

Agency Summary And Certification

FY 2026 Request

Agency: Special Programs

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In accordance with 67-3502 Idaho Code, I certify the included budget properly states the receipts and expenditures of the departments (agency, office, or institution) for the fiscal years indicated.

Signature of Department Director: Joshua Whitworth Date: 10/31/2024

			FY 2024 Total Appropriation	FY 2024 Total Expenditures	FY 2025 Original Appropriation	FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures	FY 2026 Total Request
Appropriation Unit							
Forest Utilization Research			1,599,500	1,599,500	1,652,600	1,652,600	1,702,200
Geological Survey			1,294,000	1,294,000	1,336,100	1,336,100	1,376,200
Museum of Natural History			722,700	722,700	748,700	748,700	771,200
Scholarships and Grants			29,797,800	24,046,900	30,548,700	30,548,700	32,051,700
Small Business Development Centers			1,050,900	832,000	1,101,600	1,101,600	1,122,200
TechHelp			420,700	420,500	443,700	443,700	457,126
Total			34,885,600	28,915,600	35,831,400	35,831,400	37,480,626
By Fund Source							
G	10000	General	29,138,000	28,054,000	30,083,600	30,083,600	31,732,326
F	34400	Federal	218,900	0	218,900	218,900	218,900
F	34800	Federal	4,528,700	733,300	0	0	0
F	34828	Federal	0	0	4,528,900	4,528,900	4,529,400
D	34900	Dedicated	1,000,000	128,300	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total			34,885,600	28,915,600	35,831,400	35,831,400	37,480,626
By Account Category							
Personnel Cost			4,880,400	3,926,700	5,068,400	4,718,400	5,336,026
Operating Expense			332,000	904,900	345,100	695,100	351,700
Capital Outlay			4,900	129,700	0	0	0
Trustee/Benefit			29,668,300	23,954,300	30,417,900	30,417,900	31,792,900
Total			34,885,600	28,915,600	35,831,400	35,831,400	37,480,626
FTP Positions			48.79	48.79	50.07	50.07	51.37
Total			48.79	48.79	50.07	50.07	51.37

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Statutory Authority: UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO:
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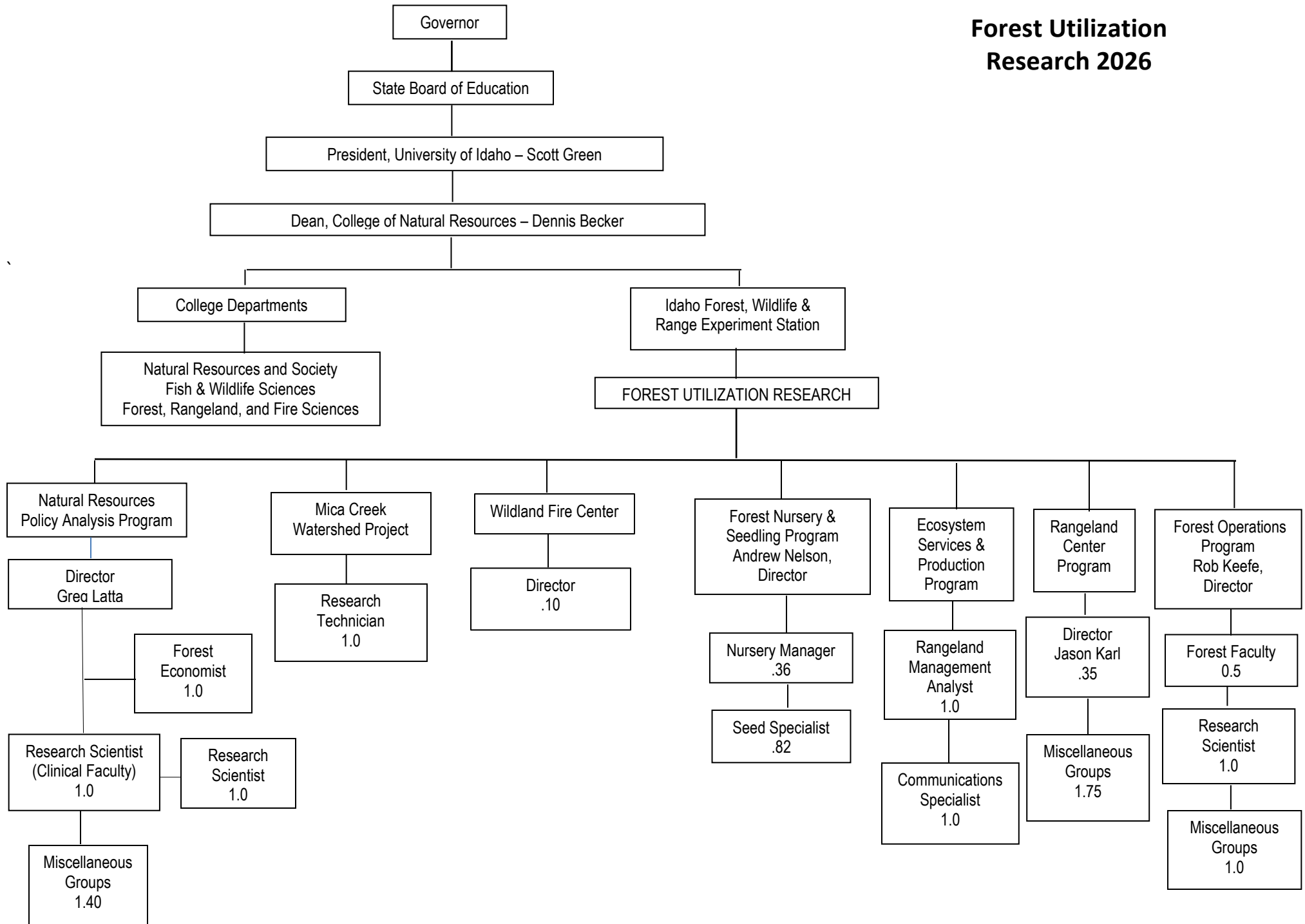
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Forest Utilization Research 2026



		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
Agency	University of Idaho							514
Division	University of Idaho							UI1
Appropriation Unit	Forest Utilization Research							EDJA
FY 2024 Total Appropriation								
1.00	FY 2024 Total Appropriation							EDJA
	UI S1176; ARES H336; Health S1147; Special S1177							
	10000 General	12.78	1,429,100	170,400	0	0	1,599,500	
		12.78	1,429,100	170,400	0	0	1,599,500	
1.21	Account Transfers							EDJA
	10000 General	0.00	0	(1,900)	1,900	0	0	
		0.00	0	(1,900)	1,900	0	0	
FY 2024 Actual Expenditures								
2.00	FY 2024 Actual Expenditures							EDJA
	10000 General	12.78	1,429,100	168,500	1,900	0	1,599,500	
		12.78	1,429,100	168,500	1,900	0	1,599,500	
FY 2025 Original Appropriation								
3.00	FY 2025 Original Appropriation							EDJA
	Maintenance H458; UI H734; ARES H703; Health H381; Special H692							
	10000 General	13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
		13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
FY 2025Total Appropriation								
5.00	FY 2025 Total Appropriation							EDJA
	10000 General	13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
		13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures								
7.00	FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures							EDJA
	10000 General	13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
		13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
FY 2026 Base								
9.00	FY 2026 Base							EDJA
	10000 General	13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
		13.28	1,482,200	170,400	0	0	1,652,600	
Program Maintenance								
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs							EDJA
	This decision unit reflects a change in the employer health benefit costs.							
	10000 General	0.00	17,300	0	0	0	17,300	
		0.00	17,300	0	0	0	17,300	
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs							EDJA

		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
This decision unit reflects a change in variable benefits.							
10000	General	0.00	(100)	0	0	0	(100)
		0.00	(100)	0	0	0	(100)
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees						EDJA
This decision unit reflects a 1% salary multiplier for Regular Employees.							
10000	General	0.00	12,900	0	0	0	12,900
		0.00	12,900	0	0	0	12,900
FY 2026 Total Maintenance							
11.00	FY 2026 Total Maintenance						EDJA
10000	General	13.28	1,512,300	170,400	0	0	1,682,700
		13.28	1,512,300	170,400	0	0	1,682,700
Line Items							
12.01	Forest Utilization Research: Experimental Forest Training & Operations						EDJA
The request is to provide .14 FTE funding support for a Workforce Development Program Manager (Manager) to oversee and administer a student workforce training program in conjunction with recent investments in industry forestry equipment.							
10000	General	0.14	19,500	0	0	0	19,500
		0.14	19,500	0	0	0	19,500
FY 2026 Total							
13.00	FY 2026 Total						EDJA
10000	General	13.42	1,531,800	170,400	0	0	1,702,200
		13.42	1,531,800	170,400	0	0	1,702,200

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Decision Unit Number12.01

Descriptive TitleForest Utilization Research: Experimental Forest Training & Operations

	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals				
50 - Personnel Cost	19,500	0	0	19,500
55 - Operating Expense	0	0	0	0
70 - Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
80 -	0	0	0	0
Totals	19,500	0	0	19,500
Full Time Positions	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14

Appropriation Unit: Forest Utilization Research

EDJA

Personnel Cost				
500 Employees	14,600	0	0	14,600
512 Employee Benefits	2,900	0	0	2,900
513 Health Benefits	2,000	0	0	2,000
Personnel Cost Total	19,500	0	0	19,500
Full Time Positions				
FTP - Permanent	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.14
Full Time Positions Total	0	0	0	0
	19,500	0	0	19,500

Explain the request and provide justification for the need.

