

2026-2027
Short-Term Projects
Finalist Grant Proposals

April 27, 2026

Total Short-Term Projects budget:
\$100,000

Total requested funding:
\$193,550

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Discussion of evaluation methods
 - a) Heavier weighting of new projects than ongoing programs.
 - b) Heavier weighting of infrastructure projects.
 - c) Heavier weighting of projects that request a smaller proportion of their needed funding from CWC.
 - d) Objective of balancing funding benefits across Mountain Accord tenets and jurisdictions.
3. Review of proposals
4. Funding determination

List of proposals

1. **Central Wasatch Watershed Education Program** (Cottonwood Canyons Foundation)
2. **Tri-Canyons Sustainable Trail and Habitat Restoration Program** (Cottonwood Canyons Foundation)
3. **Central Wasatch Youth Symposium** (CWC Youth Council)
4. **Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Toilet Pumping** (National Forest Foundation)
5. **Environmental Sustainability Education Program** (Summit Community Gardens - EATS)
6. **910 Ranch – East Canyon Creek Corridor Cooperative Priority Weed Management Project**
(Summit Cooperative Weed Management Area)
7. **Fixed Anchor Maintenance** (Salt Lake Climbers Alliance)

List of proposals (continued)

8. **Wilderness Stewardship Project and Save Our Canyons Kids** (Save Our Canyons)
9. **East Canyon Creek Restoration** (Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter)
10. **SR-224 Wildlife Connectivity & Safety Project, Phase 2: Implementation Readiness & Targeted Mitigation** (Save People Save Wildlife)
11. **Wasatch Front Transit to Trails** (Utah Open Lands)
12. **Advocacy and Education Program** (Utah Wildlife Federation)
13. **Backcountry Shuttle** (Wasatch Backcountry Alliance)
14. **Summit Cares Bikeshare Helmet Program** (WILS Foundation)

Central Wasatch Watershed Education Program

Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

Short Description	Continued educational program that includes naturalist and ranger programs and the Wasatch Wildflower Festival. Funds would go primarily toward hiring seasonal naturalists to provide watershed education.
Amount Requested	\$10,000
Funding Sources	4% CWC / 49% Other / 51% Self (104%)
Past CWC Funding	\$20,000 in 2024
Project Location	Tri-Canyons and Wasatch Front
Project Timeline	May 12, 2026 – April 30, 2027
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment, Recreation, Economy

Tri-Canyons Sustainable Trail and Habitat Restoration Program

Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

Short Description	Ongoing stewardship of plants and trails in the tri-canyons, leveraging volunteers for trail work, invasive plant mitigation, and native plant restoration. Labor constitutes 98% of program cost.
Amount Requested	\$10,000
Funding Sources	2% CWC / 17% Self / 83% Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$20,000 in 2025 / \$10,000 in 2023 / \$7,500 in 2022
Project Location	Tri-Canyons
Project Timeline	May 12, 2026 – April 30, 2027
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment, Recreation, Economy

Central Wasatch Youth Symposium

CWC Youth Council

Short Description	Youth-oriented symposium event focused on the Central Wasatch featuring networking, short film screening, letter-writing station to contact legislators and municipal leaders, and guest presentation. Funding would cover venue, catering/food, supplies, and promotional materials.
Amount Requested	\$7,500
Funding Sources	87% CWC / 0% Self / 13% Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	Community Gear Shed and Outdoor Film Festival funded in 2024
Project Location	Salt Lake City
Project Timeline	October 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Recreation

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Toilet Pumping

National Forest Foundation

Short Description	Funds contracted pumping of vault toilets at recreation sites in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Funding would mostly cover toilets in the Salt Lake Ranger District, with a small amount going toward salary.
Amount Requested	\$11,050
Funding Sources	5% CWC / 10% Other / 85% or Remaining % Self (100%)
Past CWC Funding	N/A
Project Location	Tri-Canyons National Forest Land
Project Timeline	February 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment, Recreation

Environmental Sustainability Education Program

Summit Community Gardens - EATS

Short Description	Education program for preschool through 9 th grade focused on land stewardship, sustainable growing practices, composting, food rescue, local/seasonal eating, and cultural heritage. Funds mostly applied to labor costs, but also cover materials, supplies, and communications.
Amount Requested	\$15,000
Funding Sources	8% CWC / 56% Other / 36% or Remaining % Self (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$9,500 in 2025 / \$10,000 in 2024
Project Location	Summit County
Project Timeline	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment, Recreation, Economy

910 Ranch - East Canyon Creek Corridor Cooperative Priority Weed Management Project

Summit Cooperative Weed Management Area

Short Description	Cross-jurisdictional mitigation project targeting invasive weeds that accelerate erosion, reduce soil water availability, increase fire risk, threaten livestock and wildlife forage, and pose risks to trail user safety and ecosystem and watershed resilience. Funding would cover inventory, mapping, and treatment of weeds.
Amount Requested	\$20,000
Funding Sources	36% CWC / 63% Self / 0% Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	N/A
Project Location	910 Ranch, other ranch lands in Summit County, Mormon Flats State Park
Project Timeline	June 2026 – June 2027
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment, Recreation

