



Bonneville Research

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Introduction:

This analysis is intended to provide Millcreek, a Utah Municipality, and the Millcreek City Council with the information required by Utah Code Section 10-8-2. Appropriations -- Acquisition and disposal of property -- Corporate purpose -- Procedure.

Reason for the Study:

Utah Code § 10-8-2 and case law require a more rigorous review and approval process before the City can provide grants to nonprofit organizations. The process requires that the City complete a Study before awarding the grants.

Key Elements of the Study:

The Study shall consider the following factors:

1. Completion of a study that addresses the following:
 - a. The benefit the City will receive—tangible or intangible—in return for appropriated funds.
 - b. An analysis of how the appropriation will be used to enhance the safety, health, prosperity, moral well-being, peace, order, comfort, or convenience of Millcreek residents.
 - c. Whether the appropriation is necessary and appropriate to accomplish goals and objectives of the City, such as:
 - i. Removing blight or underdeveloped properties;
 - ii. Increasing the City's tax base;
 - iii. Creating jobs;
 - iv. Retaining jobs, and
 - v. Any other identified public purpose that the appropriation might serve.

- d. Completing a financial analysis showing projected financial returns to the City, if any, and the period over which the City will recoup the appropriation amount.
2. A finding by the Council that the development will promote safety, health, prosperity, moral well-being, peace, order, comfort, or the convenience of the Millcreek residents shall be adopted by Resolution citing the Study as evidence to support that finding.
3. The processes outlined in Utah Code Ann. § 10-8-2h will complete the final appropriation:
 - a. If the appropriation is made as an amendment to the current year's fiscal budget, it shall be approved according to the process outlined in Utah Code Ann. § 10-8-2(3)(d).
 - b. If the appropriation is made as part of a future fiscal year budget, then the appropriation shall be approved during the regular annual budget process.

Millcreek Agreement – Millcreek proposes to make the following monetary appropriations:

Canyon Rim Citizens Association for their Canyon Rim Cares event scheduled for July 18th, 2026 – Up to \$6,000 planning to be spent on:

- \$3,000 printing and mailing
- \$2,000 supplies
- \$1,000 advertising

The 2026 Canyon Rim Cares event, organized by the Canyon Rim Citizens Association, aims to make an even greater impact through a diverse range of community projects:

Anticipated Attendance: We expect an enthusiastic turnout of 400 to 500 participants, ready to make a difference.

Anticipated Service Projects: With an ambitious goal of executing 20 meaningful service initiatives, we are poised to create lasting change, including:

- 5,000 captivating academic game kits specifically designed for 2nd graders in the Granite School District, igniting a passion for learning.
- 500 river cleanup kits assembled for the Jordan River Commission, encouraging environmental stewardship and community ownership of our natural resources.

- 200 festive birthday party kits crafted with love for children in need through the Birthday Box Foundation, spreading joy where it matters most.
- 200 thoughtfully prepared lunch sacks and heartfelt notes for families at the Ronald McDonald House, providing comfort in their times of trial.
- 200 ESL (English as a Second Language) kits designed for students at the English Skills Learning Center, empowering them to thrive through effective communication.
- 200 sensory kits, which were developed for children receiving crucial support from The Children's Center, enhancing their developmental growth and well-being.
- 200 essential supply kits for refugees supported by Utah Refugee Connection, helping them build new lives and better integrate into our community.
- A generous \$600 donation for resettlement kits provided by the International Rescue Committee, facilitating a smooth transition into their new journey.

Note: This event is not just a collection of projects; it's a powerful movement that addresses critical community needs while fostering a profound spirit of collaboration and compassion among all participants.

ANALYSIS

Chapter 3.71.050 Procedures of the "Millcreek Code of Ordinances, states The City may appropriate funds or resources in aid of a private enterprise project as provided by state law.

The municipality of Millcreek's purpose for the above-listed appropriations, will be to enhance the safety, health, prosperity, moral well-being, peace, order, comfort, or convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality; and the appropriations are necessary and appropriate to accomplish the reasonable goals and objectives of Millcreek, a Utah Municipal Corporation, in the areas of economic development, job creation, affordable housing, blight elimination, job preservation, the preservation of historic structures and property, and any other public purpose.

Conclusion and Required Finding:

The appropriations are necessary and appropriate to accomplish the public purposes of Millcreek, a Utah Municipal Corporation, in the areas of economic development, job creation, job preservation, in order to enhance the safety, health, prosperity, moral well-being, peace, order, comfort, or convenience of the inhabitants of Millcreek, and therefore Millcreek, a Utah Municipal Corporation, will receive adequate benefit in return for any money or resources appropriated.

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Mr. Springmeyer is actively involved in redevelopment and other economic impact projects. He has provided independent economic and redevelopment analyses for numerous urban renewal agencies within the State and completed "Fair Value Analyses" for the Cities of Holladay and South Salt Lake. With over 40 years of consulting experience, he brings deep expertise that inspires confidence. He is the Chairman of Bonneville Research. He has directed the Economic Analysis/Tax Studies completed for the Downtown Alliance, the Utah State Tax Review Commission, Salt Lake County, Brigham City, Salt Lake, Sandy, Bountiful and South Jordan Cities, including the Urban Renewal Agencies of Salt Lake, Taylorsville, Holladay, South Salt Lake, Draper, West Jordan, Ogden, South Jordan, Sandy, and Murray. He is educated in Political Science, Economics, and Business Management. He has been recognized in Who's Who in Finance and Who's Who in the West.