

Grant Application Submission Notification Memo

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DATE: February 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Utah Department of Natural Resources/Forestry Fire and State Lands Grant

FUNDING AGENCIES: Utah Department of Natural Resources/Forestry Fire and State Lands

GRANT PROGRAM: Restoration of Wetlands

REQUESTED GRANT AMOUNT: \$63,255

DEPARTMENT: Public Lands

COLLABORATING AGENCIES: n/a

DATE SUBMITTED: 10/01/2024

SPECIFICS:

- Equipment/Supplies Only
- Technical Assistance
- Provides 0 Hourly Positions
 - Existing New Overtime Requires Funding After Grant

Explanation: Please see below

- Match Required In-Kind Services and Cash

GRANT DETAILS:

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (“FFSL”) has received funds from the Utah State Legislature to be administered for vegetation improvement projects on sovereign lands of Utah. Salt Lake City applied to receive funds for the implementation of a Jordan River invasive species control and restoration project.

The Salt Lake City-Public Lands Native Habitat Program (NHP) will revegetate approximately 2.7 acres of SLC-Public Utilities at 10th N and Cornell St immediately adjacent to the Jordan River with wetland and upland native species. This property is a combined park with a river trail and view point, and drainage destination for surface runoff. Approximately 1 acre of the total is low-lying areas infested with Phragmites where FFSL will subcontract for eradication over the course of the project. The remaining area, approximately 1.7 acres, is elevated above the wetlands.

Project duration is three years, restoring native upland species along the river trail the first year, upland area around the SLC-PU drainage area the second year (the drainage area has already been restored with wetland plants). Year 3 low lying wetland area reclaimed from Phragmites will be revegetated with appropriate, competitive species. Restoration will require approximately 42,000 seedlings, including replanting assuming 10% mortality each year, installed at 14,000 plants/acre. Seed of native annual species will also be sown in select upland areas

Notably, this project will dramatically increase species diversity of the target area, approximately 100 different species, the vast majority simply not otherwise available in the trade. SLC-NHP has an agreement with the Utah Department of

Corrections SLC Facility Greenhouse producing 95-98% of all needed plants. The SLC-NHP will produce the remaining plants, largely slower growing woody species need longer production time. Unit plant cost will decrease over time as containers will be recycled back to the UDC-GH program for reuse in subsequent years. Salt Lake City Public Lands will match the \$64,000 budget request with labor to produce the 2-5% additional plants and labor for planting.