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State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 2025 Report

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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The governor has established a priority for his administration to act as judicious stewards of Utah's \$1,377,866,888 allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). During the May 2021 Special Session, the Utah State Legislature appropriated \$571,290,200 of the state's SLFRF allocation, and in its 2022 General Session, the legislature appropriated an additional \$825,704,600. These appropriations include a \$333 million deposit into the General Fund, \$265 million for secondary water metering grants, \$180 million for water infrastructure, \$86 million for affordable housing and homeless services, \$75 million for a local government matching program, and additional funds to help with access to the judicial system, educational re-engagement and high demand scholarships, vaccine distribution, mental health services, teacher bonuses, public health data system upgrades, grants to Utah business and nonprofits, etc.

As of June 30, 2025, the state had expended \$1.08 billion of the SLFRF funds. All funds have been allocated.

Uses of Funds

Utah has a long history of effectively managing taxpayer funds and maximizing the impact of resources. The state will work tirelessly to ensure that federal recovery funds are used for the highest and best uses as we work towards addressing current needs and preparing for future prosperity. Between the May 2021 Special Session and the 2023 General Session, all SLFRF funds were appropriated. The intended uses of the appropriated funds range across all of the U.S. Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) established expenditure categories with the largest investments occurring in the Negative Economic Impacts and the Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure categories, and Government Services allowed under the revenue replacement calculation. The following is a breakdown of the appropriated funds by intended purpose expenditure category¹:

¹ For ease of reporting, the state of Utah has recategorized some projects as "Revenue Replacement" even though these projects could also fall under another expenditure category. The state of Utah anticipates using all \$916.7 million of available revenue replacement funds on government services. The following information, organized by the main eligibility categories, is intended to provide a high level summary of how Utah is using its funding. The specific reporting category for each project is identified later in this report.

Negative Economic Impacts

Over \$302 million will be spent on projects related to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes investments in affordable housing and homeless services, grants to businesses and nonprofit organizations hit hardest by the impacts of the pandemic, programs intended to connect displaced workers with training and jobs, upskilling and educational investment opportunities, and grants to local governments. These investments ensure that taxes remain low and that Utah continues to be one of the best states in the nation to do business.

Figure 1. Friends of Switchpoint Fairpark Project.



Figure 2. First Step House 44 North Project Groundbreaking.



Water and Sewer Infrastructure

More than \$480 million of appropriated funds will help address various statewide water and sewer infrastructure needs. This includes water conservation grants (for residential and agricultural water use) to protect and enhance scarce resources, rural drinking water infrastructure grants, and Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake preservation investment.

Figure 3. Tremonton City's Secondary Water Project.



Revenue Replacement

In the calendar year 2020, the state of Utah lost \$916,687,401 compared to the baseline revenue calculation using the Treasury's revenue loss guidance. The state has set aside nearly \$333 million for activities that would have been funded with the General Fund if the state wouldn't have lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds will be used to help cover the costs of essential government services such as corrections, public safety, courts, social services and other services. The state is investing \$48 million in information technology enhancements, criminal justice data integration, and improvements to facilities for juveniles. Additional projects, most of which qualify under more specific eligibility categories, are also being reported under the revenue replacement category. See the list of projects included in this report for additional information on each project's reporting category.

Public Health

Approximately \$211 million of the appropriated funds include projects related to public health. Gov. Cox has directed the state to focus on improving health by combating COVID-19, expanding healthcare access, reducing costs, improving quality and cost transparency, and creating solutions surrounding social determinants of health. With these public health-related appropriations, Utah prioritizes equitable vaccine access, expanding mental health services, availability of healthcare services in rural areas, and enhancements to public health information systems.

Premium Pay

\$6 million was used to provide additional pay to Utah's public-school teachers who took on extra assignments and responsibilities during the Omicron surge of the COVID-19 pandemic. The investment provides needed relief to a critical workforce. Investments made in our schools will pay dividends not only for individual student success but for our society as a whole. The teacher pay project is coming from the state's revenue replacement allocation.

Promoting Equitable Outcomes

Utah has prioritized targeting ARPA resources to communities and populations with the greatest demonstrated need. The state's largest single allocation—more than \$250 million—was dedicated to water and sewer infrastructure, prioritizing systems with the greatest need and least ability to pay, especially in rural and underserved areas.

In addition, the Utah Legislature dedicated \$50 million toward education stabilization and learning recovery, focusing on students disproportionately affected by pandemic disruptions. Funds supported programs such as tutoring, mental health resources, and technology access. Distribution was guided by equity principles, with priority given to low-income families and Title I schools, helping ensure that educational recovery resources reached students with the greatest barriers to academic success.

Another major ARPA initiative included \$100 million for deeply affordable and workforce housing, authorized through SB 240. This effort included a required allocation to rural counties, ensuring that communities with limited planning and grant-writing capacity were not left behind. These housing investments were informed by findings from the state's Commission on Housing Affordability, which highlighted widespread need across both urban and rural Utah. Additional investments in behavioral health, child care access, and workforce development similarly integrated geographic, demographic, and economic criteria to ensure equitable distribution of funds. These principles are embedded throughout the projects listed in the state's ARPA project inventory.

Community Engagement

Utah's allocation and implementation of ARPA funds were guided by a public process led by the Utah State Legislature and coordinated by GOPB. The Utah Legislature approved the allocation of ARPA funds across the 2021, 2022, and 2023 General and Special Sessions, with key funding decisions made in open, public meetings of the Executive Appropriations Committee and various legislative subcommittees. These sessions allowed for public testimony, written comments, and engagement from stakeholders and constituents across the state.

State agencies tasked with ARPA-funded programs—such as the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Workforce Services (DWS), and the Utah Broadband Center—held their own public meetings, webinars, and stakeholder outreach sessions to gather community feedback on program design and implementation.

For example, during the development of the Utah Broadband Center's grant programs, the Center issued requests for information, hosted informational sessions, and invited feedback from local governments, service providers, and community organizations. Similarly, the state's \$50 million investment in deeply affordable housing was shaped by ongoing consultation with local housing authorities, non-profits, and developers to identify local needs and address gaps.

Public engagement was also a key feature of Utah's \$100 million investment in water infrastructure. The DEQ worked with communities—especially rural and under-resourced systems—through a transparent application process supported by technical assistance and outreach.

Community input continues to shape program refinement and future funding decisions. In addition to legislative hearings, the GOPB provides regular updates and maintains a public dashboard detailing project performance and outcomes. Utah's approach emphasizes accountability, transparency, and ongoing collaboration with stakeholders statewide.