University of Idaho Experimental Forest Training & Operations

The University of Idaho Experimental Forest (UIEF) is home for basic and applied research on 10,300 acres of actively managed, productive forestland and special management areas with a long history of research in forest operations, silviculture, wildland and prescribed fire, wildlife management and remote sensing applications in forestry. For more than 90 years, the UIEF has provided a working classroom for university and K-12 students, private landowners, and agency personnel. The forest management units, special management areas, and outdoor classroom facilities enable research and provide field-based education through outreach workshops and field tours germane to the land-grant mission of the University of Idaho.

The UIEF is a working forest, actively managed by university students to provide long-term supply of local wood, clean water, recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat, along with serving core research, teaching and demonstration mission while mitigating for fire risks. Student crews are trained in timber cruising and inventory, silviculture and operation management, fire preparedness and suppression, and recreation management. The student led crews provide essential services to UIEF while providing real world experience that lead them to become highly trained and sought after employees serving Idaho's \$2.8 billion forest industry. In the last two years the College of Natural Resources has purchased nearly \$2 million in modern mechanized logging equipment to better train students on modern forest operations and accelerate their ability to integrate into the forestry workforce. Professional student training and oversight on the operations of this equipment along with proper equipment maintenance is needed to ensure the investment serves its intended purposes. Requested funding will support 14% (equal to .14 FTE) of an existing UIEF staff member to contribute to student training in industrial forestry operations, support industrial forestry research, and to properly maintain equipment for long term use.

The request is to provide .14 FTE funding support for a Workforce Development Program Manager (Manager) to oversee and administer a student workforce training program in conjunction with recent investments in industry forestry equipment. The Manager will guide student training and oversight, establish learning outcomes tied to industry standards for employees to address the growing deficit of qualified employees entering the forest industry workforce, and oversee industry outreach and training for private logging businesses and forest landowners using advanced technology, and training to meet contemporary forest industry workforce needs.

If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

N/A

Specify the authority in statute or rule that supports this request.

The College of Natural Resources, Forest Utilization Research Program, University of Idaho is authorized under Idaho Statute Title 38 Forestry, Forest Products and Stumpage Districts, Chapter 7 Forest, Wildlife and Range Experiment Station.

Indicate existing base of PC, OE, and/or CO by source for this request.

This is a request to increase base funding for annual maintenance for .14 FTE for the UIEF that supports the student-led training and operations

program.

What resources are necessary to implement this request?

This request is for ongoing funding for .14 FTE.

List positions, pay grades, full/part-time status, benefits, terms of service.

(.14 FTE) from existing exempt staff workforce to supervise the student training and operations program.

Will staff be re-directed? If so, describe impact and show changes on org chart.

Yes, overall existing operations will be minimally impacted as functions are currently in place to support related functions in the Forest Utilization Research program. The current staffing will take on the additional responsibilities within the FUR program to support student training and workforce development specifically aligned with the student led crews and new mechanized equipment.

Detail any current one-time or ongoing OE or CO and any other future costs.

No one-time or ongoing OE or CO are being requested.

Describe method of calculation (RFI, market cost, etc.) and contingencies.

Personnel Costs are based upon the current University of Idaho market-based compensation system and market costs as compared to similar positions regionally and nationally. Contingency plans are to keep existing opportunities for students capped at current levels along with no changes to staffing assignments should no new monies be available.

Provide detail about the revenue assumptions supporting this request.

This position will better serve existing students while also allowing more students to participate in timber cruising, inventory and harvesting activities, which increases timber receipts to UIEF to reinvest into workforce training. Assigning current staff to lead the student crews along with overseeing the new mechanized equipment operated by students will increase focus on maintenance and care of equipment, extending the operable life of equipment (valued at \$2.0 million) reducing the need for replacement over an extended period of time. In addition, increasing training opportunities for students that are workforce entry ready for the forest industry will increase industry workforce size and capabilities, increasing revenue opportunities for both industry and state tax revenues.

Who is being served by this request and what is the impact if not funded?

Idaho forest industry, citizenry, as well as state and federal agencies, nongovernment organizations, and students seeking hands-on education and training in Idaho forests will benefit from this investment. Forestry and related forest industries as a function of state gross domestic product (GDP) is over a \$2.8 billion annually to the state of Idaho. Rural communities, their economies dependent on the forest industry, from logging, management, production and associated industries will continue to struggle with workforce recruitment without this investment. Failure to fund this initiative will add to the lack of highly trained forestry professionals that are immediately available to join the workforce quickly and efficiently.

Identify the measure/goal/priority this will improve in the strat plan or PMR.

This request will address Objective A:
Promote an environment that increases faculty, student, and constituency engagement in disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship

Performance Measure I:

Number of CNR faculty, staff, students and constituency groups involved in FUR-related scholarship or capacity building activities.

This will be accomplished through dedicated personnel time to ensure student involvement in the elements of workforce development within their educational training to meet growing demands of the forest industry as well as direct engagement with forest industry professionals during student training.

What is the anticipated measured outcome if this request is funded?

Objective A. Performance Measure I. has been trending upward for the past four (4) years from 54 participants (FY20) to 70 participants (FY23). This funding will provide additional personnel resources to continue this trend with an expectation of adding 5-10% annual growth in participants from this single action. Out-year planning would include continued monitoring of growth through the PMR process and with positive increasing trends warranting additional investment.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FY 2026 Budget Request

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												Current Year	TTL:									Adj CEC				
												Original	Per FTE		Rate Chge							Total	Salary Base	CEC Request		
Institution/Program	FTP Base	Budget	EAP	Ilth Ins DU 10.1	ORP Ret	PERSI Ret	Unem Ins	Life Ins	Sick	DHR	Wk Comp	DU10.12	Excl Hlth	CEC @	DU 10.61	DU 10.62										
Old Benefit Rates		Old Rate	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	10.84%	11.96%	0.00%	0.671%	0.000%	2.0000%																
New Benefit Rates		New Rate	\$0.00	\$14,300.00	10.84%	11.96%	0.00%	0.671%	0.000%	2.0000%																
IN Forest Utilization Research (UI)	EDJA																									
Benefit Changes			\$0.00	\$1,300.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.006%															
Faculty	5.91	540,894	0	7,683	0		0	0	0		-32	-32	540,894	1.00%	5,409											
Mgrl/Prof	5.87	450,763	0	7,631	0		0	0	0		-27	-27	450,763	1.00%	4,508											
Classified	1.50	80,538	0	1,950		0	0	0	0		-5	-5	80,538	1.00%	805											
Irreg Help	0.00	25,000	0	0			0				-1	-1	25,000	1.00%		250										
Total Salaries	13.28	1,097,195											1,097,195		10,722	250										
Benefits: Non-Group		382,480	0	17,264	0	0	0	0	0	0	-64	-64	209,776		2,200											
Benefits: Group		2,525					0				-1	-1	2,524			0										
Total Pers Costs		1,482,200	0	189,904	---Benefits Not subject to CEC ---							-66	1,309,494		12,922	250										
% Benefits		35.09%										19.35%			20.52%	0.00%										
				17,300									-100					12,900								

