



2025-2026 Short-Term Projects Funding Memo

MEMO

To: Central Wasatch Commission Board
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From: Sam Kilpack, Director of Operations
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Subject: 2025-2026 Short-Term Projects Funding

Date: June 22, 2026

Commissioners,

The Short-Term Projects Committee convened on Monday, April 27th in Cottonwood Heights to review the pool of finalist project proposals submitted to the Central Wasatch Commission during the call for ideas, which was open January 13th, 2026 – February 10th, 2026. The Committee is chaired by Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion with membership from Mayor Scotty John, Councilmember Emily Gray, Councilmember Bev Uipi, and Commissioner Annalee Munsey.

The Short-Term Projects budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year is \$50,000. At the April 13, 2026 Board meeting, the Commission expressed a desire to allocate an additional \$50,000 of the roughly \$100,000 projected budget surplus to Short-Term Projects.

The Committee reviewed 14 proposals totaling **\$193,550** in requested funds, and recommends allocation, in full or in part, for the following 12 projects:

Project	Organization	Amount Requested	Recommended Funding
Central Wasatch Watershed Education Program	Cottonwood Canyons Foundation	\$10,000	\$7,000
Tri-Canyons Sustainable Trail and Habitat Restoration Program	Cottonwood Canyons Foundation	\$10,000	\$10,000
Central Wasatch Youth Symposium	CWC Youth Council	\$7,500	\$7,500
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Toilet Pumping	National Forest Foundation	\$11,050	\$11,000



Environmental 910 Ranch-East Canyon Creek Corridor Cooperative Priority Weed Management Project	Summit Cooperative Weed Management Area	\$20,000	\$10,000
Fixed Anchor Maintenance: Wasatch Rock Climbing Routes	Salt Lake Climbers Alliance	\$7,500	\$7,500
Wilderness Stewardship Project and Save Our Canyons Kids	Save Our Canyons	\$20,000	\$7,000
East Canyon Creek Restoration	Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter	\$8,000	\$8,000
SR-224 Wildlife Connectivity & Safety Project, Phase 2: Implementation Readiness & Targeted Mitigation	Save People Save Wildlife	\$20,000	\$20,000
Wasatch Front Transit to Trails	Utah Open Lands	\$20,000	\$10,000
Advocacy and Education Program	Utah Wildlife Federation	\$15,000	\$4,500
Millcreek Winter Pilot Shuttle	Wasatch Backcountry Alliance	\$15,000	\$7,500

Budget: \$50,000

Proposed Additional Surplus Allocation: \$50,000

Total Funding Recommended by Short-Term Projects Committee: \$110,000

*Given the substantial surplus in the CWC's budget this fiscal year, the Short-Term Projects Committee requests allocating **an additional \$10,000** to Short-Term Projects to account for the proposed funding recommendations, on top of the already budgeted/proposed \$100,000.*

Any projects requiring coordination with or approval from any land, water, or road manager have been reviewed by the appropriate authorities, found to be feasible, and granted support from those authorities prior to applying. Full eligibility requirements can be found on the [CWC website](#).