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## **\$50 million Great Salt Lake Grant Program Application Deadline Extended**

**SALT LAKE CITY** (Oct. 21, 2025) – In response to the ongoing federal government shutdown, the Great Salt Lake Commissioner’s Office has extended the deadline for [Water Delivery Program applications](#) to **Jan. 16, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. MST**.

“The shutdown prevents the coordination between the Commissioner’s Office and the Bureau of Reclamation necessary for the administration of the program and related funds,” said Great Salt Lake Commissioner Brian Steed. “The program’s timeline for the current round of funding has been shifted to allow applicants more time to submit their applications and ensure necessary interagency coordination.”

The state-managed, \$50 million competitive grant program uses federal funds provided by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation through a voluntary agreement with the Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner and the Utah Department of Natural Resources. It provides funding for voluntary water transactions, system conservation projects, and ecosystem and habitat work, all of which benefit the hydrology of the Great Salt Lake and its wetlands.

The submission deadline for the \$3 million wetland grant offered by the Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands has also been extended to Jan. 16, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. MST in order to continue close coordination between the two funding opportunities. For more information, visit [gslwatertrust.org/wetland-grants](https://gslwatertrust.org/wetland-grants).

Funding awards for selected projects will be announced in early spring of 2026. More information and updated dates can be found at [GreatSaltLake.utah.gov](https://GreatSaltLake.utah.gov).

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In 2023, the Utah Legislature created the [Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner](#). The commissioner is tasked with developing and maintaining a [strategic plan](#) as well as coordinating collaborative work among all agencies and interests in relation to the lake.