Labor Practices

While the state initially allocated funding for infrastructure projects that were in the planning phase, many of these projects are now underway—with several already completed and others nearing construction. As plans continue to be finalized and agreements executed, the state remains committed to ensuring labor and contracting practices support the prompt, efficient, and high-quality delivery of these projects. These infrastructure investments are playing a critical role in strengthening Utah's economic

recovery and expanding access to employment opportunities across the state.

Use of Evidence and Performance Report

The state of Utah executive and legislative branches are seeking to streamline and improve state performance management systems to link budgets with performance measures and drive the best investment and use of Utah's resources. This data will be publicly available and analyzed regularly by a committee of evaluation experts led by the state's chief economist, which will be followed up by an ongoing efficiency improvement process.

The state of Utah heavily considers performance measures for budget and policy recommendations. Former Gov. Herbert and current Gov. Cox's budgets have consistently recommended funding for secondary water metering in recent years, following research and analysis confirming that such metering will yield material improvements in water conservation. After successful pilot programs and water use reduction in many localities, the legislature appropriated \$250 million of SLFRF funds for water conservation through secondary water metering. With much of Utah experiencing extreme drought exacerbated by climate change, these types of water use reductions are critical to the maintenance of one of our most vital resources.

Funds dedicated toward mental health services will be used for evidence-based interventions, such as Individual Placement and Support for supported employment or Permanent Supportive Housing programs. The state is working towards creating evidence-building strategies for mental health programs that have not yet established evidence-based approaches where appropriate. Projects that are under consideration for future funding are asked to establish evidence-based practices where feasible.

PROJECT INVENTORY

The chart below outlines the federal expenditure categories, total appropriations, total expenditures, and cumulative spending as of June 30, 2025. Overall, the state has spent 79% of its total ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) award, representing \$1,378,292,713 in expenditures.

The accompanying Project Inventory details ARPA-funded projects and includes the project name, obligated amount, a brief project description (including evidence-based interventions and initiative activities), the project eligibility category, and the project expenditure category. Together, these resources provide a comprehensive view of how SLFRF funds are being allocated and utilized, highlighting both fiscal performance and the evidence-based strategies embedded within funded initiatives.

Table 1. SLFRF Project Inventory: Allocations and Expenditures by Project and Federal Expenditure Category.

Project Name	Project ID#	Adopted Budget	Expended June 30, 2025	Expenditure Category Name
Access to Judicial System	001	\$15,000,000	\$14,395,575	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Create in Utah Grants	002	\$4,996,222	\$4,996,222	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations
Impacted Small Business Catalyst Grant	003	\$14,917,380	\$14,917,380	2.29 Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship
Educational Re-engagement and High Demand Scholarships	004	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Emergency Communications Equipment-Enhanced Interoperability	005	\$21,427,351	\$21,418,742	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Emergency Disease Response	006	\$1,011,409	\$1,011,409	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Food Bank Warehouse	007	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations
InUtah Pandemic Outreach	008	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	2.37 Economic Impact Assistance: Other
Learn and Work	009	\$19,988,649	\$19,988,649	6.1 Provision of Government Services
COVID-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Program	010	\$75,376,300	\$73,819,928	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Utah Mental Health Translational Research Building	011	\$90,000,000	\$72,495,194	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Information Systems Enhancements	012	\$57,376,600	\$42,473,93	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Pandemic-Related Mental Health Services	013	\$8,625,614	\$8,625,614	1.12 Mental Health Services
Redevelopment Matching Grant for Affordable Housing	014	\$29,685,000	\$29,685,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services

Pandemic Public Health Mitigation	017	\$9,922,340	\$9,395,683	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Secondary Water Meter Grant Program	018	\$265,000,000	\$153,624,071	5.8 Clean Water: Water Conservation
Women in Sports Collaborative	019	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations
San Juan County Food Bank	020	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations
Event Service Industry Revitalization	021	\$3,551,155	\$3,551,155	2.36 Aid to Other Impacted Industries
Deeply Affordable Housing	022	\$85,000,000	\$57,133,855	2.15 Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
Temporary Utah County Refugee Housing	023	\$300,000	\$300,000	2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
Utah State University - Monument Valley Building	024	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Workforce Development Transition into Tech Careers	025	\$300,000	\$300,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Criminal Justice Data Integration	026	\$8,304,100	\$2,521,128	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Teacher Bonuses for Extra Assignments	027	\$4,171,963	\$4,171,963	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Agriculture Water Optimization	028	\$100,000,000	\$57,253,794	6.1 Provision of Government Services
School and Childcare Drinking Water	029	\$2,009,931	\$526,108	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Rural Drinking Water Projects	030	\$47,690,069	\$37,284,919	5.15 Drinking Water: Other Water Infrastructure
Southern Utah - Recycle/Reuse	031	\$15,000,000	\$193,800	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Utah Lake Preservation	032	\$30,000,000	\$7,434,284	5.8 Clean Water: Water Conservation
Water Conservation Modification-Turf Replacement	033	\$5,700,000	\$5,188,800	6.1 Provision of Government Services
West Weber Site Sewer Infrastructure	034	\$5,000,000	\$0	5.5 Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure
SLFRF Administrative Costs	035	\$959,486	\$680,740	7.1 SLFRF Administrative Expenses
Mental Health Support for Students	036	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Great Salt Lake Preservation and Restoration	037	\$5,000,000	\$746,651	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Data Center and Network Enhancements	038	\$35,600,000	\$33,991,105	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation	039	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Deposit into the General Fund	040	\$332,773,900	\$332,773,900	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Emergency Food Assistance	041	\$610,700	\$610,700	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations
Small Business Economic Recovery	042	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Family Shelter Overflow	043	\$1,294,200	\$1,260,191	2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance
Cache Valley Food Pantry Expansion and Remodel	044	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organization

University of Utah COVID Long Haulers Clinic	045	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000	1.14 Other Public Health Services
Washington County Food Bank	046	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organization
Cherish Families	047	\$665,000	\$665,000	2.34 Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organization
No Climb Security Fencing	048	\$1,398,400	\$310,074	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Ogden Canyon Water Line	049	\$5,000,000	\$0	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Tourism Marketing Performance	050	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Panguitch Dam Emergency Response	051	\$150,000	\$142,021	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Technology Supporting Re-entry and Rehabilitation	052	\$1,204,325	\$1,204,325	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Trauma Informed Utah	053	\$400,000	\$49,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Senior Nutrition	054	\$300,000	\$300,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Long-Acting Mental Health Medication	055	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Small Business Assistance Program	056	\$82,620	\$82,620	6.1 Provision of Government Services
Total SLFRF Allocations		\$1,378,292,713	\$1,087,023,523	
State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation		\$1,378,292,713		
Available for Allocation		\$0		

Access to Judicial System

Project 001: Access to Judicial System

Funding Amount: \$15,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14, Other Public Health Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic has required courts to rapidly shift away from in-person to virtual proceedings, accelerating a growing movement to promote access to justice by reimagining justice as a thing and not a place. By using SLFRF funds to increase virtual access and proceedings, the courts will not only address COVID-19-related challenges, but lay the groundwork for virtual access and proceedings (including attendant technical, educational, and translation services).

