## FY26 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Where we're going

### Investing in Utah's people, places, and prosperity

Eliminating Social Security tax
Doubling energy production
Proactive innovation, quality service,

and fiscal responsibility

"I truly believe that there has never been a better time in the history of the world to be alive than right now. And there has never been a better place to live than right here, in Utah." - Governor Spencer Cox

# Investing in Our People



### \$170.3M WISE Initiative



## \$257.9M Strengthening Families



\$20.1M Service & Civic Leadership



\$85M Vulnerable Populations

# Wealth, Independence, Security, Engagement

### Eliminating Tax on Social Security



#### Wealth \$143.8M Social Security Tax Exemption



#### Security

\$1.4M Safeguard Older Adults



#### Independence

\$20.5M Support for Aging in Place



Engagement \$4.5M Help Keep People Connected

### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Securing a strong future for the state by investing in families



#### \$2.1M Child Tax Credit Expansion

Providing families with financial relief by now including children 0-4



\$3M Child Care Services Infrastructure

facilities across Utah



\$6M Post-Public Assistance Stability

Facilitating smoother transitions from public assistance



\$245.1M Safeguarding Children

Helping Utah children learn and live in a safe environment

## Investing in Our Places



\$24.7M for Operation Gigawatt



\$75.8M for Quality of Life



\$92.4M for Homes, Health, and Safety

# OPERATION GIGAWATT

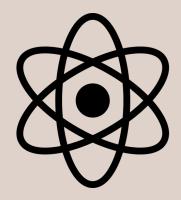
Doubling energy production in Utah over the next 10 years

#### THE CHALLENGE:

- Population Growth
- Electrification
- Energy-Intensive Industries
- Retirement of Reliable Baseload

#### UTAH'S STRATEGY:

- Increase transmission capacity
- Boost energy production
- Provide clean and reliable energy through policy
- Invest in innovation and research



#### \$20.4M Nuclear

#### \$4.3M Geothermal

# Investing in Utah's Prosperity





\$759.8M for K-12 Education

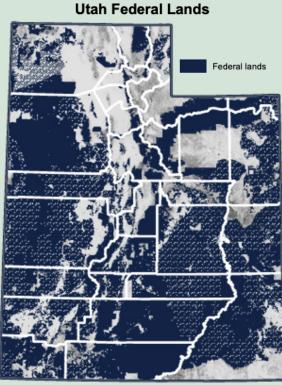


\$178.3M for Higher Ed/Workforce



\$432.6M for Responsible Fiscal Management

### RURAL SUCCESS Investing in communities



Federal lands have an outsized impact on rural Utah, impacting the tax base, economy, and employment options.

Source: School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration; BLM

#### \$10M **Rural Opportunity Grants & Loans**



\$3.4M Rural EMS



\$54M Rural Schools



\$850K **Public Lands Coordination** 

