

Utah & Wyoming grant systems overview

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UTAH

Of the six states examined for HJ 28, Utah stands alone as the only state with a hybrid grant system. While Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota have decentralized grant posting, Utah takes an additional step and offers a centralized grant portal.

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GRANT HOSTING

Like other states examined in HJ 28, Utah provides a variety of grants through its different executive agencies and hosts the grant postings on their individual agency websites. Examples include:

[The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity](#)

[Utah Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[Utah Division of Water Resources](#)

RESOURCE HUBS

In addition to hosting links to individual grants, many agency websites also include links to a variety of resources for individuals looking to secure grant funding. This includes third-party writing support, previous trainings, and third-party management resources. Examples include the Governor's Office of Planning & Budget "Funding Resources" webpage¹ and the "Water Funding" webpage.²

CENTRALIZED REPOSITORY

Utah's primary unique service is the Utah Funding Opportunities Portal (UFOP).³ This portal serves as a centralized hub that hosts all state-based grants, state managed pass-through grants, and a select number of federal grants. It offers a variety of filters that help users find grants they qualify for and then directs them to the appropriate hosting site, generally a state or federal agency webpage. It does not offer additional assistance with applying for, managing, or reporting grants; users instead access that support through various locations, such as those listed above.

HISTORY & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The UFOP doesn't have a traditional legislative history as the project was undertaken by the Utah Governor's Office of Planning & Budget (UGOB). The portal went live in June of 2023 and was developed in house by office staff. UGOB maintains the portal and updates it one to two times a year as state agencies update their grants and send new postings. UGOB estimates an approximate total cost of 5% of an FTE with no ongoing overhead as it is currently hosted for free through Google. While engagement metrics are unavailable, they have reported positive reception from localities within the state.

¹ <https://gopb.utah.gov/funding-resources/>

² <https://gopb.utah.gov/waterfunding/>

³ <https://lookerstudio.google.com/reporting/ef90555b-7a4d-4b8e-898e-c427c996bf65/page/WFAzC>

WYOMING

Unlike its peers, Wyoming inserts itself directly into the grants space through its centralized Grants Management Office (GMO) underneath the State Budget Department as a part of Wyoming's executive branch. The GMO works with state agencies, localities, Tribal organizations, and private entities to secure grants for projects in the state.

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WYOMING GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WYGAP)

The Wyoming Grant Assistance Program (WGAP)⁴ is a free assistance hub for state agencies, local governments, Tribal governments, non-profits, and small businesses. It provides support from the pre-planning phase through grant wrap up, including grant research, application assistance, and compliance support.

GRANTS CONNECT HUB

The Grants Connect Hub⁵ is similar in nature to Utah's Funding Opportunities Portal where users can search for and identify funding opportunities that align with their projects. Unlike Utah there is a larger emphasis on including federal grant opportunities. Wyoming's search function is more granular than Utah's system and includes a calendar to identify deadlines, a keyword search, and a funding mechanism filter.

TRAINING & WEBINARS

In addition to the functional and technical assistance offered by the Wyoming GMO, they also provide a routine series of training courses, both in person and online, culminating in their yearly Annual Funding Summit. These trainings cover topics ranging from general grant writing tips to specific niches such as "Assessing and Achieving Grant Readiness for Nonprofit Organizations" and are housed on the GMO website.⁶

HISTORY & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Much like the Utah system, the Wyoming GMO is relatively new; Governor Gordon directed its establishment in 2024. Unlike Utah, Wyoming built its system using outside contractors and staffed a dedicated team to manage GMO activities. According to the "Grants Management Office - Feedback Report - October 2025"⁷ the GMO has helped secure approximately \$9 million dollars in additional funding and facilitated over \$43 million dollars' worth of grant applications. The GMO also works alongside the legislature to maximize funding for projects within the state, HB 0001⁸ from the 2024 budget session set aside \$75 million dollars in matching funds for grants procured from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58.⁹

⁴ <https://sbd.wyo.gov/grants/resources>

⁵ <https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoiaMTZHNzc4OTQ0OWM0Mi00YWQ2LWI1ZWVtNmQ5MTg1OTg3ZWYwliwidCj6lM1Mjg5ZTU1LWVIMTUtNDZhNy1iZmM5LWYxZDM0ZTAwOTY0YyJ9>

⁶ <https://sbd.wyo.gov/grants/grant-training-and-webinars>

⁷ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RfLoPS5P6-7AAIAuFGfJ45lNupfqWFI/view?usp=drive_link

⁸ <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2024/HB0001>

⁹ <https://www.congress.gov/117/plaws/publ58/PLAW-117publ58.pdf>