

UTAH MAIN STREET PROGRAM

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Utah Main Street Program (program) within the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED).

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the Utah Main Street Program;
- ▶ describes the duties of GOED in administering the program; and
- ▶ creates and describes the membership and duties of the Utah Main Street Program

Advisory Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

63N-3-601, Utah Code Annotated 1953

63N-3-602, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

29 Section 1. Section **63N-3-601** is enacted to read:

30 **Part 6. Utah Main Street Program**

31 **63N-3-601. Definitions.**

32 As used in this part:

33 (1) "Advisory committee" means the Utah Main Street Advisory Committee created in
34 Section [63N-3-603](#).

35 (2) "Center" means the National Main Street Center.

36 (3) "Program" means the Utah Main Street Program created in Section [63N-3-602](#).

37 Section 2. Section **63N-3-602** is enacted to read:

38 **63N-3-602. Utah Main Street Program.**

39 (1) The Utah Main Street Program is created within the office to provide resources for
40 the revitalization of downtown or commercial district areas of municipalities in the state.

41 (2) To implement the program, the office may:

42 (a) become a member of the National Main Street Center and partner with the center to
43 become the statewide coordinating program for participating municipalities in the state;

44 (b) establish criteria for the designation of one or more local main street programs
45 administered by a county or municipality in the state;

46 (c) consider the recommendations of the advisory committee in designating and
47 implementing local main street programs;

48 (d) provide training and technical assistance to local governments, businesses, property
49 owners, or other organizations that participate in designated local main street programs; and

50 (e) subject to appropriations from the Legislature or other funding, provide financial
51 assistance to designated local main street programs.

52 (3) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
53 office may make rules establishing the eligibility and reporting criteria for a downtown area to
54 receive a local main street program designation, including requirements for:

55 (a) local government support of the local main street program; and

56 (b) collecting data to measure economic development impact.

57 (4) The office shall include in the annual written report described in Section
58 [63N-1-301](#), a report of the program's operations and details of which municipalities have

59 received:

60 (a) a local main street program designation; and

61 (b) financial support from the program.

62 Section 3. Section **63N-3-603** is enacted to read:

63 **63N-3-603. Main Street Program Advisory Committee -- Membership -- Duties.**

64 (1) There is created in the office the Main Street Program Advisory Committee.

65 (2) The advisory committee is composed of the following seven members appointed by

66 the executive director:

67 (a) a representative of the office;

68 (b) a representative from the State Historic Preservation Office;

69 (c) a representative from the Utah Department of Transportation;

70 (d) a representative from the Housing and Community Development Division;

71 (e) a representative from a local association of governments;

72 (f) a representative from the private sector; and

73 (g) a representative from the nonprofit sector.

74 (3) The advisory committee shall advise and make recommendations to the office

75 regarding:

76 (a) the eligibility of applicants for designation as a local main street program;

77 (b) financial assistance requests from designated local main street programs; and

78 (c) improving the effectiveness of the program.

79 (4) A member of the advisory committee appointed under Subsection (1)(f) or (1)(g)

80 shall be appointed for a four-year term.

81 (5) The representative of the office shall serve as chair of the advisory committee.

82 (6) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the executive director

83 shall appoint a replacement member.

84 (7) A majority of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum for the purpose of

85 conducting advisory committee business and the action of a majority of a quorum constitutes

86 the action of the advisory committee.

87 (8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but

88 a member may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

89 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

90 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

91 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and

92 [63A-3-107](#).