

LeRay McAllister COVID-19 Guidance

Due to concerns over the coronavirus pandemic and its potential implications, special adjustments or exceptions may be made to the 2020 LeRay McAllister funding cycle as approved by the Quality Growth Commission. While every attempt will be made to conform to standard procedures, some possible modifications may need to be made – including, but not limited to:

- ***Application timelines may be adjusted*** - For instance, if applicants are unable to appear before a city or county council to obtain support for a project prior to the deadline for full applications due to cancelled or postponed meetings, the Commission may allow extended timelines.
- ***Site visits may be modified*** – Typically, Quality Growth Commission staff and at least one commissioner (but usually several) will conduct a physical site visit prior to awarding funds. The Commission intends to continue this practice, however, some modifications may need to be made due to state or local travel restrictions. Additionally, if social distancing measures are still in effect, certain precautions may need to be implemented for the safety of commissioners and the applicant (e.g. avoiding carpooling – even in ATVs , multiple site visits with smaller groups, etc).
- ***Quality Growth Commission meeting adjustments*** – While the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act will be adhered to for all Quality Growth Commission meetings, there may be a need to hold the meetings electronically and limit the number of individuals at the physical location.

Any changes or updates will be communicated to all applicants with as much notice as possible.

Fortunately, much of the process will be conducted electronically and we anticipate very little disruption to the important work of preserving Utah’s critical lands. We appreciate the continued efforts of our partners!

Please contact Evan Curtis at ecurtis@utah.gov with any questions or extenuating circumstances you may encounter.