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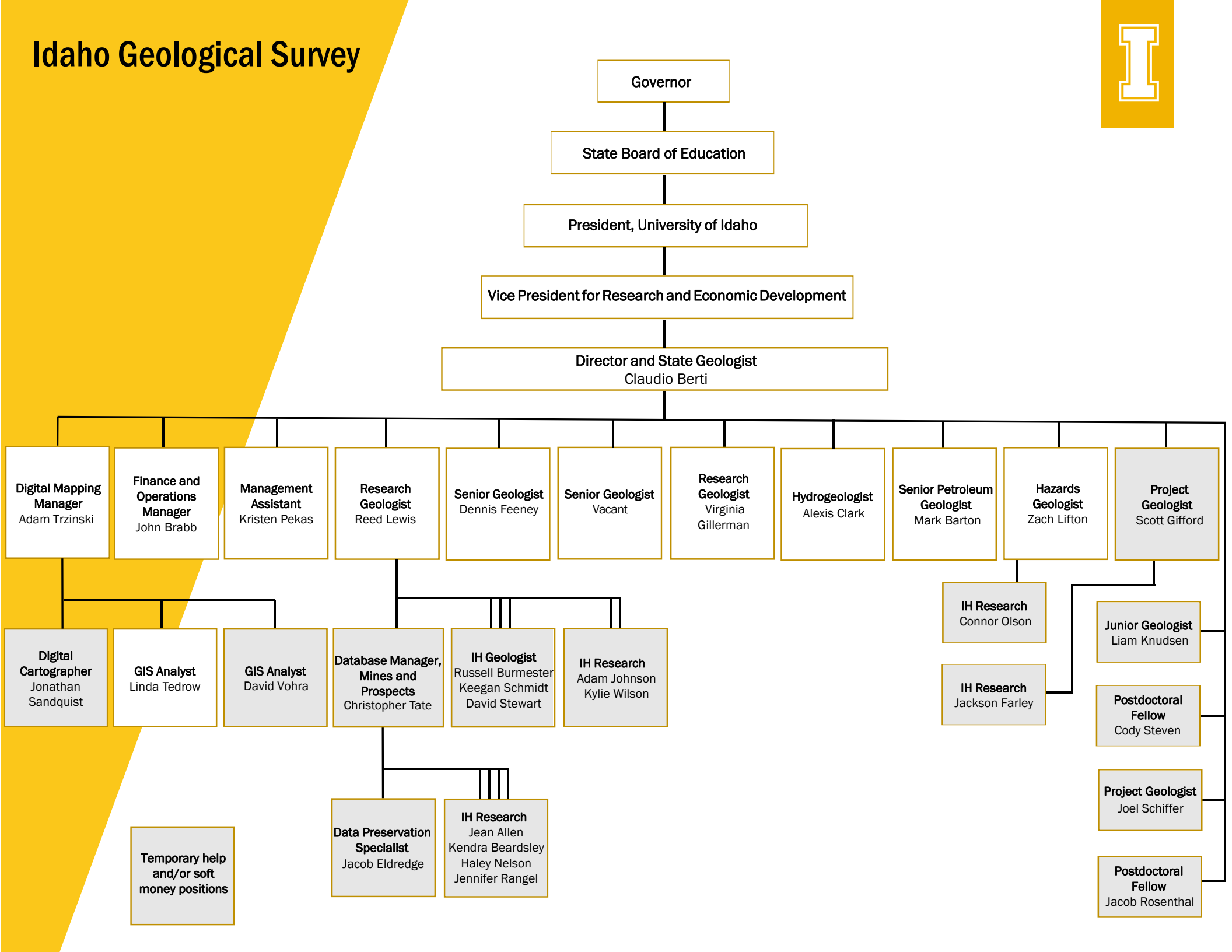
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1.21	Account Transfers							EDJB
	10000 General	0.00	(265,400)	142,500	122,900	0	0	
		0.00	(265,400)	142,500	122,900	0	0	
FY 2024 Actual Expenditures								
2.00	FY 2024 Actual Expenditures							EDJB
	10000 General	12.28	989,900	181,200	122,900	0	1,294,000	
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		12.47	1,297,400	38,700	0	0	1,336,100	
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		0.00	(100)	0	0	0	(100)
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10000	General	0.00	11,200	0	0	0	11,200
		0.00	11,200	0	0	0	11,200
FY 2026 Total Maintenance							
11.00	FY 2026 Total Maintenance						EDJB
10000	General	12.47	1,324,700	38,700	0	0	1,363,400
		12.47	1,324,700	38,700	0	0	1,363,400
Line Items							
12.01	Idaho Geological Survey: Critical Needs						EDJB
The request is to provide funding for a portion of a database manager to guarantee the Survey's capabilities to develop, maintain, and service statewide databases, lead the data preservation effort, and support data management needs.							
10000	General	0.13	12,800	0	0	0	12,800
		0.13	12,800	0	0	0	12,800
FY 2026 Total							
13.00	FY 2026 Total						EDJB
10000	General	12.60	1,337,500	38,700	0	0	1,376,200
		12.60	1,337,500	38,700	0	0	1,376,200

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Decision Unit Number 12.01 Descriptive Title Idaho Geological Survey: Critical Needs

	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals				
50 - Personnel Cost	12,800	0	0	12,800
55 - Operating Expense	0	0	0	0
70 - Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
80 -	0	0	0	0
Totals	12,800	0	0	12,800
Full Time Positions	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.13

Appropriation Unit: Geological Survey

EDJB

Personnel Cost

500 Employees	9,100	0	0	9,100
512 Employee Benefits	1,900	0	0	1,900
513 Health Benefits	1,800	0	0	1,800
Personnel Cost Total	12,800	0	0	12,800

Full Time Positions

FTP - Permanent	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.13
Full Time Positions Total	0	0	0	0
	12,800	0	0	12,800

Explain the request and provide justification for the need.

The legislative mandate of the Idaho Geological Survey (IGS) is to collect, interpret, and publicly distribute geologic data for the state of Idaho. IGS has been historically operating on minimal operational funding, typically in the order of a few thousand dollars from the state appropriation. This funding level is not adequate for the Survey's mission, especially in the recent years when revived interest for critical minerals exploration has put enormous pressure on IGS, and it is impacting the ability of the agency to conduct work focused on state priorities. IGS currently bridges the funding needs through grant and contract work, which creates available salary savings used for operational expenses but ties IGS to contractual obligations taking away from a statewide mandate. Only a few programs can land successful grant funding, and critical programs are left with minimal to no funding (e.g., Geologic Hazards, Economic Geology, Oil & Gas, Hydrogeology). IGS's operational presence in the state is currently dictated entirely by contract obligations and does not directly address societal, economic, and public safety priorities of the state of Idaho. Investment in personnel, instrumentation, and operational funds for IGS has the potential for high return as evidenced in many well-established economic assessments on benefits for basic geologic investigation (1).

The highest priority for IGS is to continue to build and secure a full FTP and dedicated funding for the Database Manager position. This position is only partially funded by state appropriation (0.19 FTE) and is currently supported largely on grant funds from Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) abandoned mines program and other sources. Current funding is projected to be terminated in the next year and leaves the faith of this position very uncertain. This position is critical to IGS, maintains and designs database structures to custom fit state needs, oversees technical staff, interacts with all scientists, and serves all programs. Moving the Database Manager on the state appropriation budget is a priority given the projected termination of extramural funding. It will also allow IGS to increase its competitiveness in grant applications with the ability to match salary to federal funding enabling new hires on soft money and maximizing the state investment with a return up to 200%. The position is also instrumental to the operation of the Survey's website which distributes all IGS products to stakeholders and the public. Termination of funding for this position would be catastrophic for IGS.

Under the current restriction of a 3% increase for FY26 request, IGS is only able to propose a fraction of the needed full FTP (0.129 FTP) and is planning to integrate the remainder through extramural funding, while projecting to include similar requests in the future in order to bring the position to a full appointment.

IGS is requesting a fraction of a new position and the associated increase in funding to guarantee the Survey's capabilities to develop, maintain, and service statewide databases, lead the data preservation effort, and support data management needs.

The request adds to a partial FTE funded in FY2025 at 0.19 FTP

(1) <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301420714000804#s0065>

If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

N/A

Specify the authority in statute or rule that supports this request.

IGS was created under Idaho Statutes 47-201 to be the lead state agency for the collection, interpretation, and dissemination of geologic and mineral data for Idaho.

Indicate existing base of PC, OE, and/or CO by source for this request.

IGS currently has 12.47 FTP appropriated of which 11.3353 are allocated under the FY25 projection.

The request is for a portion (0.129) of an FTP, to supplement an existing partially funded position at 0.19 FTP. The remainder of the position (0.681) will be funded in FY26 through extramural funding and grants.

What resources are necessary to implement this request?

This request is for ongoing funding for 0.129 new FTP totaling \$12,800 in ongoing personnel costs.

List positions, pay grades, full/part-time status, benefits, terms of service.

Database Manager
FTP: 0.129
Salary: \$9,100
Benefit Eligible: Yes
Term of Service: 12-month

Will staff be re-directed? If so, describe impact and show changes on org chart.

Only administrative resources will be redirected to this effort. All other research resources are already fully committed to existing programs.

Detail any current one-time or ongoing OE or CO and any other future costs.

N/A

Describe method of calculation (RFI, market cost, etc.) and contingencies.

All costs for FTP are based on market data and costs for comparable positions within similar state geological surveys.

Provide detail about the revenue assumptions supporting this request.

The current request directly benefits all stakeholders and the citizens of the state of Idaho, directly impact public safety, contributes to economic development of local communities, and supports and incentivizes industry presence and collaboration across the state.

IGS's competitiveness in grant applications will be increased by the current request. IGS anticipates increases in federal and industry funding (as demonstrated by current successful grant awards) to be used in the service of Idaho's constituents.

The request also supports IGS ability to interface with other state agencies, such as IDL, IDWR, OEMR, and DEQ.

We do not anticipate increases in revenue for IGS.

Who is being served by this request and what is the impact if not funded?

This request is designed to serve the constituents of the state of Idaho as it impacts IGS ability to design, maintain, expand, and preserve database and data collections which address key scientific, economic, and public safety issues related to the stewardship of natural and mineral resources and the understanding and mitigation of natural hazards.

The IGS is charged by its legislative mandate to address geological investigations over the vast, complex state and to serve citizens and stakeholders in response to specific local, regional, and statewide needs. Data acquired through monitoring, instrumentation, and direct observation in the field and its interpretation and communication are in support of the economic vitality of industry and private citizens. The data will affect decisions regarding the security and safety of public infrastructure, including transportation corridors, and guarantee sustainable management practices for continued prosperity of the numerous state industries, including forestry, agriculture, water, and mineral resources.

As the lead state agency for geological data, IGS's collective knowledge provides critical information to numerous current and prospective companies that are attracted to Idaho's natural resources and can increase revenue for local communities and the state.

At a broader scale, the services that will be made available through the proposed request will serve the entirety of the state through increased basic scientific and applied knowledge with direct application to hazard mitigation, infrastructure resilience, and limiting losses associated with geologic disasters.

If funding is not provided, the ability of IGS to operate at capacity will be compromised with potential negative impacts and limitation to the IGS mandate and mission. The loss of funding for database management, coordination and dissemination would have lasting crippling effects on IGS' ability to provide objective, science-based data in support of the public interest.

Identify the measure/goal/priority this will improve in the strat plan or PMR.

