



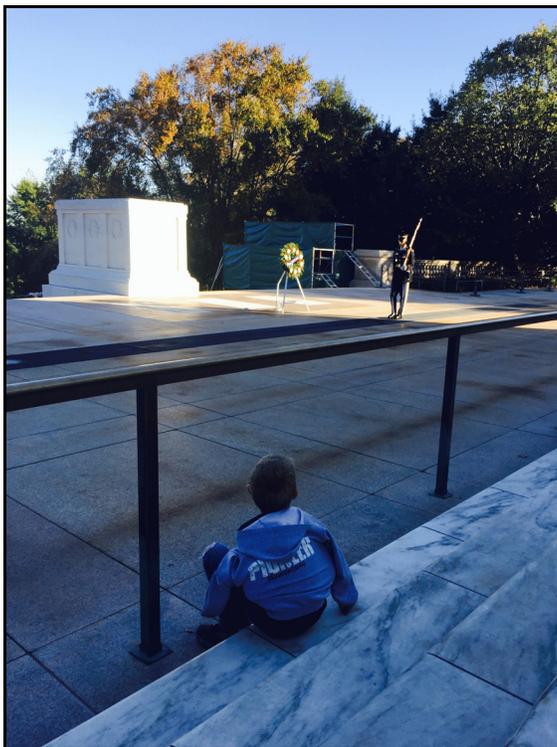
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Executive Director's Dialogue



The first week of October our family traveled to Virginia. This trip to Washington D.C. was organized by our children, and therefore they chose the national sites they wanted to visit. With the help of the movie National Treasure our kids planned to visit the nation's Capitol, the White House and --we want to say a very special thank you to Congressman Chris Stewart for arranging a White House tour. We traveled to the National Archive's to see the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution.

The one picture and sight that we visited that made me pause and reflect how special America the land of opportunity is because of the brave to me, was at Arlington National Cemetery with my son Boston soaking in the evening site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Veteran's Day was observed yesterday and I want to say a special thank you to all, especially those of you in southern Utah that serve our country and defend our freedom's.

I want to thank the dedicated staff and volunteers at Five County that work hard to serve the public, and our elected board members to leave a strong southern Utah legacy, and quality of life for the next generation. Southern Utah is the best place to live and raise a family in this country.

We look forward to a new year at the Five County Association of Governments. (Bryan Thiriot)

World Trade Center Utah Hosts 2nd Southern Utah International Business Forum in Cedar City

On November 4th, World Trade Center Utah (WTC Utah) hosted the 2nd Southern Utah International Business Forum in partnership with the Utah Department of Workforce Service and many local organizations, including the Five County AOG. Over 120 business, economic and community leaders from Beaver, Iron, Washington, Garfield and Kane counties participated in the event, learning how to go global!

This international business forum included an insightful keynote by Lieutenant Governor Cox, sharing how exporting not only benefits a business, but can elevate both the local and statewide economies. The event also featured a business roundtable with local export pros who talked about their "lessons learned" in international business. The business roundtable included five experienced Southern Utah based international businesses and agencies: Innomark, iGlobal, Baileys International, Staheli West and Iron County Tourism.

At the event, Cedar City based G.O. Green was presented with the WTC Utah Vanguard in International Business Award and St. George based, Timothy Anderson of Jones Waldo, was presented with the WTC Utah Champion for International Business Award. Both Anderson and G.O. Green have been instrumental in growing the local economy through engaging in International business.

These have both seen and experienced the benefits of going global. With 95% of consumers living outside of the United States, it only makes sense to look beyond our borders for increased sales! In addition to more sales, companies that are doing business abroad experience faster growth and more stability in the market.

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CIB Applications Recently Funded



The Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) is a Board, and an associated program, established by the state of Utah to provide loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state which are now, or may be, socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development on federal lands.

The source of the CIB's funding are the mineral lease royalties and lease award payments returned to the state by the federal government.

The CIB considers applications submitted by eligible entities for eligible projects. To be eligible to be considered for funding, unless a bonafide emergency exists, a project must be included on this region's prioritized CIB capital improvements list for that entity's respective county. Community and Economic Development program staff at the Five County AOG coordinates the collection, compilation and the process in each of the five counties in southwestern Utah to prioritize each county's list.

