



From: Eric Duthie, Hildale City Manager
To: Hildale City Council; Hildale City Mayor
Date: January 6, 2023
Subject: Grant award

Council approved the submission of a Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development (GO UTAH) Rural Communities Opportunities grant application in November 2022, in the amount of \$599,000. Hildale City was notified of successful award of the grant on December 23, 2022. The formal announcement of the grant award will be made at the Council Retreat Luncheon on Friday, January 19, 2023.

This grant is for the creation of an Innovation Center (in the city owned building on North Box Elder Street) with:

- Public access short term/long term professional office space rentals
- A commercial grade cutting machine for textile manufacturing development/production
- A 3D printer for product development/production
- Coordinating and hosting entrepreneurial education, training, and resources
- Tourism programs and materials
- Data collection/analysis assistance for the Short Creek Community Assessment

The next steps include infrastructure improvement, Innovation Coordinator position notice, and procurement process initiation.

Similar sites in Utah have been, and are scheduled to be, visited by city representatives to gain insight into the development, issues, and problem resolution others have faced and overcome. This will enable our Center to be prepared to avoid similar issues.

Additionally, we have initiated contacts and potential partnerships with the Economic Development Corporation of Utah, a private, non-profit organization founded in 1987 as a catalyst for quality job growth and increased capital investment in the state; and

The Rural Utah Chamber Coalition representing rural communities throughout Utah and addressing challenges or concerns.

As we continue to move forward in the economic improvement ventures for our city and region, we will keep you advised.