The activities of the position object of this request fit directly into "Goal 1: Service and Outreach", as identified in the IGS strategic plan. In particular, the request will improve the "Objective B: Deliver statewide geologic information and products via website" as the database manager is responsible for all operations related to IGS data delivery. The performance measures that will track any improvement can be identified by:

- I. Number of website viewers.
- II. Number of website products used or downloaded.

It is important to note that as this position is already existing, much effort is already dedicated to the objectives of the aforementioned "Goal 1". One noticeable improvement, should IGS be successful in securing a full FTE from this position, will come from the ability to match state funds against external grants, allowing for substantial increase in productivity and data delivery.

What is the anticipated measured outcome if this request is funded?

Anticipated measured outcomes from this request will be:

- Increase in external funds as matched by the fraction of FTE for the Database Manager position.
- Increase in number of web products offered to the public via the IGS website.

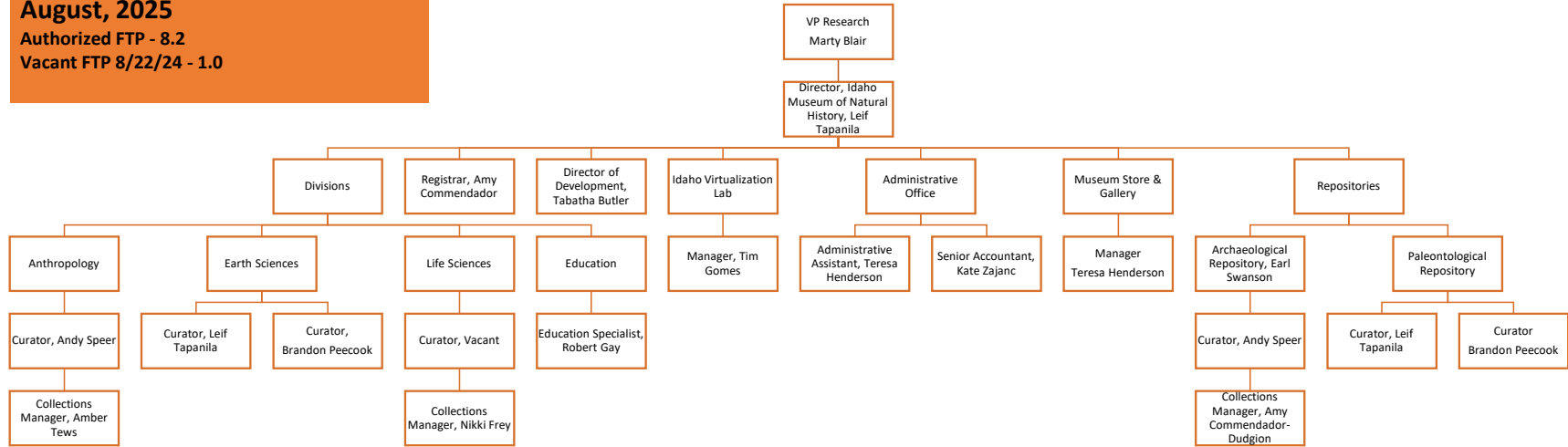
One additional measurable outcome from this request will be the ability to include the Data Preservation Efforts into the IGS strategic plan, with identifiable and quantifiable performance measurements. Currently IGS is performing Data Preservation efforts through grant funded positions, and it is not possible nor sustainable to include these kind of "unfunded" efforts in the strategic plan. On the other hand, the Data Preservation is a flagship program of IGS, recognized internationally by industry and stakeholders for its economic benefits to the State of Idaho. Including the Data Preservation in the strategic plan would allow IGS to better its services to the State.

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Idaho Museum of Natural History
Organizational Chart
August, 2025
 Authorized FTP - 8.2
 Vacant FTP 8/22/24 - 1.0



		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
Agency	Idaho State University							513
Division	Idaho State University							IS1
Appropriation Unit	Museum of Natural History							EDJD
FY 2024 Total Appropriation								
1.00	FY 2024 Total Appropriation							EDJD
	S1176							
	10000 General	8.20	713,600	4,200	4,900	0	722,700	
		8.20	713,600	4,200	4,900	0	722,700	
1.21	Account Transfers							EDJD
	10000 General	0.00	(72,000)	72,000	0	0	0	
		0.00	(72,000)	72,000	0	0	0	
FY 2024 Actual Expenditures								
2.00	FY 2024 Actual Expenditures							EDJD
	10000 General	8.20	641,600	76,200	4,900	0	722,700	
		8.20	641,600	76,200	4,900	0	722,700	
FY 2025 Original Appropriation								
3.00	FY 2025 Original Appropriation							EDJD
	HB458 & HB734							
	10000 General	8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
		8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
FY 2025Total Appropriation								
5.00	FY 2025 Total Appropriation							EDJD
	10000 General	8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
		8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures								
7.00	FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures							EDJD
	10000 General	8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
		8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
FY 2026 Base								
9.00	FY 2026 Base							EDJD
	10000 General	8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
		8.20	723,900	24,800	0	0	748,700	
Program Maintenance								
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs							EDJD
	This decision unit reflects a change in the employer health benefit costs.							
	10000 General	0.00	10,700	0	0	0	10,700	
		0.00	10,700	0	0	0	10,700	
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs							EDJD

		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
This decision unit reflects a change in variable benefits.							
10000	General	0.00	100	0	0	0	100
		0.00	100	0	0	0	100
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees						EDJD
This decision unit reflects a 1% salary multiplier for Regular Employees.							
10000	General	0.00	6,100	0	0	0	6,100
		0.00	6,100	0	0	0	6,100
10.62	Salary Multiplier - Group and Temporary						EDJD
Salary Adjustments - Group and Temporary							
10000	General	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
		0.00	0	0	0	0	0
FY 2026 Total Maintenance							
11.00	FY 2026 Total Maintenance						EDJD
10000	General	8.20	740,800	24,800	0	0	765,600
		8.20	740,800	24,800	0	0	765,600
Line Items							
12.01	IMNH Mobile Museum Education Line Item Request						EDJD
Idaho Museum of Natural History Mobile Museum							
10000	General	0.00	0	5,600	0	0	5,600
		0.00	0	5,600	0	0	5,600
FY 2026 Total							
13.00	FY 2026 Total						EDJD
10000	General	8.20	740,800	30,400	0	0	771,200
		8.20	740,800	30,400	0	0	771,200

Agency: Idaho State University

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Decision Unit Number12.01

Descriptive TitleIMNH Mobile Museum Education Line Item Request

	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals				
50 - Personnel Cost	0	0	0	0
55 - Operating Expense	5,600	0	0	5,600
70 -	0	0	0	0
80 - Trustee/Benefit	0	0	0	0
Totals	5,600	0	0	5,600
Full Time Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Appropriation Unit:Museum of Natural History

EDJD

Operating Expense				
595 Misc. Travel And Moving Costs	5,600	0	0	5,600
Operating Expense Total	5,600	0	0	5,600
	5,600	0	0	5,600

Explain the request and provide justification for the need.

Geography is the greatest barrier to providing educational opportunities, especially to rural Idaho. As a State agency, the IMNH serves all of Idaho, but our reach from Pocatello (orange-shaded counties) limits our capacity to serve a growing need.

This \$5,600 line item request is a small part of the \$102,800 request for the Mobile Museum Education program. This line item request brings the IMNH FY 2026 budget request up to the 3% budget cap.

The Mobile Museum Concept can meet this need by bringing our quality education programming to the students where they live. Travel education programs are very successful for other State Museums. For example, the Natural History Museum of Utah’s Museum on the Move is a State-funded program that delivers 4th Grade education to every school district across Utah at least every 3 years. Following a similar model of success, Idaho could provide impactful education to the State by investing in the Mobile Museum concept at IMNH. Changing educational themes might include Exploring Idaho’s State Dinosaur; How Idaho’s Phosphorus Feeds the World; or Ice Age Idaho. The programming will be set to State learning standards and bring real natural history objects to students.

If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

N/A

Specify the authority in statute or rule that supports this request.

Idaho Code 33-3012.

Indicate existing base of PC, OE, and/or CO by source for this request.

FY25 Budget for Idaho Museum of Natural History				
Personnel Cost	Operating Expenditures	Capital Outlay	TOTAL	
\$723,900	\$24,800	\$0		\$748,700

What resources are necessary to implement this request?

The Idaho Natural History Museum recently received grant support to purchase a Mobile Museum van and two years of part-time educator funding. This proposal seeks to secure sustainable funding for our Mobile Museum educator and travel expenses to service Idahoans across the state.

The traveling program requires sustained funding for a vehicle, an educator and travel costs. To reach school and library districts across the state on a 3-year interval we anticipate focusing on different regions of Idaho not currently served by us.

List positions, pay grades, full/part-time status, benefits, terms of service.

N/A

Will staff be re-directed? If so, describe impact and show changes on org chart.

No staff will be re-directed.

Detail any current one-time or ongoing OE or CO and any other future costs.

This request is for ongoing annual travel expenses of \$5,600. In FY24 alone, IMNH traveled nearly 3,000 miles to deliver programming across the state without a dedicated museum education vehicle, up 150% from FY23. With a dedicated Mobile Museum, we expect our mileage-to-programs to at least double to 6000 miles annually. We anticipate a utilization rate of 80% (42 weeks / year) with associated travel costs of approximately \$5,600 (per diem, hotels, federal mileage rate).

Describe method of calculation (RFI, market cost, etc.) and contingencies.

N/A

Provide detail about the revenue assumptions supporting this request.

