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Mission Statement

- The hallmarks of the extension program — openness, accessibility, and service — illuminate how cooperative extension brings evidence-based science and modern technologies to farmers, consumers, and families in Davis County. Through extension, land-grant universities such as USU reach out to offer their resources to address public needs. These services improve the lives of consumers and families through modern agricultural practices, water conservation, home horticulture help, nutrition education, food safety training, and 4-H youth leadership development.

Prior Year Inputs/Outputs

FTE (2019):

- 3 staff assistant FTE's paid from Davis County funds
- 7 faculty FTE's paid by Utah State University
- 2 4-H Program Coordinator FTE's paid by Utah State University
- $756,398 worth of grant funding obtained in 2020 by Davis USU Extension faculty for programs to better the lives of Davis County residents.

Core Functions & Services

- Translate science for practical application
- Identify emerging research questions, find answers and encourage application of science and technology to improve agricultural, economic, and social conditions for the citizens of Davis County
- Prepare people to break the cycle of poverty, encourage healthful lifestyles, and prepare youth for responsible adulthood

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Current Year Projected Outcomes

- Further applied research and subsequent publications available to the public on water conservation, improved fruit and vegetable varieties, urban agriculture, and use of native landscape plants.
- Further expansion of 4-H youth programs, especially in the areas of science, engineering, technology, shooting sports, high adventure programs, youth mental health, suicide prevention, and Latino families.
- Due to COVID-19 there has been a 500% increase in the number of gardening questions and in office horticulture related visits. In addition panic buying occurred for backyard chickens and Extension was the only source of trusted information to help all the new chicken owners. Jerry Goodspeed and Sheriden Hansen created the “Garden Guys and Gals” You Tube video channel and social media platform that since April has thousands of views and followers. Due to the demand there will be a continued increase in number of horticulture classes (offered virtually) available to the public through increased partnership with the USU Botanical Center in Kaysville.
- Due to COVID-19 canning, food preservation, and food safety calls have seen a sharp increase this year. We have more than doubled the amount of calls and visits this year compared to 2019. USU Extension continues to be the major trusted source for the public in these areas.
- Utah Water Watch is our state-wide citizen science water quality monitoring program with the mission to encourage, educate, and engage volunteers in monitoring water quality. This program has been a wonderful way for people to still get outside safely and contribute to an important effort during this time. The Utah Division of Water Quality's Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) program currently has limited funding (half of typical years), so Utah Water Watch volunteers have been helping watch for HABs.

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Next Year Budget Initiatives

Budget Items and Anticipated Expenditures for Term

DESCRIPTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Salaries and benefits for support staff (3 FTE's)	$178,411 (includes projected 2.5% or $4,351 COLA increase)
Office supplies and operating expenses (copy machine, general office supplies, fuel expenses for Extension vehicle, and outdated computer upgrades)	$5,900
4-H Agriculture Program Support (Jenna Aldrich)	$5,100
Family and Consumer Science Program Support (Emma Parkhurst)	$5,100
Agriculture/Pesticide Safety Program Support (Dr. Michael Wierda)	$5,100
Horticulture Program Support (Sheriden Hansen)	$5,100
General 4-H Program Support (Zuri Garcia)	$5,100
Food Sense nutrition education support	$1,000
Operating and Maintenance (O&M) for Extension building	$33,306 (please refer to supplemental Excel spreadsheet that shows

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	O&M costs. Extension pays 44% of these costs plus an additional contingency amount of $1,648 is requested for unexpected repairs (air conditioning, heating, broken restroom equipment, etc.)
Farmers Market Set Up and Operation	$1,500
Summer intern, staff assistant, volunteer travel and support	$2,000
County Donated Meat Program Support	$3,500
Total	**$250,117 (budget amount requested for 2021)**

In-kind contributions by Davis County to USU Extension and approximate value

DESCRIPTION	DOLLAR AMOUNT
Use of Events Center buildings and storage	$14,025
Total	$14,025