These new systems will provide relief from the effects on access to justice caused by COVID-19 and form an ecosystem of online and in-person tools that provide availability, flexibility, and efficiency with a human touch. Other funds will be used to reduce jury backlogs.

Create in Utah Grants

Project 002: Create in Utah Grants

Funding Amount: \$4,996,222

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

The Department of Cultural and Community Engagement will administer a \$5 million grant program for Utah arts organizations and museums including cultural, zoological, and botanical organizations that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These sectors have been among the hardest hit and slowest to recover throughout the public health emergency. Grants will be provided to both nonprofit and for-profit arts and culture organizations.

The intention of these funds is to help those organizations that are still seeing considerable loss in their budget, or organizations that need help with future programming costs while they are working to reopen to the public. We are asking applicants to identify specific costs/expenditures/budget projections that their organization currently has, or will have, in order to remain viable during COVID-19 and in the future. These funds are meant to provide support for operational expenses that are otherwise not being covered due to pandemic related losses.

Impacted Small Business Catalyst Grant

Project 003: Impacted Small Business Catalyst Grant

Funding Amount: \$14,917,380

Project Expenditure Category: 2.29, Loans or Grants to Mitigate Financial Hardship

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

The Impacted Small Business Catalyst Grant was created during the 2021 Legislative General Session to assist small businesses, nonprofits, and organizations negatively impacted by COVID-19. Applications were scored on the percentage of revenue loss, whether or not the business previously received pandemic-related grant or loan funds, how solvent the business is, and if the business is located in a county whose unemployment has been highly impacted.

Educational Re-Engagement and High Demand Scholarships

Project 004: Educational Re-Engagement and High Demand Scholarships

Funding Amount: \$25,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

Funds appropriated to Education Re-engagement and High Demand Scholarships will be used to respond to negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 emergency by providing educational opportunities for Utah students and returning adults to participate in higher yield jobs and fulfill industry workforce demands. Utah's youth and adult populations will have the opportunity to attend Utah's state higher education institutions at substantially reduced tuition. Education provides a direct pipeline for Utah residents to obtain the skills and abilities necessary to participate effectively in today's economy. The funds will allow higher education institutions to reach out to and attract students who are not currently enrolled or who are not Pell-grant eligible.

Emergency Communication Equipment-Enhanced Interoperability

Project 005: Emergency Communication Equipment - Enhanced Interoperability

Funding Amount: \$21,427,351

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

These funds will be used to upgrade emergency communications equipment for the Utah departments of Agriculture and Food, Commerce, Corrections, Health & Human Services, Insurance, Natural Resources, Public Safety, the Attorney General's office, the Board of Pardons and Parole, and three state higher education institutions. Improved

interoperability capacity will enable a more coordinated and efficient response to future emergencies.

Utah's new radio network, which is currently being installed, can allow certain end-user radios to only use half of a talk path. What this provides is the potential to double the amount of emergency traffic and communications that can occur on Utah's public-safety radio network. This additional communication is invaluable in times of emergency and crisis.

Emergency Disease Response

Project 006: Emergency Disease Response

Funding Amount: \$1,011,409

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14, Other Public Health Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

As Utah continues its emergency disease response, these funds will allow for a flexible source of funding including necessary expenditures related to the COVID-19 pandemic not anticipated by legislative appropriation that are not covered by other state or federal funding sources. Utah has established a COVID-19 Finance Steering Committee and a legislative COVID-19 Economic Recovery Programs Committee to approve allocations for urgent, unfunded needs.

Food Bank Warehouse

Project 007: Food Bank Warehouse

Funding Amount: \$7,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

These funds will be used to help establish a food bank and food pantries in San Juan County. Food bank and pantry infrastructure in this rural county will help reach communities in need, including Utah members of the Navajo Nation.

The Utah Food Bank (UFB) will expand their services by purchasing a building adjacent to an existing food bank which will provide opportunities for expanded freezer and cold storage operations. The building purchase will allow UFB to increase the amount of dry food storage space by 30% and fridge capacity by 100% and will include an expanded volunteer area. The additional space will allow UFB to keep pace with the growing need in Utah in a cost effective and responsible method. The contractual agreement between the Department of Workforce Services and UFB will delineate output and/or outcome measures that will be used to measure the success of the project.

InUtah Pandemic Outreach

Project 008: InUtah Pandemic Outreach

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.37, Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

The “In Utah” campaign was created in 2020 to help boost Utah’s economic recovery. This initiative encourages Utahns to shop and buy local goods, services, and cultural experiences. Focused on intentional connections between consumers, businesses, and experiences in Utah, its objective is statewide economic reactivation through the support of local businesses and nonprofits.

It includes research, public education, and outreach to reinforce positive messages about Utah's economy and to support local businesses. Economic recovery through outreach continues as we move through and, eventually, out of the pandemic. Our work with industries to understand the opportunities and challenges to successfully operate in Utah is ongoing. Stakeholder interviews in targeted industries were recently fielded, with additional research work planned to identify appropriate strategies and messaging.

Learn and Work

Project 009: Learn and Work

Funding Amount: \$19,988,649

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

Learn & Work in Utah is a state-wide program that provides tuition assistance for short-term programs at post-secondary institutions for unemployed or underemployed individuals. This tailored approach prepares students for higher-paying and more stable, high-impact careers and matches them with companies looking for much-needed skills and expertise. This is a continuation of the program that was started in 2020 with CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Funding will also be used to provide tuition assistance to qualifying participants to upskill quickly in certificate and credit programs aligned with regionally in demand jobs to fulfill the thousands of careers open across the state.

Learn and Work has completed two successful years and has trained more than 11,000 participants. The Talent Ready Utah team tracks enrollments, completions, and placements of these participants. Each program that receives funding must demonstrate

how the program aligns with regional workforce demands, so that completing students qualify for jobs nearby. In close partnership with higher education institutions, multicultural groups, the Utah Department of Workforce Services, nonprofits, government, and corporate entities, students are recruited and outreach is performed to ensure success of program goals as participants complete programs and gain employment.

