



Short-Term Projects Committee

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Committee membership: Jim Bradley, Chair;
Marci Houseman, Co-Chair; Max Doilney, member

The Central Wasatch Commission launched the 2021 Call for Ideas for projects specific to the project area of the Central Wasatch Commission, which includes Millcreek Canyon, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, and the Wasatch Back. The call for ideas opened Monday 3/22, and will remain open through Monday, 4/12.

This Call for Ideas specifically focused on projects that protect the ecosystems or watershed originating in the project area, improve canyon transportation or transit, steward year-round recreation, and sustain the economic viability of the Wasatch Canyons. These were the tenets laid out during Mountain Accord and form the basis for the work of the Central Wasatch Commission. The purpose of this Call for Ideas is to explore short term project ideas in the Central Wasatch Commission project area that are largely “shovel-ready” for the Central Wasatch Commission to consider for funding.

Following staff review of the initial round of 26 submitted project ideas, CWC staff invited 15 finalists to build upon their initial project ideas by submitting a project budget, timeline, and support from the appropriate land manager.

The Short-Term Projects Committee met on Tuesday, April 27th to review and discuss the merits of the finalist project proposals. At the close of the meeting, the Committee arrived at a consensus on which projects to recommend to the Commission for full or partial funding. **There currently is \$60,000 in the CWC’s 20/21 FY budget for special projects that may be allocated to the projects.**

The Committee will provide a funding recommendation to the full Commission during the May 3rd meeting for approval.

Here are the 15 project finalists that the Committee considered on April 27th:

1. Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, 2021 Cottonwood Canyons Preservation and Sustainability Initiative, \$20,000
2. Salt Lake Climber's Alliance, Fixed Anchor Maintenance, \$10,000
3. Salt Lake Climber's Alliance, Jacob's Ladder Trail Reroute to Lone Peak Cirque, \$20,000
4. Private Citizen, Big Cottonwood Geosigns Replacement Initiative, \$3,000
5. The Utah Nordic Alliance, R-65 Groomed Multi-Use Winter Trail, \$20,000
6. Wasatch Backcountry Alliance, Human Waste Reduction from Winter Backcountry Use, \$5,400
7. Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Willow Heights Pond Beaver Reintroduction, \$6,000
8. Utah Open Lands, Cottonwood Canyon Stewardship Program, \$5,000
9. Utah Open Lands, Bonanza Flat Trailhead Transit, \$15,000
10. Summit Land Conservancy, Summit Park Peak land acquisition, \$20,000
11. Basin Recreation, Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Education Kiosks, \$5,600
12. Tree Utah, Round Valley Project, \$20,000
13. Robert Grow, Historical Displays/Monuments at Mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, \$20,000
14. Alta Sustainability Center, Cecret Lake Interpretive Signage Update, \$12,000
15. Trails Utah, Butler Fork Bridge, \$10,000

Total requested: \$192,000

The following projects were recommended by the Short-Term Projects Committee for funding:

1. Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, 2021 Cottonwood Canyons Preservation and Sustainability Initiative, **\$20,000**
2. Salt Lake Climber's Alliance, Jacob's Ladder Trail Reroute to Lone Peak Cirque, **\$10,000**
3. Private Citizen, Big Cottonwood Geosigns Replacement Initiative, **\$3,000**
4. Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Willow Heights Pond Beaver

Reintroduction, **\$6,000**

5. Utah Open Lands, Cottonwood Canyon Stewardship Program, **\$5,000**
6. Utah Open Lands, Bonanza Flat Trailhead Transit, **\$7,500**
7. Alta Sustainability Center, Cecret Lake Interpretive Signage Update, **\$12,000**
8. Trails Utah, Butler Fork Bridge, **\$10,000**

Total recommended for allocation: \$67,500