



**Carbon Community Economic Development (CED) Board
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2026 10:30 AM
751 E 100 N Suite #2600 Price, Utah 84501**

Board Members Present:

Layne Miller
Daniel Luke
Jon Richens
Oran Stainbrook
Zak Konakis

Others Present:

Shanny Wilson
Larry Jensen

Overview

The board finalized the allocation of the Rural County Grant for 2026. The applications have been reviewed, ranked, and discussed.

Valar Atomics moved their reactor from California to Emery County.

Action Items

Shanny to contact JLC Fabrication for an update on their extended project

Shanny to contact R&A Market and let them know their funding is being pulled

Agenda

1. Welcome and roll call – Layne Miller
2. Review, discuss, and approve previous meeting minutes from February 17, 2026 – Zak Konakis
Motion: Jon with amended change to reflect Valar Atomics expansion (not relocation) from California.
Second: Daniel
Approved
3. Continue discussion and finalize Rural County Grant 2026 applications – Board
Little Learners – Ranked low. They provide a good service, but there are some concerns. No funding awarded.
Positive Pathways – Ranked medium. A modest ask of \$5,272, awarded \$5,000.
Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness – Ranked Medium. They provide a needed community space, but their plan to relocate is still speculative. Asking for \$50,000, awarded \$19,750.

JN Auto – Ranked low. No job creation, very little benefit to the community. No funding awarded.

John M Howa and Sons – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

Jones and DeMille – Ranked medium-high. They are huge community supporters. Asking for \$50,000, awarded \$25,000.

Clark's Home Fire Safety – Ranked high. They provide a great service. Asking for \$34,000, awarded \$30,000.

Castle Gate Engineering – Ranked low. Not a good use of funds. No funding awarded.

South Valley Sanctuary – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

DT Cosas – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

Terry Family Chiropractic – Ranked medium. This is their first ask. Awarded the full amount of \$10,000.

Flawless Sheeting – Ranked low. They have received a lot of funding in the past. No funding awarded.

Kara Heugly Counseling – Ranked medium. Application needed some clarification. She also didn't provide proof of matching funds. Asking for \$50,000, awarded \$10,000.

Southeastern Entrepreneurial Network – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

Desert Sage Salon – Ranked high and awarded the full amount of \$10,500.

La Pasadita – Ranked medium. Converting a building into a restaurant. Asking for \$43,000, awarded \$7,500.

Angels – Ranked high. He is a hard-working guy. Asking for \$9,402, awarded \$7,500.

Intermark Steel – Ranked medium. They have been funded previously. Asking for \$50,000, awarded \$7,500.

Office Equipment – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

Merit 3D – Ranked low. They have also received funding in the past. No funding awarded.

Sandstone Psychology – Ranked medium. It was noted that they provided help for teachers who were impacted by a recent tragedy. Asking for \$20,000, awarded \$15,000.

Carbon Copy Center – Ranked high and awarded the full amount of \$12,500.

The Desert Rose – Ranked low. Missing documents. No funding awarded.

National 9 of Price – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

Lariats & Outlaws – Ranked medium. This is the Outlaw Café in Wellington. Asking for \$18,842, awarded \$10,000.

National Investment – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

Castle County Lodging – Ranked low. No funding awarded.

Helper Brewing – Ranked medium. Asking for \$41,000, awarded \$25,000.

AJB Broadcasting – Ranked medium and awarded the full amount of \$2,250.

Pine Top Medical – Ranked medium. Asking for \$10,067, awarded \$5,000.

Skin & Tonic – Ranked high and awarded the full amount of \$2,500.

Zak entertained a Motion: Jon made a motion based off their discussions, rankings, and efforts to date, the board is ready to take the amounts recommended to the Commission for further action.

Second: Daniel

Approved

4. Other business?

Larry shared some comments about the Valar Atomics event at Hill Air Force Base. The Secretary of War said the reactor they flew from California to Utah will supply power for 5000 homes, or a military base. It was a shock to the world and won't be long before more of these reactors will be moved where needed. The Secretary of Energy mentioned that the storm on the

east coast that caused a lot of strain on our generation, maxed out their grid. They were able to look at the power supply numbers closely – 2% was solar and wind, and 3% was recycling and wood burning. He said that renewables will not solve our power problem alone, which is why we need nuclear. There is a lot of support from federal and state government. Valor is doing the testing in Emery County, but they intend to build in Carbon County and are looking at two large pieces of property. There are a lot of questions and education that will happen before we move forward.

The county will need some big partners to help build the rail after they build the road to their property. Project Everest, our NDA, continues to move forward. They still have questions regarding the use of water. PRWID hired Keller Engineering to help design the treatment facility and determine what that would cost. That information has been given to the NDA and they may agree to help for it. Project Jurassic Spark is coming in April to get a conditional use permit. They will generate electricity with natural gas to supply power for a data center. They also need water.

5. Adjourn
Motion: Daniel
Approved

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Layne Miller, Board Chair