COVID-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Program

Project 010: COVID-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Program

Funding Amount: \$75,376,300

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

The COVID-19 Local Assistance Matching Grant Portal created a statewide matching grant program in the Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) for local governments to complete local and regional ARPA eligible projects. The state hopes to leverage ARPA funds by using both state and local monies on projects which will have a high return on investment for residents.

Utah Mental Health Translational Research Building

Project 011: Utah Mental Health Translational Research Building

Funding Amount: \$90,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

This project will build a facility where experts in AI, machine learning, genetics, social sciences, and imaging are co-located to create scientific synergies that did not exist before the pandemic. This facility will be used to develop and disseminate testing and interventions more rapidly and flexibly than ever before. To treat the long-term neurological effects and the ensuing behavioral health effects of COVID-19, this facility will engage experts at the start of the discovery process to overcome challenges and implement new treatments and technologies more quickly.

Information Systems Enhancements

Project 012: Information Systems Enhancements

Funding Amount: \$57,376,600

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14, Other Public Health Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

Utah's public health legacy IT systems were not able to meet the needs of a large-scale response like the COVID-19 pandemic response. This project will facilitate improvements to Utah's information systems. This includes enabling cloud infrastructure and application migration, providing additional network security and enhancements, moving the state data center, and improving coordination for data sharing and case management. Completion of this project will provide a robust, scalable, secure, redundant network to meet customer needs now and future challenges.

Pandemic-Related Mental Health Services

Project 013: Pandemic-Related Mental Health Services

Funding Amount: \$8,625,614

Project Expenditure Category: 1.12, Mental Health Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

These funds will be used to increase mental health services. This includes purchasing or renovating housing property for affordable supportive housing, increasing access to supportive housing for individuals who have mental health or substance abuse disorders, providing services to underprivileged children, a prevention campaign using existing media to raise awareness of the harms of alcohol consumption during pregnancy, increasing access to supporting employment for youth, young adults, and adults with mental health or substance abuse disorders, and to address health equity among populations in need.

Funds used for the development of supportive housing will use well-established evidence-based approaches as outlined in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Permanent Supportive Housing Evidence-Based Practices (EBP KIT). In cases where no evidence-based intervention has been identified at this time, tools such as the Child and Youth Resilience Measure - Revised (CYRM-R) or Social-Emotional Assets and Resilience Scales (SEARS) will be used to establish evidence-based interventions as project details are finalized.

Redevelopment Matching Grant for Affordable Housing

Project 014: Redevelopment Matching Grant for Affordable Housing

Funding Amount: \$29,685,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

The Redevelopment Matching Grant for Affordable Housing was established to assist municipalities in building stronger communities through investment in housing and neighborhoods. The matching program creates incentives for municipalities to redevelop

and rezone current commercial, retail, or industrial vacant land to a zone that will allow higher density housing as a permitted use.

Pandemic Public Health Mitigation

Project 017: Pandemic Public Health Mitigation

Funding Amount: \$9,922,340

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14, Other Public Health Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

This project will support the development of community approaches that impact the social determinants of health that aim to ultimately move Utah Small Areas out of the “Very High Health Improvement Index” category. The objective is to positively impact social determinants of health by utilizing the Utah Healthy Places Index Tool to prioritize investments, resources, and programming in neighborhoods where health needs are greatest. Policy and resource gaps will be identified and addressed with community-level funding, focusing on structural and systemic issues that cause negative health outcomes.

Water Development and Conservation Grants-Secondary Water Metering

Project 018: Water Development and Conservation Grants

Funding Amount: \$265,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.8, Clean Water: Water Conservation

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

Water Development and Conservation Grants will maximize Utah’s return on investment by expanding Utah’s water efficiency initiative and stretching water supplies by quickly disbursing funding and changes in areas with the most need. These projects will focus on water conservation including secondary metering, water optimization, and drinking water quality.

Women in Sports Collaborative

Project 019: Women in Sports Collaborative

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This mental health initiative will help bring awareness to and address mental health concerns and pressures associated with women in sports. The project is anticipated to

serve as a resource for female athletes and others who are suffering mental health challenges. Success will be measured by how effectively the initiative raises awareness, destigmatizes mental health issues, and empowers people with the resources and knowledge to seek help for mental health related issues.

San Juan County Food Bank

Project 020: San Juan County Food Bank

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This project will provide a grant to the Utah Food Bank, where the funds will be used to help establish a food bank and food pantries in San Juan County. Food bank and pantry infrastructure in this rural corner of the state will help reach communities in need, including those living in parts of the Navajo Nation that are in Utah.

Event Service Industry Revitalization

Project 021: Event Service Industry Revitalization

Funding Amount: \$3,551,155

Project Expenditure Category: 2.36, Aid to Other Impacted Industries

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This project will support Utah-based privately owned event equipment or service providers that primarily work off-premises and were negatively impacted by COVID-19. The grant will support businesses that were not adequately covered by previous state-sponsored COVID-19 programs. If the company previously received funding from the federal Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, it does not qualify for the state's new Event Service Industry Revitalization Grant.

Deeply Affordable Housing

Project 022: Deeply Affordable Housing

Funding Amount: \$85,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.15, Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

This funding will provide deeply affordable housing to the most vulnerable Utah residents throughout the State. It will be utilized to create grants for development, land costs, and construction of new affordable apartment buildings that are in advanced stages of development. It will also help with the purchase of motels/hotels to convert into permanent

housing for single room occupancy/one bedroom efficiency apartments and preservation of existing units.

As of now, \$56.27 million—66% of the total \$85 million allocated—has been spent to advance affordable housing efforts. Funding has been awarded to 17 organizations for 33 projects, resulting in the development of more than 1,300 housing units, including over 700 designated as deeply affordable. So far, 18 projects have fully expended their funds, and 14 are operational, providing housing for extremely low-income households. Looking ahead, three projects totaling 277 units (132 deeply affordable) are expected to open in 2025. An additional four projects—delivering 283 units, including 254 deeply affordable and 219 dedicated to individuals experiencing homelessness—are scheduled for completion by 2026.

Use of Evidence

This project will expand the supply of deeply affordable housing in response to well-documented shortages in Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County. Evidence shows that access to stable, deeply affordable housing significantly reduces housing instability and homelessness. According to the Urban Institute and other national research, financial tools such as gap financing and alternatives to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) are proven interventions to accelerate affordable housing production. By providing targeted capital outside of the highly competitive LIHTC process, this project creates a reliable funding pathway for developers to build housing for extremely low-income households.