The CIB fiscal year runs from July 1 of a given year through June 30 of the following year. The CIB has three application "trimesters" each fiscal year. Applications are due for the first trimester on June 1 with a review meeting for the applicant to appear and present their request in person in front of the Board in July, August or September. Projects that the CIB approves at a review meeting and places on the "Priority List for Funding" and are formally funded at a funding meeting held in October. The second CIB trimester begins with applications due October 1, with review meetings held in November, December and January. That trimester is funded at a February funding meeting. The final (third) trimester of the CIB fiscal year starts with applications due February 1, with review meetings held in March, April and May. Those are funded at a June funding meeting.

In the most recently completed (first) trimester of the CIB fiscal year 2016, the Board, at its October 1, 2015 CIB funding meeting, funded the following projects within our region:

Beaver County:

Beaver Fire District #1 was funded in the amount of \$407,000 (\$200,000 grant + \$207,000 loan), matched with \$120,000 local funds, to replace an obsolete fire engine at its fire station located in Beaver City.

Milford City was funded in the amount of a \$21,500 grant, matched with \$21,500 local funds, to develop a culinary water system master plan for the city that includes GIS mapping and hydraulic model for the city, and a 5-point analysis of the water system.

Kane County:

Kane County Water Conservancy District was funded in the amount of \$875,000 (\$525,000 grant + \$350,000

loan), matched with \$235,500 local funds, to build a new office and maintenance facility on a 5 acre parcel near the Jackson Reservoir.

Kane County was funded in the amount of a \$139,000 grant to obtain permanent easements on its Class D roads, as well as a small number of Class B roads, across Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) property in Kane County.

Garfield County:

The Town of Hatch was funded in the amount of a \$25,000 grant, matched with \$25,000 local funds, to complete a comprehensive utilities and drainage master plan for the town. This project will include a detailed capital improvements plan that assesses all utilities and the drainage in the town.

Washington County:

Ivins City was funded in the amount of a \$125,000 grant, matched with \$125,000 local funds, to complete an Impact Fees Facilities Plan (IFFP) and Impact Fee Analysis (IFA) for the city. Ivins City collects impact fees for water, secondary water, storm water, sewer, streets, parks and public safety. Information in the city's current plans are outdated and inaccurate in light of the changes in growth and the economy since the impact fees were last adopted. The CIB planning grant funding will enable the city to update these plans comprehensively and in a timely manner.

The Town of Apple Valley was funded in the amount of \$1,977,000 (\$659,000 grant + \$1,318,000 loan), matched with \$20,000 local funds, to remove the existing bridge into Apple Valley from SR59 and replace it with a bridge that will be 70 feet wide and 60 feet long within a 72 foot right-of-way and improvements to the existing roadways, along with improved access to SR59 with additional ingress and egress lanes for safety. The roadway improvements will include new curb and gutter, sidewalk, storm drain, and intersection and other needed improvements.

Hildale City was funded in the amount of a \$1,490,000 grant to construct a twenty-four feet wide bridge spanning across the Canyon Street Wash crossing where, tragically, a large number of lives were recently lost in a monsoonal-rain-triggered flooding event. In addition to the Canyon Street bridge, the project involves restructuring the wash crossing at Willow Street Alley. This project includes putting in precast culverts and engineering a flood control waterway down the alley. It also includes some flood collection above the culvert at the crossing to mitigate the flooding issue.

The Rockville-Springdale Fire Protection District was funded in the amount of a \$20,000 grant, matched with \$20,000 local funds, to conduct a feasibility study and master plan that will evaluate current conditions of the District, assess future system demands, identify performance goals, and develop short-term, mid-term, and long-range strategies for the District.

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The Town of Springdale was funded in the amount of a \$15,000 grant, matched with \$15,000 local funds, to produce a street and transportation master plan to address future development, growth, and issues associated growth in the community as well as with an increasing number of visitors traveling into and through the town.

Gary Zabriskie, Community & Economic Development Director at the Five County Association of Governments, is the CIB Regional Planning Program Planner. He is available to provide grantsmanship service with your entity, as well as providing ongoing tutoring and support regarding the CIB. If you have questions about the CIB and how it may assist your entity, please contact Gary at gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov or phone at (435) 673-3548 ext. 126.

