

UCAIR Opens 2019 Grants Call for Proposals

Annual funding supports action to improve Utah's air

SALT LAKE CITY – June 24, 2019 – To continue progress toward improving our air quality, the Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR) opens its annual grants program. Grant funding is available to support projects that directly reduce pollutants and emissions, provide research on the impacts of air quality to Utah's health and economy, or create resources for communities and municipalities to use in their local air quality improvement activities.

Application information is available online at <u>https://www.ucair.org/ucair-grant/</u> and will be accepted through July 29, 2019. Private sector companies, government entities and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Awarded grants average \$20K-\$30K. Organizations selected to receive UCAIR Grants funding will be chosen based on the measurable impact the program or project would provide toward reducing emissions at home, in the community and at work.

Now in its seventh year, the UCAIR grants program has awarded 59 grants totaling more than \$2 million dollars. The grants program has supported projects including:

- Reducing 1,200 pounds of emissions from 25 vehicle repairs through the Davis County Repair Assistance Program
- Exchanging more than 1,200 gas-powered mowers through the Weber State Mower/Trimmer Exchange, saving roughly six million miles in equivalent emissions
- Installing electric vehicle charging stations
- A statewide smoking vehicle hotline
- The annual Clear the Air Challenge

"Utahns have so many ideas, studies and technology innovations that can help in the quest for better air, but many struggle to make them a reality because they lack the resources," said UCAIR executive director Thom Carter. "These grants make it possible to turn concepts into practical solutions."

Grant funding comes from private donations, grant recipients are encouraged to match a percentage of the grant amount.

The application, guidelines, criteria and deadlines for the UCAIR Grants can be found at <u>https://www.ucair.org/ucair-grant/</u>.

About UCAIR

UCAIR is a statewide clean air partnership created to make it easier for individuals, businesses and communities to make small changes to improve Utah's air. Every small change adds to a collective bigger step toward better health, a better economy and better overall quality of life for all of us. For more information, visit <u>www.UCAIR.org</u>.