These strategies are grounded in evidence that increasing the supply of deeply affordable units—combined with supportive financing mechanisms—improves long-term housing stability, reduces cost burdens for vulnerable populations, and mitigates the secondary effects of homelessness.

This approach to creating alternative forms of financing dedicated to deeply affordable housing is similar to programs in other states, but unique in its approach to target 40% and below Area Median Income. The Colorado Housing Investment Fund has been successful in implementation of state financing to create affordable housing focused at 60% AMI or below. This fund has resulted in 858 affordable homes in the first year and a half of its operation.

(<https://housingtrustfundproject.org/colorado-housing-investment-fund-demonstrates-potential-for-permanent-fund/>).

Temporary Utah County Refugee Housing

Project 023: Temporary Utah County Refugee Housing

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18, Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

Utah Valley Refugees (UVR), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting refugee families in Utah County, has identified a critical need for temporary housing to assist the growing number of refugees anticipated to arrive in the region beginning in 2022 and beyond. Stable housing during the initial months of resettlement is essential to provide safety, security, and a foundation for long-term self-sufficiency; however, it remains one of the most challenging needs to meet in the current housing market.

This project will use funds in combination with private contributions to procure housing units, either through construction or purchase that will serve as temporary shelter for refugee families upon arrival.

Use of Evidence

Utah Valley Refugees (UVR), a long-standing non-profit organization serving refugee families in Utah County, has demonstrated a track record of helping dozens of refugee households achieve self-sufficiency through housing support and community integration services. Research and national best practices show that providing stable, short-term housing for newly arrived refugees is an evidence-based intervention that promotes long-term housing stability, economic self-reliance, and positive social outcomes. Access to temporary shelter enables families to establish rental histories, secure employment, and begin educational pathways, all of which are critical components identified in evidence-based refugee resettlement models.

The primary measure of success will be the number of families and individuals utilizing the temporary housing each year, with long-term outcomes tracked through indicators such as wage growth, ongoing housing stability, and educational attainment. This evidence-informed approach provides a strong foundation for delivering meaningful, measurable impact for refugee families in Utah County.

Utah State University - Monument Valley Building

Project 024: Utah State University-Monument Valley Building

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This project will provide a new facility that will allow Utah State University Blanding to expand programs, improve educational content delivery, provide a community meeting space, provide an economic and business development space, provide a more comfortable learning environment, reflect the local culture, strengthen ties to the school

district, enhance concurrent enrollment, serve more students, and increase community engagement.

The academic facility will provide an equitable opportunity for community members from the area to pursue their educational goals. Currently, many individuals have to leave their sacred homeland to get a university education, or travel significant distances daily. This new facility will significantly increase opportunity and reduce student travel needs. Travel costs, availability of transportation, and time required away from family/work have created barriers that limit student's ability to engage in higher education. The new facility will remove those barriers. The building will be designed with input from the local community and pay respect to local history, traditions, customs, and Navajo culture.

Workforce Development Transition into Tech Careers

Project 025: Workforce Development Transition into Tech Careers

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This project focuses on workforce development designed to help individuals transition into high demand technology careers. This program combines basic technical training with career exploration and professional networking to provide a launchpad for those looking to enter tech. Funding will allow much-needed expansion to meet high demand for this program as well as increased support for job placement activities as graduates complete training and enter tech jobs.

This program has been running for several years and has trained and supported more than 200 women. As part of our ongoing evaluation of program outputs and outcomes we track additional training started and completed, new jobs or promotions attained, and salary increases received. We also undergo regular program evaluations and adapt according to student needs. Close partnership with higher education, nonprofit, government, and corporate entities helps us to ensure maximum efficiency and success for program goals and outcomes.

Criminal Justice Data Integration

Project 026: Criminal Justice Integration

Funding Amount: \$8,304,100

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or less

Project Overview

This project funds the creation of a comprehensive, centralized data repository for all statutorily required criminal justice data in Utah, encompassing both local and state data as outlined in Utah Code. The appropriation supports all phases of the effort, including personnel, database buildout, and assistance to local entities to ensure their data can be properly reported and integrated.

In addition, this project includes a technical modernization component. The existing on-premise Informix database environment will be migrated to a modern, secure, and scalable PostgreSQL platform hosted on AWS cloud services. This migration will improve performance, reduce the Board of Pardons & Parole and the Utah Department of Corrections' risk and reliance on their shared O-Track information system, and address limitations inherent in the legacy technology stack. Together, these efforts will establish a robust, future-ready infrastructure for Utah's criminal justice data management and policy analysis.

Teacher Bonuses for Extra Assignments

Project 027: Teacher Bonuses for Extra Assignments

Funding Amount: \$4,171,963

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This project provides a bonus program to compensate teachers who took on additional work assignments by substituting for absent colleagues between December 2021 and May 2022. Due to staffing shortages and a lack of available substitutes, many teachers were required to cover for their peers, often sacrificing their own preparation time. This situation led to increased teacher fatigue and workload. The allocated funds will be distributed to local school districts and charter schools based on the number of teachers they employ, helping to address the burden placed on educators during this challenging period.

Agriculture Water Optimization

Project 028: Agriculture Water Optimization

Funding Amount: \$100,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

The Agricultural Optimization Project provides critical funding to support the Water Optimization Grant Program administered by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's (UDAF) Conservation Division. This initiative empowers agricultural producers to

implement projects that improve on-farm water efficiency, reduce water diversions, and promote sustainable use of Utah's limited water resources.

Through this funding, agricultural producers can adopt modern irrigation technologies and practices that reduce water loss and improve crop productivity. These improvements not only support the viability of Utah's agricultural industry, a key driver of the state's rural economy but also free up water for other critical needs, benefiting the state as a whole.

Additional details are provided on the Water Optimization Website:

<https://ag.utah.gov/farmers/conservation-division/water-optimization-program/>

School/Childcare Drinking Water Projects

Project 029: School/Childcare Drinking Water Projects

Funding Amount: \$2,009,931

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or less

Project Overview

This project provides funding to develop and implement a lead testing program in schools and childcare facilities located in disadvantaged communities. The program is designed to reduce lead exposure by testing drinking water, identifying potential lead sources, and implementing corrective measures to remove or mitigate those risks.

The funds will help schools and childcare facilities adopt proactive lead-reduction programs as part of their broader strategies for maintaining safe, healthy learning environments. Ensuring access to safe drinking water directly supports healthier children, which in turn contributes to improved student performance.

