



2025 Central Wasatch Commission Request for Appropriations

The Central Wasatch Commission has respectfully submitted a 2025 appropriations request to the Utah State Legislature for the following "Central Wasatch Mountains Projects:"

- Continuation of the bus bypass service at a similar operational level in partnership with Sandy City, UDOT, and UTA: **\$40,000**
 - The **UTA Ski Bus Priority Access program** has been extremely successful since the CWC began the program in 2020. The Ski Bus Priority Access program decreases travel time on the ski bus by an average of 50 minutes, or 34%, incentivizes public transit by prioritizing bus access to the canyon, provides for better safety for visitors and residents, and more efficiently serves visitors and residents as they recreate in Little Cottonwood Canyon.
- Support for graffiti abatement work across the canyons: **\$5,000**
 - **Graffiti abatement** work removes hundreds of graffiti tags from rock faces, bathroom doors, and trailhead signs using watershed-safe solvent.
- Short-Term Projects grant allocation and other unspecified project work: **\$100,000**
 - Through the **Short-Term Projects grant program**, small projects including a Wasatch Back trailhead shuttle, a Cottonwood Canyons backcountry ski shuttle, trail building and maintenance work, invasive weed abatement work, and rock-climbing hardware maintenance have been funded, stewarding year-round recreation in the Central Wasatch Mountains.
- Maintenance and any additions to the Environmental Dashboard: **\$25,000**
 - The **Environmental Dashboard** has over 3,000 yearly website visitors, and provides information to anyone, free of charge about what is happening in these mountains, specific to six "elements:" geology and soils; air quality and climate; vegetation communities, water, wildlife, and how humans interact with the Central Wasatch Mountains. The CWC maintains the data on a yearly basis and intends to build out the Dashboard where there are information gaps.
- CWC monetary contribution to trailhead bathroom facility maintenance work: **\$5,000**
 - In partnership with local municipalities and the Uinta-Wasatch National Forest to clean and maintains existing bathroom facilities at popular trailheads in the Central Wasatch.
- Support for the Central Wasatch Symposium: **\$10,000**
 - The Central Wasatch Symposium is an educational conference with presentations from the leaders working on transportation, recreation, economic, and environmental issues in the Central Wasatch Mountains. Over 200 people attended in 2025. The CWC is working to make the Symposium an annual educational event.

Total requested: \$185,000