The estimates for the OE budget do not include direct educational program expenses, which will be funded by user fees, external grants, sponsorships, and donations. The Mobile Museum will be available for reservation by schools and community groups, in addition to the IMNH-directed travel. Groups requesting the IMNH Mobile Museum will pay a reservation and travel fee to help support ongoing and future programming. This fee structure will be based on the Idaho Department of Education region system, and the fee will reflect the distance traveled from the IMNH.

Who is being served by this request and what is the impact if not funded?

Museum education is growing to meet demand. In the past year, the Idaho Museum of Natural History successfully delivered educational programs to over 10,000 children, primarily in southeast Idaho. Our efforts include on-site education programming, tours, summer camps, and major annual events (Science Trek and Fall Fossil Fest), combined with regional partnerships with 41 diverse entities that provide service to schools, communities, nonprofits, and homeschooling groups across SE Idaho. Creating accessibility for learning, we are proud to report that in 2023, >90% of our programming was offered at a participant cost under \$5, and 70% of programming was entirely free to learners, ensuring taxpayers are able to receive services without incurring additional costs.

The Mobile Museum Educator proposal provides sustainable access to quality education for rural Idahoans by expanding both the frequency and geographic reach of Museum education beyond southeast Idaho. Grant funding for the current part-time Mobile Educator ends in spring of 2027. If the program is not funded, rural communities across Idaho will have less access to grant and taxpayer-funded natural history education resources from the IMNH. Capital assets (travel van) acquired through philanthropic funding will have limited use without sustained OE for maintenance.

Identify the measure/goal/priority this will improve in the strat plan or PMR.

This funding will enable the participant cost to be affordable and will provide sustainable access to quality education for rural Idahoans.

What is the anticipated measured outcome if this request is funded?

Continued progress toward participation by expanding both the frequency and geographic reach of Museum Education.

		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
Agency	Special Programs							516
Division	Special Programs							SP1
Appropriation Unit	Scholarships and Grants							EDJC
FY 2024 Total Appropriation								
1.00	FY 2024 Total Appropriation							EDJC
	10000 General	1.00	105,400	0	0	24,163,700	24,269,100	
	34800 Federal	0.35	23,100	1,000	0	4,504,600	4,528,700	
	34900 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	
		1.35	128,500	1,000	0	29,668,300	29,797,800	
1.21	Account Transfers							EDJC
	10000 General	0.00	0	4,500	0	(4,500)	0	
		0.00	0	4,500	0	(4,500)	0	
1.61	Reverted Appropriation Balances							EDJC
	10000 General	0.00	(34,500)	0	0	(1,049,300)	(1,083,800)	
	34800 Federal	0.00	(5,900)	(1,000)	0	(3,788,500)	(3,795,400)	
	34900 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	(871,700)	(871,700)	
		0.00	(40,400)	(1,000)	0	(5,709,500)	(5,750,900)	
FY 2024 Actual Expenditures								
2.00	FY 2024 Actual Expenditures							EDJC
	10000 General	1.00	70,900	4,500	0	23,109,900	23,185,300	
	34800 Federal	0.35	17,200	0	0	716,100	733,300	
	34900 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	128,300	128,300	
		1.35	88,100	4,500	0	23,954,300	24,046,900	
FY 2025 Original Appropriation								
3.00	FY 2025 Original Appropriation							EDJC
	10000 General	1.00	106,500	0	0	24,913,300	25,019,800	
	34828 Federal	0.35	23,300	1,000	0	4,504,600	4,528,900	
	34900 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	
		1.35	129,800	1,000	0	30,417,900	30,548,700	
FY 2025Total Appropriation								
5.00	FY 2025 Total Appropriation							EDJC
	10000 General	1.00	106,500	0	0	24,913,300	25,019,800	
	34828 Federal	0.35	23,300	1,000	0	4,504,600	4,528,900	
	34900 Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	
		1.35	129,800	1,000	0	30,417,900	30,548,700	
FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures								
7.00	FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures							EDJC

		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
10000	General	1.00	106,500	0	0	24,913,300	25,019,800
34828	Federal	0.35	23,300	1,000	0	4,504,600	4,528,900
34900	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
		1.35	129,800	1,000	0	30,417,900	30,548,700

FY 2026 Base

9.00 FY 2026 Base EDJC

10000	General	1.00	106,500	0	0	24,913,300	25,019,800
34828	Federal	0.35	23,300	1,000	0	4,504,600	4,528,900
34900	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
		1.35	129,800	1,000	0	30,417,900	30,548,700

Program Maintenance

10.11 Change in Health Benefit Costs EDJC

This decision unit reflects a change in the employer health benefit costs.

10000	General	0.00	900	0	0	0	900
34828	Federal	0.00	200	0	0	0	200
		0.00	1,100	0	0	0	1,100

10.12 Change in Variable Benefit Costs EDJC

This decision unit reflects a change in variable benefits.

10000	General	0.00	800	0	0	0	800
34828	Federal	0.00	200	0	0	0	200
		0.00	1,000	0	0	0	1,000

10.61 Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees EDJC

This decision unit reflects a 1% salary multiplier for Regular Employees.

10000	General	0.00	600	0	0	0	600
34828	Federal	0.00	100	0	0	0	100
		0.00	700	0	0	0	700

FY 2026 Total Maintenance

11.00 FY 2026 Total Maintenance EDJC

10000	General	1.00	108,800	0	0	24,913,300	25,022,100
34828	Federal	0.35	23,800	1,000	0	4,504,600	4,529,400
34900	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
		1.35	132,600	1,000	0	30,417,900	30,551,500

Line Items

12.01 Rural Educator Incentive Program Funding EDJC

Senate Bill 1290 (FY 2023) established a rural educator incentive program for educators who work in high-need or rural school districts or charter schools. Unlike other programs that provide the same amount of funding or reimbursement over a fixed number of years, this program would provide a maximum amount of eligible funding that gradually increases for each year the educator stays in the high-need school district or charter school up to the maximum number of years of eligibility. The funds could be used for educator loan repayments, additional degrees, advanced degrees, or other educational costs.

10000	General	0.00	0	0	0	1,375,000	1,375,000
		0.00	0	0	0	1,375,000	1,375,000

12.02 IT Software Engineer III EDJC

This position will focus on supporting the agency's public-facing applications that are directly accessed by students or used by external staff to directly support student efforts for advancement such as Advanced Opportunities, Apply Idaho, and Counselor Suite Idaho. Many of

		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total
these student-centered systems are focused on providing access to post-secondary education and training programs that prepare them to enter the workforce and contribute to the economic growth of the State of Idaho.							
10000	General	1.00	123,000	1,000	0	0	124,000
O- 10000	General	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
		1.00	123,000	1,000	0	0	124,000
12.03	FY 2025 2% CEC						EDJC
The appropriation bill system did not update the Scholarships and Grants appropriation to reflect the recommended 3% CEC. The 1% CEC was appropriated in the maintenance bill, but this appropriation was so small that the additional 2% CEC was missed. This request represents the additional 2% CEC for Scholarships and Grants.							
10000	General	0.00	1,200	0	0	0	1,200
		0.00	1,200	0	0	0	1,200
FY 2026 Total							
13.00	FY 2026 Total						EDJC
10000	General	2.00	233,000	1,000	0	26,288,300	26,522,300
34828	Federal	0.35	23,800	1,000	0	4,504,600	4,529,400
34900	Dedicated	0.00	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
O- 10000	General	0.00	0	0	0	0	0
		2.35	256,800	2,000	0	31,792,900	32,051,700

PCF Detail Report

Request for Fiscal Year: 2026

Agency: Special Programs516

Appropriation Unit: Scholarships and GrantsEDJC

Fund: General Fund10000

PCN	Class	Description	FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
Totals from Personnel Cost Forecast (PCF)							
		Permanent Positions	.70	52,343	9,100	10,689	72,132
		Total from PCF	.70	52,343	9,100	10,689	72,132
		FY 2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	1.00	76,614	13,000	16,886	106,500
		Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded:	.30	24,271	3,900	6,197	34,368
Estimated Salary Needs							
		Permanent Positions	.70	52,343	9,100	10,689	72,132
		Estimated Salary and Benefits	.70	52,343	9,100	10,689	72,132
Adjusted Over or (Under) Funding							
		Original Appropriation	.30	24,271	3,900	6,197	34,368
		Estimated Expenditures	.30	24,271	3,900	6,197	34,368
		Base	.30	24,271	3,900	6,197	34,368

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Agency: Special Programs

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Appropriation Unit: Scholarships and Grants

EDJC

Fund: General Fund

10000

DU		FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
3.00	FY 2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	1.00	76,614	13,000	16,886	106,500
5.00	FY 2025 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	1.00	76,614	13,000	16,886	106,500
7.00	FY 2025 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	1.00	76,614	13,000	16,886	106,500
9.00	FY 2026 BASE	1.00	76,614	13,000	16,886	106,500
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs	0.00	0	900	0	900
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs	0.00	0	0	800	800
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees	0.00	500	0	100	600
11.00	FY 2026 PROGRAM MAINTENANCE	1.00	77,114	13,900	17,786	108,800
12.02	IT Software Engineer III	100.00	89,434	14,300	19,266	123,000
12.03	FY 2025 2% CEC	0.00	1,200	0	0	1,200
13.00	FY 2026 TOTAL REQUEST	101.00	167,748	28,200	37,052	233,000

