



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

Please complete this worksheet and the questions found at the bottom of this page and send to Sam Kilpack at samantha@cw.utah.gov no later than **April 1, 2026.**

For project criteria, visit cw.utah.gov.

Name of project:	Fixed Anchor Maintenance: Wasatch Rock Climbing Routes
Funding questions: 1. What is the estimated total cost of the project? 2. How much are you requesting from the CWC? 3. How much funding are you or your organization committing to the project? 4. How much funding are you requesting from others?	1.\$115,000 (SLCA 2026 professional anchor maintenance program budget) 2.\$7,500 3.\$107,500 4.\$107,500
Please list your (non-funding) community partners for this project, including in-kind support, if any:	Petzl Technical Institute USFS SLCA In Kind
Please list your potential funding partners for this project, if any, including the amount of funding requested from each, and whether the funding has been secured:	Grant Applications Open Now: Division of Outdoor Recreation \$53,750 Recreational Trails Program \$53,750 Salt Lake County ZAP TBD
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

Use the space below to answer the following questions. *Please be as detailed as possible.*

1. Provide an outline, broken out by category, of how you plan to use the funds. Categories may include, but are not limited to: materials, labor, marketing/promotional materials, and transportation/fuel.

Materials: Purchase stainless steel climbing bolts, hangers, chains, and rappel rings designed for long-term durability in alpine environments. Stainless steel anchors have expected lifespans of 50+ years and significantly reduce maintenance frequency.

Labor: Five professional anchor technicians and a field coordinator inspect and replace aging anchors on high-use climbing routes. Technicians access routes using specialized climbing systems to safely remove outdated hardware and install modern anchor systems.

Transportation and Field Logistics: Mileage for transport of crew, tools and hardware to climbing areas throughout the Central Wasatch including Little Cottonwood Canyon and Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Education and Stewardship Outreach: Public communication about responsible climbing practices, anchor reporting, and stewardship education to help protect the Wasatch recreation landscape.

CWC funding will directly support hardware procurement and technician field time required to replace aging anchors in the Central Wasatch.

2. Provide a detailed timeline for your project. Be sure to include the anticipated start date, all important steps and milestones, and anticipated end date.

From April–December 2026, SLCA will deploy the nation’s only dedicated professional fixed anchor maintenance crew: a five-person team under the direction of a field coordinator working twelve 40-hour weeks (approximately 2,400 labor hours) across high-use Wasatch climbing areas. This crew will participate in our annual training program and help facilitate the New Routers Symposium, a national gathering of climbing route developers and land managers focused on best practices for safe route development, anchor installation, stewardship, and sustainable climbing access.

Spring 2026

April 9–10 – Anchor Tech Training – Petzl

April 20 – Rock Canyon

May 4 – Little Cottonwood Canyon

May 18 – American Fork Canyon

Summer 2026

June 1 – Narrows / Draper

June 8 – Logan Canyon

June 22 – American Fork Canyon

July 6 – Maple Canyon

July 17–19 – Future of Fixed Anchors: New Routers Symposium

Fall 2026

August 31 – American Fork Canyon

September 14 – TBD

September 28 – Big Cottonwood Canyon

October 12 – Little Cottonwood Canyon

3. Is there anything else you’d like us to know about your project?

In 2025, this Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation Stewardship Award-winning program maintained more than 1,200 bolts across 27+ crags. In 2026, the goal is to replace and maintain a comparable volume of aging, non-stainless hardware with stainless steel anchor systems engineered for 50+ year durability.

SLCA is the only organization systematically maintaining this critical infrastructure for the thousands of climbers who recreate in and around the Salt Lake area each year. This work directly increases public safety, prevents unmanaged hardware installation, preserves historic routes, and strengthens recreation infrastructure resilience. Thank you for your continued support.

Anchor Maintenance Work Before/After/Crew at Work Little Cottonwood Canyon

