



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Jordan River Corridor Improvements Grant Program

Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

Overview:

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) has up to \$450,000 in funding available to support safety, recreation, conservation, and restoration improvement projects on or adjacent to sovereign lands of the Jordan River. Project proposals must meet one of the categories outlined below and should support the Blueprint Jordan River (<http://BlueprintJordanRiver.org>). Funding may be awarded to one or multiple projects/applicants. Proposals with 1:1 matching funds are encouraged and will be given preference during the ranking process. The grant-funded portion of the project/program must be finalized by December 31, 2027.

Categories:

- Enhance safety, recreation, and conservation along the Jordan River
- Capital improvement project that increases access to a recreational activity of the Jordan River
- Partnerships to increase access to a recreational activity of the Jordan River (i.e. a bike or boat rental concessionaire or an animal preserve/sanctuary)
- Trail, river, and parkway maintenance
- Invasive species removal and revegetation
- Environmental education

Application Instructions:

The application deadline is **October 30, 2026**. To apply for funding, please submit a project proposal in one pdf document (limited to 8 pages, not including resumes or letters of support) to **emilyandrea@utah.gov**. All proposals should address, at a minimum, the following:

1. A cover sheet (*please use the template in Appendix 1*)
2. Purpose, need, and objectives for the project
3. Location map and description of the identified project site, including the total area or linear feet of area to be improved, and any necessary permissions required to work on identified properties
4. Project plans and details, including a description of selected methods or techniques, why they are appropriate for identified site conditions, and how the project supports the Blueprint Jordan River, and is consistent with the Jordan River Comprehensive Management Plan
5. Estimated project timeline with identified milestones for implementation
6. Provide an itemized summary of estimated project costs that includes, at a minimum:
 - Itemized cost estimates for labor, materials, equipment, administration, or other costs
 - Total project costs
 - Amount and sources of matching funds or in-kind contributions (*match contributions are encouraged, but not required*)
 - Amount of funding requested from FFSL
7. A description of how the proposed project activities or the project site will be monitored, maintained, conserved, or stewarded into the future



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8. Qualifications of the applicant entity, key individuals, and agencies/organizations that will support or implement the proposed project work (e.g., project managers, contractors, staff, supporting organizations)
9. A disclosure of all other state funding that the applicant receives (*fill out table in Appendix 2*)

Application Review and Awards:

Project applications will be reviewed using the ranking criteria in **Appendix 3** and awarded by a committee of representatives from FFSL, interested agencies within the Department of Natural Resources, and non-applicant members of the Jordan River Commission. Successful applicants will be notified by FFSL staff by email or phone within 30 days of the application deadline.

For more information, contact Emily Andrea at emilyandrea@utah.gov or 385-222-0012.



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APPENDIX 1: COVER SHEET

PROJECT TITLE			
APPLICANT ORG/AGENCY			
PROJECT CONTACT	NAME & TITLE		
	MAILING ADDRESS		
	PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL
PROJECT DESCRIPTION /ABSTRACT			
PROJECT TIMELINE			
PROJECT FUNDING	AMOUNT REQUESTED	MATCHING FUNDS	TOTAL PROJECT COST
	\$	\$	\$



Appendix 2: Disclosure of State Funding

House Bill 335 (2024 Utah Legislative Session) mandates the disclosure of all state funding for competitive grants. The bill states:

“63G-6b-401. Competitive Grant Requirements.

... (b) As part of the competitive application process, the administering agency shall require that each applicant disclose all other state funding the applicant receives.”

Please disclose state funding in the table below and submit it with your proposal.

Funding source (state agency) e.g., Division of Wildlife Resources	Funding purpose e.g., Water quality monitoring	Contract dates e.g., July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	Amount e.g., \$25,000.00



Appendix 3: Proposal Requirements and Ranking Criteria

Requirements for proposal consideration
1. The proposal is complete and includes all nine items described in the Application Instructions section of the Request for Proposals 2. The project must be within the Jordan River corridor. 3. The project improves the Jordan River corridor and is consistent with the Blueprint Jordan River (http://BlueprintJordanRiver.org) and/or management objectives in the Jordan River Comprehensive Management Plan

Weight	Ranking criteria
20%	1. Potential of project to enhance safety, recreation, and conservation along the Jordan River
20%	2. Quality of proposed methods
20%	3. Ability to demonstrate that the proposed project activities or project site location will be monitored, maintained, conserved, or stewarded into the future
15%	4. Potential of project to leverage other efforts to improve the Jordan River (this may or may not be described in the proposal)
15%	5. Qualifications of the applicant, key individuals, and organizations/agencies that will support or implement proposed project work; project feasibility and ability to obtain all necessary permitting and other authorizations.
10%	6. Proposals with 1:1 matching funding