



## Member Contribution Criteria

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Subject: Member Contribution Criteria Memo

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The CWC relies on two primary funding sources: annual member contributions (about 60-70%) and annual appropriations from the state legislature (about 15-25%). Appropriations from the state are variable and not guaranteed, so contributions from member jurisdictions are essential to the stability of the organization.

Last year’s budget season highlighted some vulnerabilities for the CWC. Our appropriation request for the current fiscal year was, for the first time, not fully granted, leaving the CWC \$85,000 short of its needs and requiring double last year’s fund balance appropriation, which was our largest to date, to balance our budget. In addition, while inflation grew by 25% between 2019 and 2025, individual jurisdictional contributions have mostly remained steady, or have, alarmingly, decreased in some cases (staff recruited two new members to the CWC whose contributions helped offset the deficit, but our ILA will only allow one more voting member and one more ex-officio member). Because member contributions are by far the largest, safest, and most important component of the CWC’s income, the continuation of the trend of members decreasing their contributions threatens the CWC’s stability and limits its impact.

Member Jurisdiction	Contribution, Fiscal Year									
	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	
Salt Lake County	\$390,000	Fiscal year 2017/2018 contributions were doubled in order to allow the CWC entity to form.	\$200,000	\$192,000	\$100,000	N/A				
Salt Lake City	\$400,000		\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
Millcreek	N/A		\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	
Cottonwood Heights	\$50,000		\$50,000	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	
Holladay	N/A		N/A							\$25,000
Sandy City	\$200,000		\$100,000	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	
Draper	\$120,000		N/A							
Alta	\$30,000		\$15,000	\$13,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
Brighton	N/A		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Summit County	\$100,000		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
Park City	\$190,000		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
UDOT	\$100,000		N/A							
Metro Water (Ex officio)	\$100,000		N/A		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
UTA (Ex officio)	N/A		N/A	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
High Valley Transit (Ex officio)	N/A		N/A							\$15,000
State Legislature	N/A		N/A		\$150,000	\$200,000	\$193,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,790,000</b>	<b>\$680,000</b>	<b>\$723,000</b>	<b>\$820,000</b>	<b>\$715,000</b>	<b>\$713,000</b>	<b>\$697,000</b>	<b>\$637,000</b>		



In 2024 the CWC developed tiered levels for member contributions (\$15k-\$25k for small, \$50k-\$75k for medium, and \$100k-\$200k for large) that were loosely determined by jurisdiction population, taxation, and historic contribution levels. The resulting determination of jurisdiction contributions is shown below (though they are not necessarily what each jurisdiction paid).

Jurisdiction	24/25 Contribution	Contribution Tier Level
Town of Alta	\$20,000	Small
Town of Brighton	\$25,000	Small
Park City	\$25,000	Small
Summit County	\$25,000	Small
Cottonwood Heights	\$60,000	Medium
Millcreek	\$75,000	Medium
Sandy	\$100,000	Large
Salt Lake City	\$200,000	Large
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>	
*UTA	\$50,000	Medium
*Metro Water	\$15,000	Small
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$595,000</b>	

The primary objective for this committee, as defined by Mayor Zoltanski, is to further define the criteria for the contribution tiers and amounts and refine the amounts to ensure that the organization can do the work that it was tasked with through the Mountain Accord. To do this, the committee can consider both quantitative elements, such as population size, tax income, and historic contribution levels, and qualitative elements, such as a jurisdiction's stake and involvement in the CWC's work, benefits received, geographic proximity to the canyons, and potential future benefit from the CWC's work, such as passage of the CWNCR.

Staff also recommend correcting for seven years of inflation that has not been accounted for in member contributions.