



Short-Term Projects 2026-2027 Grant Cycle Project Idea Worksheet

Please **thoroughly** review the project criteria at cwc.utah.gov before submitting your application. Then complete this worksheet and the questions found at the bottom of this page (and letter of support, if applicable) and send to Sam Kilpack at samantha@cwc.utah.gov no later than **February 10, 2026**.

Name of the project:	CWC Youth Symposium
Location of the project:	Potentially the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, Viridian Event Center, or the University of Utah <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you applying as an individual, or an organization? (Please list the name of the organization, if applicable)	CWC Youth Council
Project contact person:	Dylanger McKissen and Alden Rhodes
Project contact email address:	dylangermck@gmail.com , alden.rhodes@gmail.com
Project category (check all that apply) <i>*Please note your project is not required to encompass more than one category and will not be evaluated based on number of boxes checked</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and transit <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation stewardship <input type="checkbox"/> Economic sustainability
What is the project's expected start date?	October 2026
What is the project's expected completion date?	October 2026
What is the estimated total cost of the project?	\$8500
How much are you requesting from the CWC?	\$7500
Have you reviewed your project with the appropriate authorities as outlined in the eligibility requirements , and received their support or approval? If so, please list the name, agency, and position of each person you have spoken to.	
Does your project require any permits, and do you have those permits in-hand?	No
Do you have the above-mentioned permits in-hand?	
Does your project require a NEPA?	No
IF YES: Has the NEPA been completed already, or can the NEPA and the project both be completed by June 2026?	
I have carefully reviewed this application for accuracy and completeness. I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

Please use the space below to respond to the following questions:

1. Briefly describe your idea. How will it implement transportation and transit solutions, protect the ecosystems that originate in the Central Wasatch, steward recreational access, and/or sustain the economic viability of the project area?

Purpose:

At the CWC Youth Symposium we'd invite student groups, young people, youth groups, and the interns of organizations within the Mountain Accord's four areas, as well as others, to meet in one place so they can network, watch a short film, and hear a presentation from an avalanche mitigation or search &



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rescue official. This would allow us to collaborate with and educate attendees on a variety of issues, including safety and natural disasters during winter recreation, and to build a strong youth coalition in the central Wasatch.

Structure:

During the Youth Symposium groups would arrive and set up booths so that people can network and learn about each group or intern program. While the student's network there would be a letter writing station on how to contact your legislators and municipal leaders. Eventually, snacks or lunch would be provided before a short film would be shown. After a break and another networking session a keynote presentation would be given to the attendees, after which groups would be free to tear down.

2. Does this idea result in other benefits to the Central Wasatch and its users beyond what you have described above?

This event would be an opportunity for the Youth Council to recruit new members and build relationships amongst the next generation of local environmentalists, recreators, policymakers, etc., thus allowing us to grow as an organization and wing of the CWC. With a more active Youth Council and community of young environmentalists we could plan for bigger projects such as our proposed West Side Shuttle and coordinate advocacy amongst different related groups and intern programs.