The anticipated outcome of this project is that every public and private school and childcare facility in Utah will complete the required lead testing, ensuring no facility is left behind. By identifying and addressing sources of lead exposure, this initiative will protect the health and well-being of Utah's children and foster safer, more supportive educational environments statewide.

Rural Drinking Water Projects

Project 030: Rural Drinking Water Projects

Funding Amount: \$47,690,069

Project Expenditure Category: 5.15, Drinking Water: Other Water Infrastructure **Project Status:** Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

The Rural Drinking Water Projects initiative provides vital funding to improve drinking water infrastructure in rural communities across Utah. Administered in alignment with the goals of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, the project supports the replacement, upgrade, repair, and extension of essential infrastructure to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable access to drinking water.

Funding is used to protect public health, ensure compliance with drinking water regulations, and maintain the affordability and accessibility of drinking water services. By addressing critical water infrastructure needs in underserved areas, this project promotes health equity, environmental compliance, and sustainable resource management for rural Utah communities.

Southern Utah - Recycle/Reuse

Project 031: Southern Utah-Recycle/Reuse

Funding Amount: \$15,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or less

Project Overview

This project establishes a competitive grant program to fund wastewater reuse projects in Southern Utah, with priority given to projects that reduce the impacts of drought on rural communities and the agricultural sector. The program will provide assistance to municipalities, intermunicipal entities, interstate facilities, and state agencies to support the reuse and recycling of wastewater.

Eligible projects include the purchase and installation of treatment equipment sufficient to meet reuse standards, as well as infrastructure improvements such as distribution systems for effluent reuse (including piping on private property), recharge transmission lines, injection wells, and other equipment necessary to support effluent reuse. By funding these initiatives, the program strengthens water conservation efforts, increases resiliency in drought-prone areas, and supports both municipal and agricultural needs.

Project outputs and outcomes will be measured by the successful completion of funded construction projects. Progress will be tracked through four key milestones: obligation of funding by the Division of Water Quality Board, issuance of a Division of Water Quality Authorization to Award, disbursement of authorized funding, and issuance of an “Authorization to Use” following final inspection. These measures will ensure accountability and demonstrate the program’s impact in expanding wastewater reuse capacity across Southern Utah.

Utah Lake Preservation

Project 032: Utah Lake Preservation

Funding Amount: \$30,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.8, Clean Water: Water Conservation

Project Status: Completed 50% or less

Project Overview

This project will provide significant improvements to Utah Lake's water quality, which has long been impaired by elevated nutrient levels, rendering the lake unsafe for recreation and limiting its potential for culinary water use. By restoring key ecological functions and implementing targeted water quality projects, the initiative is projected to conserve approximately 30 billion gallons of water annually and return Utah Lake closer to its natural state.

The funding will support a range of activities designed to reduce pollution and enhance water quality within Utah Lake and its surrounding watershed. This includes wastewater treatment upgrades that go beyond current regulatory requirements, stormwater system improvements, agricultural nonpoint source pollution controls, and in-lake water quality treatments. Collectively, these efforts will reduce nutrient loading, improve overall ecosystem health, and expand the lake's beneficial uses for communities, recreation, and future water supply.

Water Conservation Modification Turf Removal

Project 033: Water Conservation Modification Turf Removal

Funding Amount: \$5,700,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

The funds establish and implement a statewide turf removal rebate program designed to encourage the conversion of traditional grass park strips into drought-resistant, waterwise park strips. Park strips are difficult to maintain, inefficient to irrigate, and often lead to significant water loss onto sidewalks and streets. Through this program, residents are incentivized to remove high-water-use turf and replace it with waterwise landscaping, resulting in a substantial reduction in outdoor water consumption.

This proactive investment helps extend Utah's limited water supply in an innovative and sustainable way. By transitioning to lower-water-use landscapes, communities can delay or avoid the need for costly water development projects while promoting long-term water conservation practices. The program will be implemented statewide, providing funding and support to residents who choose to participate in the conversion process.

West Weber Site Sewer Infrastructure

Project 034: West Weber Site Sewer Infrastructure

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 5.5, Clean Water: Other Sewer Infrastructure

Project Status: Not Started

Project Overview

These funds will be obligated to the construction of expanded sewer infrastructure for the West Weber Mega Site. The anticipated impact of this site in the next 20 years is approximately 25,000,000 sq. ft. of industrial/commercial space, 25,000 new jobs, 7,000 units of adjacent workforce, mixed use and diverse housing, and \$784 million in new state revenue, with \$63 million generated in the first five years. The site has water, utilities, and ongoing road infrastructure improvements, but lacks adequate sewer infrastructure. Expanded sewer infrastructure is critical for the Mega Site and housing projects to launch.

SLFRF Administrative Costs

Project 035: SLFRF Administrative Costs

Funding Amount: \$959,486

Project Expenditure Category: 7.1, SLFRF Administrative Expenses

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

These funds will be used for administrative responsibilities over the state's allocation of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. This includes costs related to compliance, reporting, and administration activities for the funds, and establishing new processes for verifying eligible uses of funds and documenting agencies' spending plans.

Mental Health Support for Students

Project 036: Mental Health Support for Students

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This project will provide after-hours crisis response and prevention pilot and expansion. The project will also implement wellness coaching and assessment that will be available to all Utah System of Higher Education student's funds to pilot peer coaching and assessment services.

Great Salt Lake Preservation and Restoration

Project 037: Great Salt Lake Preservation and Restoration

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or less

Project Overview

This funding initiative supports two urgent infrastructure projects aimed at addressing rising salinity and declining water access. The first project, the Causeway Berm Modification, will raise the existing berm at the GSL railroad causeway breach to reduce the flow of hypersaline water from the North Arm to the South Arm. The goal is to stabilize salinity levels and protect sensitive ecosystems.

The second project, marina dredging, will design, permit, and dredge the Great Salt Lake State Park Marina to restore emergency watercraft access. As lake levels continue to decline, dredging is essential to maintain search and rescue capabilities without relying solely on the distant brine shrimp marina. Together, these projects support the long-term ecological health of the Great Salt Lake while ensuring critical public safety infrastructure remains operational.

Data Center and Network Enhancements

Project 038: Data Center and Network Enhancements

Funding Amount: \$35,600,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

This project will be used to facilitate improvements to Utah's information systems. This includes enabling cloud infrastructure and application migration, providing additional network security and enhancements, moving the state data center, and improving coordination for data sharing and case management. Completion of this project will provide a robust, scalable, secure, redundant network to meet customer needs now and into the future.

Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation

Project 039: Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This funding is devoted to programs who provide resources and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It will ensure that services provided to individuals experiencing homelessness are utilized in a cost-effective manner and will work to facilitate a better understanding of homelessness.

Deposit into the General Fund

Project 040: Deposit into the General Fund

Funding Amount: \$332,773,900

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

Almost \$333 million of appropriated funds will be used to replace lost public sector revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds will be used to help cover the costs of essential government services such as corrections, public safety, courts, social services, etc. These funds will not be used for offsetting a reduction in net tax revenue, deposits into pension funds, debt service, replenishing reserves, settlements and judgments, or any other prohibited use.

Emergency Food Assistance

Project 041: Emergency Food Assistance

Funding Amount: \$610,700

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

Emergency Food Assistance (EFA) is a grant program for non-profit organizations and local government programs including emergency food pantries, food banks, prepared meal sites, and others whose primary mission is to meet the emergency food needs of low-income Utahns. EFA funds are distributed statewide to eligible entities by the Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division, State Community Services Office (SCSO).

Eligible organizations include emergency food pantries, food banks, prepared meal sites, and other organizations whose primary mission is to meet the emergency food needs of low-income Utahns. EFA funds may be used by eligible entities for costs of providing emergency food services including operations, transportation, supplies, equipment capacity building, technical assistance, advocacy, and staffing.

Small Business Economic Recovery

Project 042: Small Business Economic Recovery

Funding Amount: \$1,500,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

The Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (GOPB) and Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute (Gardner Institute) share a common interest in developing and sharing economic understanding and leadership that assists with public and private sector decision-making in Utah. This partnership will provide additional resources to gather, assess, and use economic data and other information to support effective implementation of programs that respond to the negative economic impacts due to the COVID- 19 pandemic.

Family Shelter Overflow

Project 043: Family Shelter Overflow

Funding Amount: \$1,294,200

Project Expenditure Category: 2.18, Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

This project will allow for the Young Women's Christian Association to support up to 51 clients at a time in 9 family rooms and 3 single rooms to serve an estimated 289 individuals over a 17-month period. Housing focused case management, laundry, three meals per day, advocate services for children, basic need items, childcare, and after school programming will also be provided.

This project supported the re-opening of 50 emergency shelter beds at the YWCA for more than 17 months, beginning in FY23. These beds provided safe housing for families fleeing domestic violence. In addition to shelter, the YWCA delivered a range of supportive services to residents in the newly reopened space, including case management, child advocacy, childcare education, and meal services.

Use of Evidence

The YWCA employs trauma-informed, housing-focused case management, an evidence-based approach proven to support effective service delivery and long-term stability for survivors. Additionally, the YWCA integrates survivor-led advocacy and crisis intervention, both of which are grounded in best practices and prioritize the empowerment and safety of those served.

Cache Valley Food Pantry Expansion and Remodel

Project 044: Cache Valley Food Pantry Expansion and Remodel

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

Cache Community Food Pantry will utilize the appropriated funding to construct a 9,300 sq. ft. warehouse adjacent to their existing food pantry/warehouse in Logan. The warehouse will provide space for a clean room for food packaging and will expand fridge, freezer, and dry storage operations. The funding will support the construction of the new facility and parking lot renovation. To prepare the construction site, this funding will also support the demolition of a house and old warehouse located on the property. The new warehouse will not only provide an immediate solution to Cache Community Food Pantry's space issues, it will also expand the community's capacity to address increasing food insecurity.

University of Utah COVID Long Haulers Clinic

Project 045: University of Utah COVID Long Haulers Clinic

Funding Amount: \$3,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 1.14, Other Public Health Services

Project Status: Completed 50% or more

Project Overview

The funds will be used to provide specialty care for patients experiencing symptoms from Long COVID (COVID Long-haulers). These problems may include ongoing symptoms including respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological, mobility and others. The funding will be split with an allocation of 70% clinical care operations, 20% allocation of funds to educate providers throughout Utah with shareable digital resources, and 10% allocated to expand clinical research in collaboration with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services and other Utah health care institutions.

Through partnerships at University of Utah Health and throughout the community, we hope to expand resources for care including medical evaluations and specialty care referrals. We will create electronic educational resources that can be shared with rural community practitioners. We will work to create telehealth programs to support rural communities throughout the state, which will be guided by health index data. We will work to expand access to services both in person and via telehealth for charity care partners around the state.

Washington County Food Bank

Project 046: Washington County Food Bank

Funding Amount: \$2,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 2.34, Assistance to Impact Nonprofit Organizations

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This project supports the relocation and expansion of the Hurricane Valley Food Pantry in Hurricane, Utah, to address critical safety, accessibility, and capacity challenges. The current facility is significantly deteriorated, lacks adequate space and parking, and poses ongoing health and safety risks, including food damage due to a leaking roof. Its location and condition also limit access for residents in East and North Washington County, many of whom face transportation barriers and rely on food assistance services.

To meet these urgent needs, the Utah Food Bank, in partnership with the Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG), is relocating the pantry to a new, larger facility. The expanded site will enhance the region's capacity to store and distribute food and is designed to serve families disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The facility will also include dedicated office space for FCAOG to provide case management and connect individuals to additional social services, addressing the broader causes of food insecurity.

Cherish Families

Project 047: Cherish Families

Funding Amount: \$665,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

The project aims to establish a comprehensive outreach and social services hub in Northern Utah, targeting underserved plural communities. These funds will be used to purchase a building that will serve as the central facility for delivering a wide range of essential services. This includes crime victim support, mental health services, emergency food programs, housing, family peer support, and connections to other services as necessary. This project represents a significant step towards creating a more equitable and supportive environment for plural communities in Northern Utah. By addressing critical needs and fostering a collaborative approach, the initiative aims to build a stronger, more resilient community for all.

No Climb Security Fencing

Project 048: No Climb Security Fencing

Funding Amount: \$1,398,400

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed less than 50%

Project Overview

The funds will be used to enhance the security infrastructure of juvenile justice facilities across Utah by installing "no climb" mesh fencing. This initiative is a critical investment in

the safety and security of Utah's juvenile justice system, ensuring these facilities can effectively meet their intended purpose of rehabilitating and supporting young offenders. By preventing unlawful ingress and egress, the project will significantly reduce the risk of escapes and unauthorized entries, thereby safeguarding both the facilities and the surrounding communities. The enhanced security measures will allow the facilities to maintain their focus on providing essential services, supporting public safety and community well-being. By addressing key vulnerabilities, this project plays a vital role in protecting public health and safety and strengthening the overall security infrastructure of the state's juvenile justice system.

