

2026 Youth Engagement Grant Awardees

The Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education grant and Outdoor Classroom grant are two grant programs provided by the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation. These programs aim at providing funding for programming to get youth learning, growing and recreating in the outdoors. This year, the two grant programs were evaluated by the Youth Engagement Subcommittee, which awarded **57** projects, totaling **\$735,300.39** and will serve **21,591** youth, and accumulate **\$4,440,853.87** in total project costs to engage youth in the outdoors.

Outdoor Classroom				
Project Name	Applicant	County	Total Project Value	UCORE Award
E. G. King Elementary School Outdoor Track	E. G. King Elementary	Davis County	\$22,000.00	\$15,000.00
Monticello Academy West Point Outdoor Classroom	Monticello Academy	Davis County	\$39,780.00	\$15,000.00
Eureka Elementary Outdoor Classroom	Tintic School District	Juab County	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00
West Desert Elementary School Outdoor Classroom	Tintic School District	Juab County	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00
Nations of the Four Corner Project	San Juan County	San Juan County	\$13,000.00	\$10,000.00
Youth Outdoor Learning: Grantsville City Library Recreation Space	Grantsville City Library	Utah County	\$14,575.90	\$11,383.00
Maria Montessori Academy Outdoor Education Improvement Plan	Maria Montessori Academy	Weber County	\$12,800.00	\$9,000.00
Pioneer Trek & Heritage Gardens Outdoor Learning Hub	GreenWood Charter School	Weber County	\$18,000.00	\$11,000.00

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TRY (Teens Reaching Youth) 4-H Adventure Clubs	Utah State University Extension Beaver County	Beaver County	\$28,990.00	\$15,000.00
Young Guns	Young Guns	Beaver County	\$63,045.00	\$15,000.00
Beaver City Outdoor Recreation Classroom	Beaver City	Beaver County	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
Trailblazers: Riding Without Limits	Utah State University Extension	Cache County	\$34,176.00	\$13,800.00
Lakeside Learning Field Trip Program at Antelope Island	FRIENDS of Great Salt Lake	Davis County	\$38,258.58	\$12,000.00
Districtwide Archery and Snowshoeing Program Expansion	Duchesne County School District	Duchesne County	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00
I am Child who thrives with Wild	I am a Child who thrives with Wild	Garfield County	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00
School to Science	Science Moab	Grand County	\$47,000.00	\$15,000.00
BEACON Afterschool Program	BEACON Afterschool Program	Grand County	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
Roots and Routes: Connecting Utah Youth to the Desert Southwest	Colorado Outward Bound School	Grand County	\$89,100.00	\$15,000.00
Kane County Kids THRIVE Outdoors	Healthy Kane County Foundation	Kane County	\$24,537.25	\$11,931.00
Camp Hope Program	Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office	Salt Lake County	\$149,400.15	\$15,000.00

Know Before You Go (KBYG) Avalanche Education Program	Utah Avalanche Center	Salt Lake County	\$80,461.00	\$15,000.00
Rolling Into Nature: Building Lifelong Connections Through Outdoor Rec	Salt Lake Center for Science Education	Salt Lake County	\$10,889.00	\$7,233.00
Jordan River Expansion Program	Wasatch Mountain Institute	Salt Lake County	\$28,000.00	\$15,000.00
LLPA School Break STEAM Camps	Loveland Living Planet Aquarium	Salt Lake County	\$777,902.00	\$15,000.00
2025-2026 Adaptive Ski & Snowboard Program	Wasatch Adaptive Sports	Salt Lake County	\$1,345,042.00	\$15,000.00
The Mayfly Project, Salt Lake City	The Mayfly Project, National	Salt Lake County	\$16,182.73	\$4,849.97
Rooted in Nature	Roots Charter High School	Salt Lake County	\$46,000.00	\$15,000.00
Snow Science and Safety Program for Children	The Goldminer's Daughter School	Salt Lake County	\$11,677.60	\$8,677.60
Monticello Outside	Monticello Academy	Salt Lake County	\$102,871.10	\$15,000.00
Youth and School Garden Program	Wasatch Community Gardens	Salt Lake County	\$278,797.00	\$15,000.00
Winter 2026 Chill SLC Youth Snowboard Programs	Grants Manager, Chill Foundation	Salt Lake County	\$163,398.00	\$15,000.00
Rad Canyon Bike Rentals	Rad Canyon	Salt Lake County	\$22,000.00	\$15,000.00
ROOTS: Rooted in Outdoor Opportunities for Teen Success	Utah State University Extension	San Juan County	\$18,018.06	\$15,000.00
Blanding Youth Bicycle Program	Blanding City	San Juan County	\$17,000.00	\$5,600.00

Bears Ears Spring Break & Summer Camps	Bears Ears Partnership	San Juan County	\$33,438.85	\$15,000.00
Kids. Cancer. Camp.	Camp Hobe Kids	Statewide	\$98,000.00	\$15,000.00
Nature Gap Student Outings	HawkWatch International	Statewide	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00
Skyward: Recalibrating Life Under Utah Stars	Utah State University	Statewide	\$18,000.07	\$15,000.00
Community Tree Planting in Utah Schools	Tree Utah	Statewide	\$86,000.00	\$15,000.00
Cultivating Futures : Garden Camp Scholarships	Summit Community Gardens and EATS	Summit County	\$25,590.00	\$15,000.00
Outdoor Sports Access -- Skiing and snowboarding	Youth WinterSports Alliance DBA Youth Sports Alliance	Summit County	\$40,000.00	\$15,000.00
Adaptive Outdoor Recreation for Utah Youth	National Ability Center	Summit County	\$18,750.00	\$15,000.00
Uintah County 4H Program (UC4HP)	Uintah County	Uintah County	\$13,151.25	\$8,717.50
Youth Mountain Biking Education Program	City of Orem	Utah County	\$14,130.00	\$11,130.00
Cowboy Camp	Utah State University, 4-H & Youth Programs	Utah County	\$18,006.51	\$15,000.00
Inclusive Underwater Adventures	Just Breathe Adaptive Scuba	Utah County	\$19,455.20	\$9,540.00
Wilderness Explorers and Adventure Club Scholarships	Wasatch Nature School Foundation	Utah County	\$17,934.00	\$13,958.00
Exploration of Utah's Agriculture, Animals, and Ecosystems at	Daybreak Elementary First Grade Teacher	Utah County	\$1,536.32	\$1,212.32

Thanksgiving Point				
YMCA Mill Hollow Waterfront Camps	YMCA of Northern Utah	Wasatch County	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00
Youth Cross-Country Ski Development	Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation	Wasatch County	\$54,582.00	\$15,000.00
Zion Youth Stewards	Zion National Park Forever Project	Washington County	\$83,000.00	\$15,000.00
Together We Ride (Outdoor kids bike initiative)	Weber School District	Weber County	\$8,500.00	\$4,500.00
Cycle Roots. "Pedal. Discover. Grow."	Ogden Bicycle collective	Weber County	\$8,233.50	\$6,000.00
OPA Heads South!	Ogden Preparatory Academy	Weber County	\$59,468.80	\$4,768.00
Outdoor Education Programs to Engage Youth	Ogden Nature Center	Weber County	\$76,176.00	\$15,000.00
Discover Winter: Utah Outdoor Skills & Science (Grades 6–9)	Maria Montessori Academy	Weber County	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00
Mapping the ride: Building character through youth mountain biking	Weber State University	Weber County	\$18,000.00	\$15,000.00