

ORDINANCE NO. O-2026-0008

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM, UTAH, PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 CARE TAX REVENUES.

WHEREAS on November 21, 2023, Orem residents voted to continue their support of the Cultural Arts and Recreation Enrichment Tax (CARE tax); and

WHEREAS the Orem City Council recognizes that recreation and the arts enrich the quality of life in a community; and

WHEREAS the Orem City Council desires to encourage and support the advancement of recreational and cultural facilities and cultural arts organizations in Orem; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the distribution of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 CARE tax revenues

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM, UTAH, as follows:

1. The Orem City Council hereby authorizes the distribution of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 CARE tax revenues to the entities and in the amounts set forth in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. No CARE tax revenues shall be distributed to an entity for operational expenses until the entity has signed a contract with the City meeting the requirements of the City's CARE tax program policies and procedures.

3. The City may choose to only pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the CARE tax distribution awarded to individual Major Grant recipients upon signing of the contract between the City and the Major Grant recipient (but no sooner than July 1, 2026). If this option is elected, the City would pay the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the CARE tax distribution awarded to individual Major Grant recipients after the City has received its final CARE tax distribution (which is in August) from the State of Utah. If the final total CARE tax distributions from the State of Utah are less than the total amount of CARE tax distributions awarded to all CARE tax recipients pursuant to this ordinance, then the City will withhold the twenty five percent (25%) payment to Major Grant recipients until the City Council has had a chance to reallocate all grant awards based on the final amounts distributed from the State of Utah.

4. CARE tax revenues in future fiscal years will also be awarded after a competitive application process based on merit and availability of funds. Receipt of CARE tax funding in this round of applications does not guarantee CARE tax funding in future fiscal years.

5. The City Manager is hereby authorized to sign any documents required to proceed with the distribution of CARE tax revenues as set forth in this ordinance.

6. All acts, orders, resolutions, ordinances, and parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby rescinded.

7. If any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.


8. This ordinance shall become effective immediately after a summary of this ordinance has been published or posted as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ORDERED PUBLISHED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.



CITY OF OREM, by  
Karen McCandless, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa McKitrick, City Recorder



COUNCIL MEMBERS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mayor Karen A. McCandless	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jenn Gale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Killpack	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Lambson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quinn Mecham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LaNae Millett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crystal Muhlestein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CARE Exhibit - FY 2027

<b>Mini/Mid-Major Grants</b>	<b>Proposed Award</b>
Alianza Venezolana Utah (New)	\$ 2,500
Aloha Fest (New)	\$ 3,500
BetterTogether	\$ 1,000
Cantorum Chamber Choir	\$ 5,500
Centro Hispano Elevate Utah	\$ 7,000
Chauntenette Women's Chorus	\$ 3,300
Colonial Heritage Foundation	\$ 15,000
Excellence In The Community	\$ 2,000
Garden Valley Pipe Band	\$ 3,000
Grassroots Shakespeare	\$ 7,000
Mountain Springs Music Festival	\$ 3,000
Nashville in the Rockies (New)	\$ 3,000
Ngoma y'Africa Cultural Center	\$ 5,000
Resonance	\$ 2,000
Roots of Freedom Foundation	\$ 5,000
The Orem Chorale	\$ 3,000
Timpanogos Chorale (New)	\$ 2,000
Timpanogos Bluegrass Roots Festival	\$ 4,000
Timpanogos Symphony Orchestra	\$ 10,000
United Angels Foundation	\$ 3,000
Utah Brazilian Festival	\$ 3,000
Utah Chinese Association	\$ 2,000
Utah Live Concerts Foundation	\$ 9,000
Utah Symphony & Opera	\$ 9,000
Utah Theater Bloggers Association	\$ 600
Utah Valley Civic Ballet Company	\$ 5,000
Utah Valley Interfaith Choir	\$ 2,000
Utah Valley Monster Concert (New)	\$ 1,850
Wasatch Chorale	\$ 2,250
Wasatch Contemporary Dance	\$ 5,000
Witness Music	\$ 6,500
World Folkfest	\$ 7,000
Subtotal - Mini/Mid-Major Grants	\$ 143,000
<b>Major Grants</b>	
SCERA	\$ 1,071,408
Utah Metropolitan Ballet	\$ 25,000
Subtotal - Major Grants	\$ 1,096,408
<b>Civic-Related Arts</b>	
Heart of Downtown	\$ 463,437
Library Hall/City Facilities Rent - CARE Recipients	\$ 45,000
Honorarium Program	\$ 20,000
Artist/Writer in Residence	\$ 30,000
Artists - Career Advancement Grants	\$ 5,000
Subtotal - Civic-Related Arts Grant	\$ 563,437
<b>TOTAL - ARTS GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,802,845</b>

CARE Exhibit - FY 2027

<b>City Recreation Grants</b>	<b>Proposed Award</b>
Co-Sponsored Groups	\$ 50,000
Subtotal - City Recreation Grants	\$ 50,000
<b>City Parks Grants</b>	<b>Proposed Award</b>
Lakeside Park (Ninja Course, Playground, etc.)	\$ 725,000
Park (Pump Track)	\$ 500,000
Springwater Park (RC Crawler & Basher Course)	\$ 150,000
Library Gardens	\$ 125,000
Bonneville Sports Court	\$ 100,000
Dog Park & Rainbow Bridge	\$ 85,000
Orem Elementary Softball Dugout Repairs	\$ 15,000
Other Park Projects	\$ 1,845
Subtotal - City Parks Grants	\$ 1,701,845
<b>TOTAL - CITY RECREATION &amp; PARKS GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,751,845</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION ALLOCATION (1.5%)</b>	<b>\$ 50,310</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,605,000</b>