



2023-2024 Short-Term Projects Funding Memo

MEMO

To: Executive/Budget/Audit Committee
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Subject: 2023-2024 Short-Term Projects Funding

Date: April 15, 2024

Commissioners,

The Short-Term Projects Committee convened on Monday, April 15th in Cottonwood Heights to review the pool of finalist project proposals submitted to the Central Wasatch Commission during the call for ideas, which was open March 4th, 2024 – March 25th, 2024.

The Committee is chaired by Mayor Mike Weichers with membership from Mayor Monica Zoltanski, Mayor Roger Bourke, Commissioner Annalee Munsey, and Commissioner Dave Whittekiend. Together, they considered how to disperse the **\$95,000** available in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget for projects.

The Committee reviewed 14 proposals totaling **\$207,500** in requested funds, and recommends allocation, in full or in part, for the following 12 projects:

Project	Organization	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding
Outdoor Film Festival	CWC Youth Council Events & Outreach Committee	\$1,800	\$1,800
Tri-Canyons Trail Maintenance, Native Plant Restoration, and Control of Invasive Weeds	Cottonwood Canyons Foundation	\$20,000	\$20,000
Fixed Anchor Maintenance: Wasatch Rock Climbing Routes	Salt Lake Climbers Alliance	\$10,000	\$10,000
Alpenbock Documentary Film	Salt Lake Climbers Alliance	\$15,000	\$5,000
Environmental Sustainability Education	Summit Community Gardens EATS	\$15,000	\$10,000
Conservation (Education and Outreach) Program	Save Our Canyons	\$18,000	\$15,000
Bonanza Flat Accessible Trail Project	Utah Open Lands / Park City Municipal	\$15,000	\$5,000
Transit to Trails	Utah Open Lands	\$15,000	\$10,000
Backcountry Shuttle	Wasatch Backcountry Alliance	\$20,000	\$15,000



White Pine Bridge Trail Erosion Repair	Trails Utah	\$15,000	\$5,000
Pipeline Trail Extension	Trails Utah	\$20,000	\$15,000
Community Gear Shed Project	CWC Youth Council Outdoor Access Committee	\$11,000	\$6,000

Total Budget: \$95,000

Total Recommended Funding: \$117,800

*Given the substantial surplus in the CWC's budget this fiscal year, the Short-Term Projects Committee requests allocating **an additional \$22,800** to Short-Term Projects to account for the proposed funding recommendations, on top of the already budgeted \$95,000.*

These projects have either been previously funded by the Central Wasatch Commission, or have been reviewed by the Forest Service and found to be eligible and feasible if taking place on Forest Service land.

Next year, the Short-Term Projects Grant cycle timeline will shift to accommodate a request from the Salt Lake Ranger District that will give them more time to effectively review proposals. The call will open on January 6, 2025 and close on February 18, 2025. Funding decisions will be made at the June Board meeting.