Ogden Canyon Water Line

Project 049: Ogden Canyon Water Line

Funding Amount: \$5,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Not Started

Project Overview

The funds will be used to replace a critical 36-inch water transmission line running through Ogden Canyon in Weber County. This essential infrastructure upgrade will ensure the reliable delivery of water to local municipalities and water districts, benefiting residential and commercial users across Weber County, including Ogden City, North Ogden, South Ogden, and West Weber County. In addition to enhancing water supply reliability, this project will significantly contribute to water conservation efforts, directly benefiting the Great Salt Lake. A key aspect of the project is a partnership between Ogden City and the State of Utah, enabling the delivery of fresh, clean water to the Great Salt Lake during the crucial summer months. This effort is expected to result in the conservation of approximately 1,500 acre-feet of water annually, aiding in water conservation and helping to prevent botulism outbreaks, thereby supporting the lake's ecosystem. The project's broader environmental and conservation benefits have the potential to prevent endangered species listings and preserve the area's unique ecosystem.

Tourism Marketing Performance

Project 050: Tourism Marketing Performance

Funding Amount: \$10,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

Utah's tourism industry has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will support a mix of paid, earned, and owned marketing channels, executed by both internal staff and contracted agencies, to promote travel to Utah. Additionally, the project will include research initiatives to assess the impact of these marketing efforts on travel to

and within the state. The Utah state government has been proactive in addressing the economic challenges faced by tourism businesses, including those experiencing closures or revenue losses.

This federal funding will continue to provide essential support, fostering an open, visitor-friendly environment and contributing to the state's overall economic recovery. With certain travel segments like meetings, conventions, group travel, and international travel still recovering slowly, this expenditure will particularly target the domestic leisure travel segment, which presents the most immediate opportunity for growth. By encouraging domestic travelers to explore Utah, the initiative aims to generate critical income for local tourism businesses and communities, helping to offset the losses from other segments and promoting economic resilience.

Panguitch Dam Emergency Response

Project 051: Panguitch Dam Emergency Response

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed

Project Overview

This appropriation supported emergency response and stabilization efforts at Panguitch Lake Dam in Garfield County following a structural failure in April 2024. Originally built in 1872, with a 2- to 5-foot expansion added in 1942, the dam was significantly compromised when high water, ice, and strong winds exerted pressure on the expansion section, causing it to tip and crack. This resulted in uncontrolled water flow through the structure. To address the immediate risk, funds were used to support the county's emergency response, including the deployment of labor, heavy equipment, and materials to reinforce the dam and alleviate structural pressure caused by the ice and high water.

Technology Supporting Re-entry and Rehabilitation

Project 052: Technology Supporting Re-entry and Rehabilitation

Funding Amount: \$1,204,325

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

This project supports the Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) in expanding its tablet-based technology program to enhance rehabilitation and community reintegration for incarcerated individuals. The initiative provides tablets, software licenses, and related services to facilitate access to educational, therapeutic, and reentry-focused content. Incarcerated individuals use the tablets to complete reentry coursework, submit healthcare requests, and communicate with case management staff, all within a secure facility.

environment. UDC also provides training on tablet use and manages device maintenance in coordination with third-party vendors. The project has achieved strong early progress, with tablets allocated across facilities and pilot programs offering expanded course access at no cost to users. The program supports UDC's goals of reducing recidivism, improving service efficiency, and aligning with national best practices in corrections.

Anticipated outcomes include universal tablet access, increased engagement in rehabilitative programming, improved staff communication, and enhanced preparation for community reentry. Long-term benefits include operational cost savings and a more effective, technology-driven approach to correctional rehabilitation.

Trauma Informed Utah

Project 053: Trauma Informed Utah

Funding Amount: \$400,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Completed less than 50%

Project Overview

This initiative supports the statewide implementation of trauma-informed practices to combat workforce stress, burnout, and improve organizational climate. Many organizations recognize the value of these approaches but lack resources to assess needs and make strategic changes. Trauma-Informed Utah (TIU) fills this gap by providing tailored services that enhance workforce resilience, increase retention, and foster healthier work environments. Utah's workforce faces a burnout crisis, with 61% of teachers and 93% of behavioral health professionals experiencing significant stress. A statewide assessment confirmed strong support for trauma-informed practices, with 83.4% of respondents affirming their relevance. Participating organizations have seen a 20% improvement across workplace metrics. This funding expands TIU's capacity to equip organizations with the tools necessary to implement trauma-informed strategies and build sustainable, resilient workforces

Senior Nutrition

Project 054: Senior Nutrition

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

The Senior Nutrition Project provides critical funding to address the ongoing high demand for senior nutrition programs in the post-pandemic landscape. These funds ensure that vulnerable older adults have consistent access to nutritious meals through two key

programs: Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors and congregate meals offered at senior centers.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for senior nutrition services surged dramatically. Although the public health emergency has ended, the elevated need for meals remains. This project funding will provide meals to sustain and expand senior nutrition services, ensuring older Utahns receive the support they need to age safely in place and maintain their quality of life.

Long-Acting Mental Health Medication

Project 055: Long-Acting Mental Health Medication

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

The Long-Acting Mental Health Medication Project provides targeted funding to offset the rising costs of long-acting injectable (LAI) medications used in the treatment of serious mental health conditions. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, mental health cases have significantly increased driven by the effects of prolonged isolation, disrupted routines, and limited access to in-person support. As a result, demand for effective, sustained treatment options like LAIs has grown, along with their associated costs.

This funding will help ensure continued access to these essential medications for underserved and underinsured individuals, many of whom rely on LAIs to maintain stability and avoid acute episodes. By improving access to consistent, long-acting treatment, the project aims to reduce the frequency of crisis emergency response calls, which surged during the pandemic and placed additional strain on emergency services. In addition to easing the burden on crisis teams, the project supports safer, more stable care environments by helping prevent behavioral escalations that can endanger staff and patients.

Small Business Assistance Program

Project 056: Small Business Assistance Program

Funding Amount: \$82,620

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1, Provision of Government Services

Project Status: Complete

Project Overview

The Small Business Assistance Program provides critical support to small businesses, nonprofits, and organizations adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Designed to deliver targeted economic relief, the program prioritizes funding for entities with the

greatest demonstrated need helping them recover, remain resilient, and continue contributing to Utah's communities and economy. By supporting those most affected, the program plays a vital role in promoting long-term economic stability, sustaining jobs, and reinforcing the strength of Utah's small business and nonprofit sectors.