77 (1) There is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development the Utah
 78 Office of Outdoor Recreation.

79 (2) (a) The executive director shall appoint a director of the outdoor recreation office.

80 (b) The director shall report to the executive director and may appoint staff.

81 (3) The ~~[purposes of the office are to]~~ outdoor recreation office shall:

82 (a) coordinate outdoor recreation policy, management, and promotion:

83 (i) among state and federal agencies and local government entities in the state; and

84 (ii) with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in Section [63J-4-602](#), if
 85 public land is involved;

86 (b) promote economic development in the state by:

87 (i) coordinating with outdoor recreation stakeholders;

88 (ii) improving recreational opportunities; and

89 (iii) recruiting outdoor recreation business;

90 (c) recommend to the governor and Legislature policies and initiatives to enhance
91 recreational amenities and experiences in the state and help implement those policies and
92 initiatives;

93 (d) develop data regarding the impacts of outdoor recreation in the state; and

94 (e) promote the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation, especially to young
95 people.

96 (4) By following the procedures and requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal
97 Funds Procedures Act, the outdoor recreation office may:

98 (a) seek federal grants or loans;

99 (b) seek to participate in federal programs; and

100 (c) in accordance with applicable federal program guidelines, administer federally
101 funded outdoor recreation programs.

102 (5) For purposes of administering this part, the outdoor recreation office may make
103 rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

104 Section 3. Section **63N-9-105** is amended to read:

105 **63N-9-105. Duties of director.**

106 [(1)] The director shall:

107 [(a) assure] (1) ensure that the [~~purposes~~] responsibilities of the outdoor recreation
108 office outlined in [Subsection 63N-9-104(3)] this chapter are fulfilled; and

109 [(b)] (2) organize and provide administrative oversight to the outdoor recreation office
110 staff.

111 [~~(2) By following the procedures and requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal~~
112 ~~Funds Procedures Act, the outdoor recreation office may:]~~

113 [~~(a) seek federal grants or loans;]~~

114 [~~(b) seek to participate in federal programs; and]~~

115 [~~(c) in accordance with applicable federal program guidelines, administer federally~~
116 ~~funded outdoor recreation programs:]~~

117 [~~(3) For purposes of administering this part, the outdoor recreation office may make~~
118 ~~rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.]~~

119 Section 4. Section **63N-9-106** is amended to read:

120 **63N-9-106. Annual report.**

121 The executive director shall include in the annual written report described in Section
122 63N-1-301[;] a report from the director on the activities of the outdoor recreation office,
123 including a description and the amount of any awarded infrastructure grants.

124 Section 5. Section **63N-9-201** is enacted to read:

125 **Part 2. Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program**

126 **63N-9-201. Title.**

127 This part is known as the "Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program."

128 Section 6. Section **63N-9-202** is enacted to read:

129 **63N-9-202. Creation and purpose of infrastructure grant program.**

130 (1) There is created the Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Grant Program
131 administered by the outdoor recreation office.

132 (2) The outdoor recreation office may seek to accomplish the following objectives in
133 administering the infrastructure grant program:

134 (a) build, maintain, and promote recreational infrastructure to provide greater access to
135 low-cost outdoor recreation for the state's citizens;

136 (b) encourage residents and nonresidents of the state to take advantage of the beauty of
137 Utah's outdoors;

138 (c) encourage individuals and businesses to relocate to the state;

139 (d) promote outdoor exercise; and

140 (e) provide outdoor recreational opportunities to an underserved or underprivileged
141 community in the state.

142 Section 7. Section **63N-9-203** is enacted to read:

143 **63N-9-203. Rulemaking and requirements for awarding an infrastructure grant.**

144 (1) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
145 outdoor recreation office shall make rules establishing the eligibility and reporting criteria for
146 an entity to receive an infrastructure grant, including:

147 (a) the form and process of submitting an application to the outdoor recreation office
148 for an infrastructure grant;

149 (b) which entities are eligible to apply for an infrastructure grant;

150 (c) specific categories of projects that are eligible for an infrastructure grant;

151 (d) the method and formula for determining grant amounts; and

152 (e) the reporting requirements of grant recipients.

153 (2) In determining the award of an infrastructure grant, the outdoor recreation office
154 may prioritize a project that will serve an underprivileged or underserved community.

155 (3) An infrastructure grant may only be awarded by the executive director after
156 consultation with the director and the board.

157 (4) The following entities may not receive an infrastructure grant under this part:

158 (a) a federal government entity;

159 (b) a state agency;

160 (c) a political subdivision of the state; and

161 (d) a for-profit entity.

162 (5) An infrastructure grant may only be awarded under this part for a project that is
163 accessible to the general public.

164 Section 8. **Appropriation.**

165 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for
166 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following sums of money
167 are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts
168 previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated. These sums of money are in
169 addition to any amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

170 To Governor's Office of Economic Development -- Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation
171 From General Fund, One-time \$5,000,000

172 Schedule of Programs:

173 Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure

174 Grant Program \$5,000,000

175 Under Section 63J-1-603 the Legislature intends that the appropriation provided under
176 this section not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2017. The use of any nonlapsing funds is
177 limited to providing grants and paying for the administration costs of the Outdoor Recreational
178 Infrastructure Grant Program created in Section 63N-9-202.