PCN	Class	Description	FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
Totals from Personnel Cost Forecast (PCF)							
		Permanent Positions	.17	12,712	2,210	2,596	17,518
		Total from PCF	.17	12,712	2,210	2,596	17,518
		FY 2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	.35	15,364	4,550	3,386	23,300
		Unadjusted Over or (Under) Funded:	.18	2,652	2,340	790	5,782
Estimated Salary Needs							
		Permanent Positions	.17	12,712	2,210	2,596	17,518
		Estimated Salary and Benefits	.17	12,712	2,210	2,596	17,518
Adjusted Over or (Under) Funding							
		Original Appropriation	.18	2,652	2,340	790	5,782
		Estimated Expenditures	.18	2,652	2,340	790	5,782
		Base	.18	2,652	2,340	790	5,782

PCF Summary ReportRequest for Fiscal Year: 202
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Agency: Special Programs

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Appropriation Unit: Scholarships and Grants

EDJC

Fund: Federal (Grant): Us Dept Of Education Gearup
Scholarship

34828

DU	FTP	Salary	Health	Variable Benefits	Total
3.00 FY 2025 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	0.35	15,364	4,550	3,386	23,300
5.00 FY 2025 TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0.35	15,364	4,550	3,386	23,300
7.00 FY 2025 ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	0.35	15,364	4,550	3,386	23,300
9.00 FY 2026 BASE	0.35	15,364	4,550	3,386	23,300
10.11 Change in Health Benefit Costs	0.00	0	200	0	200
10.12 Change in Variable Benefit Costs	0.00	0	0	200	200
10.61 Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees	0.00	100	0	0	100
11.00 FY 2026 PROGRAM MAINTENANCE	0.35	15,464	4,750	3,586	23,800
13.00 FY 2026 TOTAL REQUEST	0.35	15,464	4,750	3,586	23,800

Agency: Special Programs

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Decision Unit Number12.01

Descriptive TitleRural Educator Incentive Program Funding

	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals				
50 - Personnel Cost	0	0	0	0
55 - Operating Expense	0	0	0	0
70 - Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
80 - Trustee/Benefit	1,375,000	0	0	1,375,000
Totals	1,375,000	0	0	1,375,000
Full Time Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Appropriation Unit: Scholarships and Grants

EDJC

Trustee/Benefit				
885 Non Federal Payments Subgrantees	1,375,000	0	0	1,375,000
Trustee/Benefit Total	1,375,000	0	0	1,375,000
	1,375,000	0	0	1,375,000

Explain the request and provide justification for the need.

Senate Bill 1290 (FY 2023) established a rural educator incentive program for educators who work in high-need or rural school districts or charter schools. Unlike other programs that provide the same amount of funding or reimbursement over a fixed number of years, this program would provide a maximum amount of eligible funding that gradually increases for each year the educator stays in the high-need school district or charter school up to the maximum number of years of eligibility. The funds could be used for educator loan repayments, additional degrees, advanced degrees, or other educational costs.

If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

N/A

Specify the authority in statute or rule that supports this request.

Senate Bill 1290 (FY 2023)
Idaho Code Title 33, Chapter 65

Indicate existing base of PC, OE, and/or CO by source for this request.

FY 2023 \$ 750,000
FY 2024 \$1,250,400
FY 2025 \$ 749,600
Total \$2,750,000 ongoing Trustee/Benefit payments

What resources are necessary to implement this request?

The Fiscal Note of the Trailer Bill for Senate Bill 1290 (FY 2023) reads as follows:

Year 1: \$ 750,00 (500 teachers)
Year 2: \$1,250,375 (750 teachers)
Year 3: \$2,750,000 (1,000 teachers)
Year 4: \$4,125,000 (1,250 teachers)
Year 5: \$3,000,000 (1,000 teachers)

For the fourth year, we are requesting the increase from \$2,750,000 to \$4,125,000.

List positions, pay grades, full/part-time status, benefits, terms of service.

N/A

Will staff be re-directed? If so, describe impact and show changes on org chart.

No

Detail any current one-time or ongoing OE or CO and any other future costs.

N/A

Describe method of calculation (RFI, market cost, etc.) and contingencies.

See accompanying worksheet.

Provide detail about the revenue assumptions supporting this request.

This budget request assumes a General Fund appropriation to support it.

Who is being served by this request and what is the impact if not funded?

Teachers and schools across the state are served by this request. If it is not funded, the current base appropriation will continue to be used to support the program at a more limited level.

Identify the measure/goal/priority this will improve in the strat plan or PMR.

What is the anticipated measured outcome if this request is funded?

Agency: Special Programs

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Decision Unit Number 12.02 Descriptive Title IT Software Engineer III

	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals				
50 - Personnel Cost	123,000	0	0	123,000
55 - Operating Expense	1,000	0	0	1,000
70 - Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
80 - Trustee/Benefit	0	0	0	0
Totals	124,000	0	0	124,000
Full Time Positions	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

Appropriation Unit: Scholarships and Grants EDJC

Personnel Cost

500 Employees	89,434	0	0	89,434
512 Employee Benefits	19,266	0	0	19,266
513 Health Benefits	14,300	0	0	14,300
Personnel Cost Total	123,000	0	0	123,000

Operating Expense

590 Computer Services	1,000	0	0	1,000
625 Computer Supplies	0	0	0	0
Operating Expense Total	1,000	0	0	1,000

Full Time Positions

FTP - Permanent	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Full Time Positions Total	0	0	0	0
	124,000	0	0	124,000

Explain the request and provide justification for the need.

The agency maintains a large portfolio of applications that serve various purposes. Over the years, several applications have been implemented to directly support students with various aspects of gaining access to postsecondary or vocational training, accessing funds for their education, planning for college and careers, and applying to postsecondary institutions.

While some applications were developed in-house, others were developed by contractors. Frequent requests over the years have added functionality. However, due to the existence of several different systems developed at various times by different entities, the user experience is not as streamlined nor efficient as it should be. Additionally, the systems are not integrated with each other in a modern manner.

Numerous requests from stakeholders for additional functionality and to improve the user experience have created a backlog of work that current staffing levels cannot address. These applications are essential to directly reach students and provide tools for counselors and other school staff to gain access to appropriate information to assist these students with preparing for their futures beyond high school. Additionally, functionality such as parent access is on hold due to constraints.

These applications are integral to the Board's mission and vision. These systems provide access to funding and financial opportunities, provide means to access Advanced Opportunities, provide school staff the resources to monitor and communicate to students their status related to FAFSA completion, college applications, and state financial aid applications allowing for one-on-one support for students. These applications require not only regular maintenance, but the ability to be responsive to annual program changes. They are in need of backend data restructuring, development of secure APIs to integrate the tools with other systems and applications, and in need of more automation and modern user interfaces to support enhancement of data accuracy/quality and security.

If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

N/A

Specify the authority in statute or rule that supports this request.

This position would develop and maintain applications that support students and interact with the education data systems that support all K-12 and postsecondary education agencies and stakeholders as authorized in Title 33, Idaho Code, including but not limited to §33-101, §33-102A, §33-133.

Additionally, some of these applications may interact with and/or support other statutorily defined programs such as:

- Advanced Opportunities: Idaho Code §33-4601 - §33-4605

- Idaho Armed Forces / Public Safety Officer Dependent Scholarship: Idaho Code §33-4302
- Idaho Opportunity Scholarship: Idaho Code §33-4303 / IDAPA Section 08.01.13
- Idaho Launch Grant Program: Idaho Code 72-1204 – 72-1206

Indicate existing base of PC, OE, and/or CO by source for this request.

N/A – This request is for new funding for a position and supporting OE.

What resources are necessary to implement this request?

General funds for PC and OE to support the position.

List positions, pay grades, full/part-time status, benefits, terms of service.

Title	Salary	Pay Grade	FT or PT	Benefit Eligible	Term	Service
IT Software Engineer III		\$ 89,440	M	1.0 (FT)	Yes	Permanent/Year Long

Will staff be re-directed? If so, describe impact and show changes on org chart.

No agency staff will be redirected from their current responsibilities. This new position would become the lead developer on a portfolio of projects that require additional development support beyond current staff capacity.

Detail any current one-time or ongoing OE or CO and any other future costs.

This request is for an ongoing, permanent FTP (salary and benefits). The request includes some OE to support the position. Of the OE costs requested, \$2,000 is for one-time costs to equip the position. The remaining \$1,000 of OE is ongoing to cover ongoing software licensing and cloud resource access.

Describe method of calculation (RFI, market cost, etc.) and contingencies.

Calculations were determined by reviewing existing similar positions within the agency as well as those located within other agencies who perform similar work. This requested salary at time of hire is estimated at the average salary for incumbents with the same job title.

Provide detail about the revenue assumptions supporting this request.

This position will focus on supporting the agency's public-facing applications that are directly accessed by students or used by external staff to directly support student efforts for advancement such as Advanced Opportunities, Apply Idaho, and Counselor Suite Idaho. Many of these student-centered systems are focused on providing access to post-secondary education and training programs that prepare them to enter the workforce and contribute to the economic growth of the State of Idaho.

Who is being served by this request and what is the impact if not funded?

This request would provide a developer to improve existing applications and processes aimed at assisting students to advance their education and move on to postsecondary education. These specific applications are used by up to 150,000 students annually and by over 80 institutions and training partners as well as staff from approximately 300 schools. These applications serve students in Idaho public schools as well as homeschooled and private schooled students who choose to participate.