Fixed Anchor Maintenance: Wasatch Rock Climbing Routes

Salt Lake Climbers Alliance

Short Description	Continuing professional fixed anchor maintenance program that sustains safe, reliable climbing infrastructure in the Central Wasatch. Funding supports hardware procurement and technician field time.
Amount Requested	\$7,500
Funding Sources	7% CWC / 93% Other / Remaining % Self (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$5,000 in 2025 / \$10,000 in 2024 / \$5,000 in 2023
Project Location	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
Project Timeline	Spring 2026 – January 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment, Recreation, Economy

Wilderness Stewardship Project and Save Our Canyons Kids

Save Our Canyons

Short Description	Wilderness Stewardship Project engages volunteers for trail maintenance, invasive weed pulls, and trash cleanup. SOCKids provides hands-on, place-based environmental education for youth, including watershed science and responsible recreation. Program funds applied primarily to staff salaries.
Amount Requested	\$20,000
Funding Sources	24% CWC / 47% Other / 53% or Remaining % Self (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$18,000 in 2025 / \$15,000 in 2024 / \$8,000 in 2023 / \$1,000 in 2022
Project Location	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
Project Timeline	January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment, Recreation

East Canyon Creek Restoration

Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter

Short Description	Continuation of a project started in 2025 and funded by the CWC to improve stream-side habitat and restore safe wildlife movement along a section of upper East Canyon Creek. Funding will cover contracted labor to remove fencing and invasive weeds and the purchase of container trees and shrubs for planting.
Amount Requested	\$8,000
Funding Sources	100% CWC / 0% Self / 0% Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$5,000 in 2025
Project Location	Swaner Preserve on East Canyon Creek (Park City)
Project Timeline	June 2026 – November 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Environment

SR-224 Wildlife Connectivity & Safety Project

Phase 2: Implementation Readiness & Targeted Mitigation

Save People Save Wildlife

Short Description	Multi-year project to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions. Phase 2 entails installing cameras to collect data that will inform next steps on fencing improvements, wildlife detection systems, and longer-term crossing infrastructure. Funding primarily applied to the technical assessment conducted by Rock Design Associates.
Amount Requested	\$20,000
Funding Sources	12% CWC / 27% Self / 61% Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	N/A
Project Location	SR-224 in Park City
Project Timeline	January 2026 – October 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Transportation, Environment, Recreation, Economy

Wasatch Front Transit to Trails

Utah Open Lands

Short Description	Expansion of successful reservation-based shuttle to Bonanza Flat Conservation Area serving the Wasatch Back into a pilot shuttle serving the Wasatch Front for free to users. Funding primarily covers shuttle service, with smaller portion going to staff time.
Amount Requested	\$20,000
Funding Sources	37% CWC / 17% Other / 46% or Remaining % Self (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$10,000 in 2025 / \$12,500 in 2023 / \$15,000 in 2022 / \$12,833 in 2021
Project Location	Sandy City, Cottonwood Heights, Bonanza Flat in Summit County
Project Timeline	Early July 2026 – late September 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Transportation, Environment, Recreation

Advocacy and Education Program

Utah Wildlife Federation

Short Description	Program aiming to strengthen public understanding of the interconnected relationship between wildlife, water, transportation, and recreation by educating youth, outdoor recreationists, educators, and local leaders.
Amount Requested	\$15,000
Funding Sources	22% CWC / 45% Self / 30% Other (97%)
Past CWC Funding	N/A
Project Location	Salt Lake County, Cache County, areas around Great Salt Lake
Project Timeline	January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Transportation, Environment

Millcreek Winter Pilot Shuttle

Wasatch Backcountry Alliance

Short Description	Strategic re-focusing of established Backcountry Shuttle Program onto Millcreek Canyon to serve one of the highest-use winter recreation areas in the Central Wasatch and gather pilot data. Aims to reduce vehicle trips, improve public safety, protect the environment, and manage concentrated weekend demand. Funding primarily covers shuttle service.
Amount Requested	\$15,000
Funding Sources	83% CWC / 17% Self / 0% Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$5,000 in 2025 / \$15,000 in 2024 / \$12,500 in 2023 / \$15,000 in 2022
Project Location	Millcreek Canyon
Project Timeline	December 12, 2026 – March 27, 2027
Mountain Accord Tenets	Transportation, Recreation

Summit Cares Bikeshare Helmet Program

WILS Foundation

Short Description	New program that would leverage existing partnerships to purchase bike helmets at a discount for use in the Summit Bike Share to address public safety concerns about lack of helmet use and encourage bike use. Funds would purchase helmets, depository boxes, and replacement padding.
Amount Requested	\$14,500
Funding Sources	88% CWC / 12% Self / 0% Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	\$9,000 in 2025 for Bikeshare Program expansion
Project Location	Summit County
Project Timeline	June 2026 – October 2026
Mountain Accord Tenets	Transportation

Evaluation

Project

Applicant

Short Description	
Amount Requested	
Funding Sources	% CWC / % Self / % Other (100%)
Past CWC Funding	
Project Location	
Project Timeline	
Mountain Accord Tenets	