



# Pollinator Habitat Program

2025 Updates

# Visions of the Future

Pollinator Program envisions a future where Utah's native pollinator populations are thriving, contributing significantly to a healthy and productive agricultural system and robust natural landscapes. Over the next three years, the focus will be on strengthening partnerships, expanding educational outreach, and implementing targeted conservation efforts with land holders.



# Updates:



- ▶ Creating a pollinator friendly certification in partnership with AgVIP – eligible producers qualify for free plants and additional monetary incentives
- ▶ Offering a Fall Grow out for smaller habitat restoration projects for local government, educational, and non-profit projects – plants to be ready in May for distribution
- ▶ Exploring harder to harvest and access native plant seeds as a water savings crop alternative for producers.
- ▶ Development of a pollinator-friendly pasture seed mix
- ▶ Continuing to work on completion of the T-SOB Pollinator Habitat Garden, final installation hopefully in Spring '26
- ▶ 37.5 Acres - \*IF\* 75% of them were replacing lawn = 28.1 acres - Using the low end of Water Resources estimate = about 23 million gallons for this year (about 750,000 to 1,043,000 million per acre)

# 2026 Selection Criteria:

**Grant will open March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – application window is open for 6 weeks, closing April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**2025 awardees were selected based on:**

- Proximity of project to known habitat improvement areas.
- Migration corridor proximity.
- Irrigation availability and likelihood of success.
- Likelihood of pesticide applications.
- A notable desire in the application to create habitat and help native pollinator species



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Input? Questions?