Without this position, Idaho will continue to have applications that are not cohesive nor streamlined for students and counselors to use. Many of these applications were developed by contractors over the years and need to be integrated and standardized to provide a better and more efficient user experience, as well as to provide automated processes to interface with partner systems. Additionally, without the addition of this position, many of the desired future enhancements such as potential parent access will not be able to be developed.

Identify the measure/goal/priority this will improve in the strat plan or PMR.

This request would fund a position that would improve applications and access for students and supporting staff that directly the Board's strategic plan. Primarily, this request would positively impact the following goal and performance measure:

GOAL 2: EDUCATIONAL ACCESS - Increase access to Idaho's robust educational system for all Idahoans, regardless of socioeconomic status, age, or geographic location.

Performance Measure: Percent of high school graduates who enroll in an Idaho public postsecondary institution in the fall immediately following graduation. Benchmark: 60% or more

What is the anticipated measured outcome if this request is funded?

If this request is funded, it is anticipated that work can commence on required updates to public-facing student focused applications. Addressing the backlog of reported issues and feature enhancements while working to streamline and consolidate the user experience will result in increased user (student) satisfaction with the applications that are used by so many students for access to funding, planning for college and careers, and applying to post-secondary education. Over time, additional features such as parent access may be able to be added and further improve service.

Additionally, improvements to Counselor Suite Idaho will provide greater access and capability to secondary staff supporting each individual student in their grade 12 cohort through transition touchpoints like FAFSA as well as with college and financial aid applications to help students enroll and matriculate into Idaho's post-secondary education and training.

Agency: Special Programs

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Decision Unit Number12.03

Descriptive TitleFY 2025 2% CEC

	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals				
50 - Personnel Cost	1,200	0	0	1,200
55 - Operating Expense	0	0	0	0
70 - Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
80 - Trustee/Benefit	0	0	0	0
Totals	1,200	0	0	1,200
Full Time Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Appropriation Unit: Scholarships and Grants

EDJC

Personnel Cost				
500 Employees	1,200	0	0	1,200
Personnel Cost Total	1,200	0	0	1,200
	1,200	0	0	1,200

Explain the request and provide justification for the need.

The appropriation bill system did not update the Scholarships and Grants appropriation to reflect the recommended 3% CEC. The 1% CEC was appropriated in the maintenance bill, but this appropriation was so small that the additional 2% CEC was missed. This request represents the additional 2% CEC for Scholarships and Grants.

If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

N/A

Specify the authority in statute or rule that supports this request.

Idaho Budget Development System

Indicate existing base of PC, OE, and/or CO by source for this request.

None

What resources are necessary to implement this request?

Ongoing general funds personnel costs

List positions, pay grades, full/part-time status, benefits, terms of service.

N/A

Will staff be re-directed? If so, describe impact and show changes on org chart.

No

Detail any current one-time or ongoing OE or CO and any other future costs.

None, we need the additional 2% CEC to fully fund the 3% CEC appropriated in FY 2025.

Describe method of calculation (RFI, market cost, etc.) and contingencies.

N/A

Provide detail about the revenue assumptions supporting this request.

N/A

Who is being served by this request and what is the impact if not funded?

The personnel costs for Scholarships and Grants are currently under appropriated by the 2% CEC that was inadvertently not included in the final appropriated bill.

Identify the measure/goal/priority this will improve in the strat plan or PMR.

N/A

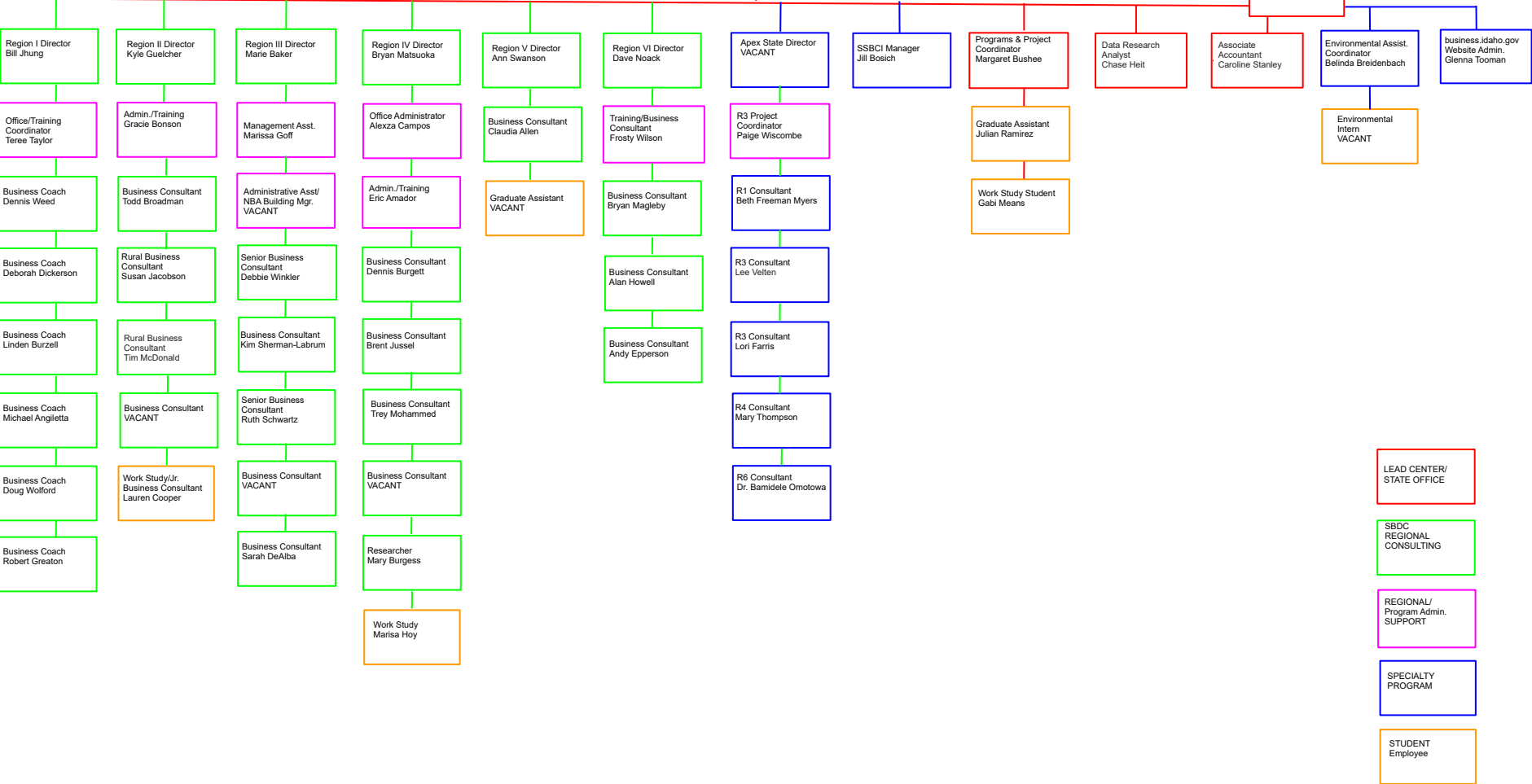
What is the anticipated measured outcome if this request is funded?

The FY 2025 3% CEC will be fully funded.