Information on the CIB program in the Five County AOG region, including the current Capital Improvement Lists can be found on the Five County AOG website at this link:

<http://www.fivecounty.utah.gov/programs/community/capital.php>

That page also provides a direct link to the state of Utah's Permanent Community Impact Fund Board web site. Additional information on the CIB program statewide is found on their site including a very informative Legislative Report that is published each year that identifies the projects funded in the most recent 5 year period. (Gary Zabriskie)

Annual Capital Improvements List Updates

Five County Association of Governments Community and Economic Development staff are in the process of working with jurisdictions throughout the Five County region to update local Capital Improvements Lists. These lists will be utilized when applying for funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and/or the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB).

A regionally prepared Consolidated Plan includes tables identifying all capital improvement priorities in the Five County area. This HUD required plan also provides for generalized regional goals and policies regarding community, economic, and housing development. Jurisdictions and agencies that may apply for funding from HUD must participate in the development and updating of this region's Consolidated Plan.

Additionally, the CIB Regional Planner maintains a database of CIB Capital Improvements Lists for each county. To be eligible to apply to the CIB for funding, a project must be on the current year's CIB prioritized list, unless a bonafide emergency exists.

There are two elements of the Capital Improvements Lists: a 1-year action plan and a 2-5 year project list. The 1-year action plan only includes projects that a jurisdiction intends to apply for within the next year. For the 1-year action plan, planned funding sources will be clearly identified with cost estimates shown. Projects on the 2-5 year project list are those anticipated to occur two

to five years out, with cost estimates more generalized and likely funding sources shown.

If a proposed project is not included in the submitted Capital Improvements Lists, jurisdictions will not be able to make application to CDBG or CIB for funding that project in the upcoming fiscal year. Lists must be provided to the AOG office no later than Friday, January 8, 2016.

Technical assistance is available upon request for Five County staff to meet with representatives of local jurisdictions to assist in assessing capital facilities and infrastructure needs. Please contact Gary Zabriskie at gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov or via telephone at 435-673-3548.

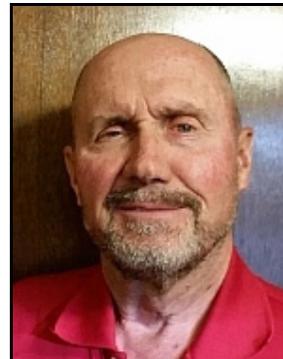
Staff Spotlights



Crystal Ferguson is the new receptionist at the Cedar City HEAT office. She has an Associates degree in Paralegal Studies and is almost done with her Bachelors in Business Management. When she isn't working or trying to finish her school work, she is volunteering in her community as a court rostered mediator.

Crystal also loves reading, music, the outdoors, fishing, hiking, and animals. She

volunteers with local animal rescues as often as possible. She is excited to join Five County Association of Governments and do her favorite thing – help others.



Luck Felstead recently joined the ranks of Five County Association of Governments as an energy auditor in the Weatherization Assistance Program. He came here after several years of facility management and campus fire marshal experience at Southern Utah University. While at SUU, he had the opportunity to receive his B.S. degree in Math, Chemistry and Geology, but his real education was in the areas of electrical, plumbing and heating.

Recently, his employment has included being a CDL instructor for Southwest Applied Technology College in Cedar City, and for the last few years as a 3rd party examiner for doing the CDL testing.

Luck is happiest when he is busy not only working but playing. Getting on a snowboard wearing his Viking horns tops his list. Also making sure he has enough wood for winter drives his desire to be prepared "to an extreme." His wife, Ro, says that she is going to put on his tombstone "...just one more load."

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Because of the Internet and more affordable means of travel, international business is easier than ever. In fact, exporting to some foreign countries, is nearly as easy as selling your product within the US. Whether your are packing just one t-shirt and shipping it to a buyer in South America, providing technical assistance to a customer in Asia, or sending a container full of hay to the Middle East, any size or type of business can export their goods and services.

For Utah businesses looking to go global, WTC Utah is the gateway resource to all things international. From customized market research to answering simple questions through our help desk, we are here as a resource to all Utah businesses – and everything we do is free.

If you are a business looking to go global and need assistance, connect with us by emailing Don Willie at dwillie@wtcutah.com or calling 801-859-5094.

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail to (dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!