COBE Dean
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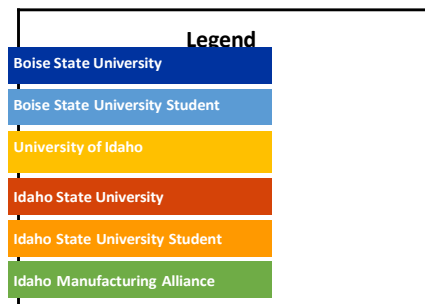
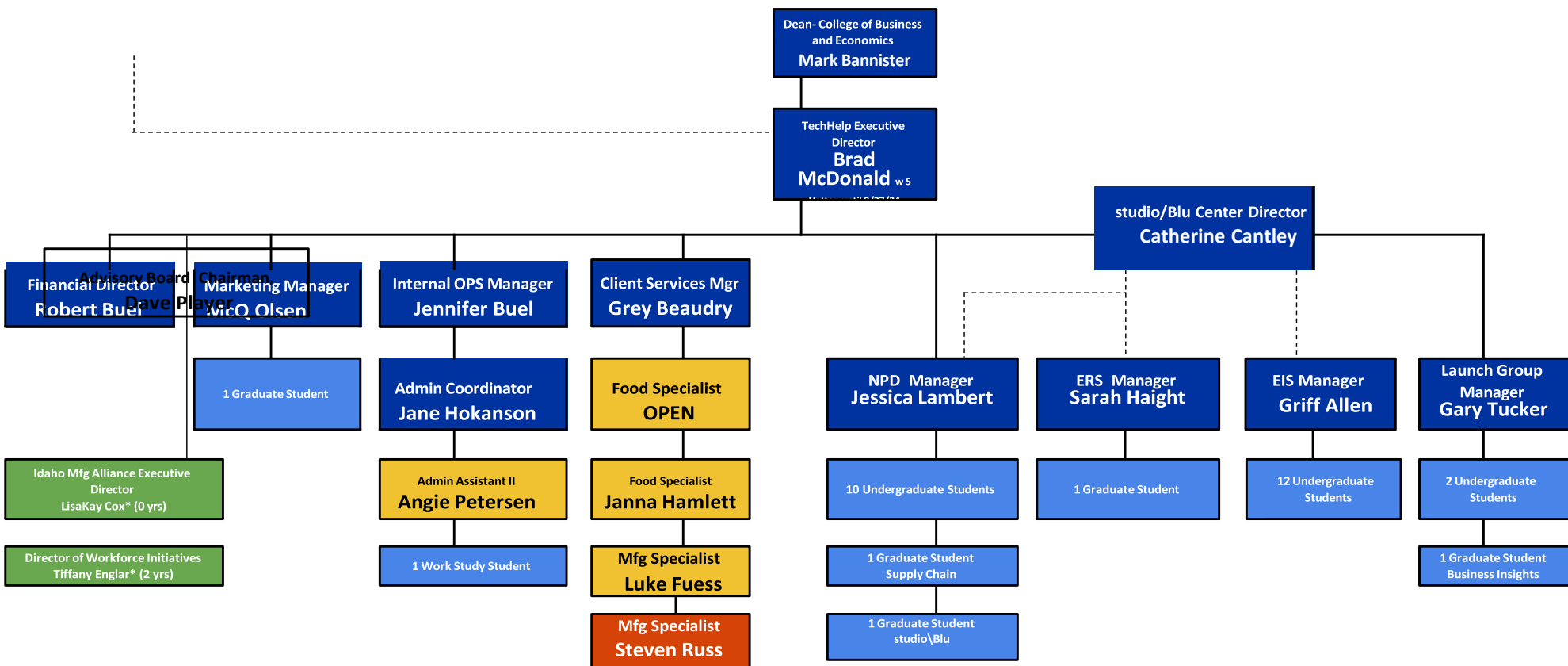
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		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
Agency	Boise State University							512
Division	Boise State University							BS1
Appropriation Unit	Small Business Development Centers							EDJI
FY 2024 Total Appropriation								
1.00	FY 2024 Total Appropriation							EDJI
	S1176							
	10000 General	9.83	832,000	0	0	0	832,000	
	34400 Federal	1.00	108,700	110,200	0	0	218,900	
		10.83	940,700	110,200	0	0	1,050,900	
1.21	Account Transfers							EDJI
	10000 General	0.00	(474,500)	474,500	0	0	0	
		0.00	(474,500)	474,500	0	0	0	
1.61	Reverted Appropriation Balances							EDJI
	34400 Federal	0.00	(108,700)	(110,200)	0	0	(218,900)	
		0.00	(108,700)	(110,200)	0	0	(218,900)	
FY 2024 Actual Expenditures								
2.00	FY 2024 Actual Expenditures							EDJI
	10000 General	9.83	357,500	474,500	0	0	832,000	
	34400 Federal	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	
		10.83	357,500	474,500	0	0	832,000	
FY 2025 Original Appropriation								
3.00	FY 2025 Original Appropriation							EDJI
	10000 General	10.33	882,700	0	0	0	882,700	
	34400 Federal	1.00	108,700	110,200	0	0	218,900	
		11.33	991,400	110,200	0	0	1,101,600	
FY 2025Total Appropriation								
5.00	FY 2025 Total Appropriation							EDJI
	10000 General	10.33	882,700	0	0	0	882,700	
	34400 Federal	1.00	108,700	110,200	0	0	218,900	
		11.33	991,400	110,200	0	0	1,101,600	
Appropriation Adjustments								
6.21	Account Transfer							EDJI
	This decision unit reflects an account transfer.							
	10000 General	0.00	(350,000)	350,000	0	0	0	
		0.00	(350,000)	350,000	0	0	0	
FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures								
7.00	FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures							EDJI

			FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
	10000	General	10.33	532,700	350,000	0	0	882,700	
	34400	Federal	1.00	108,700	110,200	0	0	218,900	
			11.33	641,400	460,200	0	0	1,101,600	
FY 2026 Base									
9.00	FY 2026 Base								EDJI
	10000	General	10.33	882,700	0	0	0	882,700	
	34400	Federal	1.00	108,700	110,200	0	0	218,900	
			11.33	991,400	110,200	0	0	1,101,600	
Program Maintenance									
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs								EDJI
	This decision unit reflects a change in the employer health benefit costs.								
	10000	General	0.00	13,400	0	0	0	13,400	
			0.00	13,400	0	0	0	13,400	
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs								EDJI
	This decision unit reflects a change in variable benefits.								
	10000	General	0.00	(400)	0	0	0	(400)	
			0.00	(400)	0	0	0	(400)	
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees								EDJI
	This decision unit reflects a 1% salary multiplier for Regular Employees.								
	10000	General	0.00	7,600	0	0	0	7,600	
			0.00	7,600	0	0	0	7,600	
FY 2026 Total Maintenance									
11.00	FY 2026 Total Maintenance								EDJI
	10000	General	10.33	903,300	0	0	0	903,300	
	34400	Federal	1.00	108,700	110,200	0	0	218,900	
			11.33	1,012,000	110,200	0	0	1,122,200	
FY 2026 Total									
13.00	FY 2026 Total								EDJI
	10000	General	10.33	903,300	0	0	0	903,300	
	34400	Federal	1.00	108,700	110,200	0	0	218,900	
			11.33	1,012,000	110,200	0	0	1,122,200	



		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
Agency	Boise State University							512
Division	Boise State University							BS1
Appropriation Unit	TechHelp							EDJK
FY 2024 Total Appropriation								
1.00	FY 2024 Total Appropriation							EDJK
	S1176							
	10000 General	3.35	413,200	7,500	0	0	420,700	
		3.35	413,200	7,500	0	0	420,700	
1.21	Account Transfers							EDJK
	10000 General	0.00	7,500	(7,500)	0	0	0	
		0.00	7,500	(7,500)	0	0	0	
1.61	Reverted Appropriation Balances							EDJK
	10000 General	0.00	(200)	0	0	0	(200)	
		0.00	(200)	0	0	0	(200)	
FY 2024 Actual Expenditures								
2.00	FY 2024 Actual Expenditures							EDJK
	10000 General	3.35	420,500	0	0	0	420,500	
		3.35	420,500	0	0	0	420,500	
FY 2025 Original Appropriation								
3.00	FY 2025 Original Appropriation							EDJK
	10000 General	3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
		3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
FY 2025Total Appropriation								
5.00	FY 2025 Total Appropriation							EDJK
	10000 General	3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
		3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures								
7.00	FY 2025 Estimated Expenditures							EDJK
	10000 General	3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
		3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
FY 2026 Base								
9.00	FY 2026 Base							EDJK
	10000 General	3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
		3.44	443,700	0	0	0	443,700	
Program Maintenance								
10.11	Change in Health Benefit Costs							EDJK

		FTP	Personnel Costs	Operating Expense	Capital Outlay	Trustee Benefit	Total	
This decision unit reflects a change in the employer health benefit costs.								
10000	General	0.00	4,500	0	0	0	4,500	
		0.00	4,500	0	0	0	4,500	
10.12	Change in Variable Benefit Costs							EDJK
This decision unit reflects a change in variable benefits.								
10000	General	0.00	(200)	0	0	0	(200)	
		0.00	(200)	0	0	0	(200)	
10.61	Salary Multiplier - Regular Employees							EDJK
This decision unit reflects a 1% salary multiplier for Regular Employees.								
10000	General	0.00	4,100	0	0	0	4,100	
		0.00	4,100	0	0	0	4,100	
FY 2026 Total Maintenance								
11.00	FY 2026 Total Maintenance							EDJK
10000	General	3.44	452,100	0	0	0	452,100	
		3.44	452,100	0	0	0	452,100	
Line Items								
12.01	TechHelp Center Director							EDJK
10000	General	0.03	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	
		0.03	5,000	0	0	0	5,000	
FY 2026 Total								
13.00	FY 2026 Total							EDJK
10000	General	3.47	457,100	0	0	0	457,100	
		3.47	457,100	0	0	0	457,100	

Agency: Boise State University

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Decision Unit Number12.01

Descriptive TitleTechHelp Center Director

	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Request Totals				
50 - Personnel Cost	5,000	0	0	5,000
55 -	0	0	0	0
70 -	0	0	0	0
80 -	0	0	0	0
Totals	5,000	0	0	5,000
Full Time Positions	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03

Appropriation Unit: TechHelp

EDJK

Personnel Cost				
500 Employees	4,150	0	0	4,150
512 Employee Benefits	843	0	0	843
513 Health Benefits	7	0	0	7
Personnel Cost Total	5,000	0	0	5,000
Full Time Positions				
FTP - Permanent	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03
Full Time Positions Total	0	0	0	0
	5,000	0	0	5,000

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If a supplemental, what emergency is being addressed?

Not applicable

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AGENCY: Special Programs

FUNCTION: TechHelp

ACTIVITY:

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A: Decision Unit No: 12.01	Title: Center Director			Priority Ranking of	
DESCRIPTION	General	Dedicated	Federal	Other	Total
FULL TIME POSITIONS (FTP)	.03		.47		.5
PERSONNEL COSTS:					
1. Salaries	\$4,200		\$58,282	\$0	\$62,482
2. Benefits	\$800		\$17,333	\$0	\$18,133
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS:	\$5,000		\$75,615	\$0	\$80,615
OPERATING EXPENDITURES by summary object:					
1. Travel					
2. Operating					
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES:					
CAPITAL OUTLAY by summary object:					
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY:					
T/B PAYMENTS:					
LUMP SUM:					
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