



THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

White House Senior Advisor Tom Perez & Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff Visit Utah

Cox-Granato Pre-Apprenticeship Program

The American Rescue Plan (ARPA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) have provided local governments like Salt Lake County with generational opportunities to invest federal dollars into capital projects and programs designed right here at home. This past week, I was honored to welcome White House Senior Advisor Tom Perez to Utah. His visit gave us an opportunity to show off our ARPA-funded **Pre-Apprenticeship Program at the Utah Sheet Metal Training Center**. With over 25 residents served in just six months, the program's success speaks volumes.

This 12-week program was designed to help members of our community work in construction and building while training for registered apprenticeships. **This program not only prepares participants for immediate job placement but also paves the way for sustainable career advancement and financial stability, contributing significantly to individual and regional economic growth.**

The Cox/Granato Pre-apprenticeship Program officially launched just over six

months ago in September 2023. We've been able to serve over 25 County residents in that time, with **enrollment increasing 400% from the first to the second cohort.**

This program is open to any County residents at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, **specifically designed to work for adult workers who are looking to make a change or reenter the workforce.** Our in-person class time is limited to allow for other employment to continue throughout the 12-week program. We also offer evening classes for those who have day jobs. We provide direct financial assistance to pre-apprentices throughout the program to help remove barriers to participation and employment upon graduating.

Throughout this program, the **students prepare for a registered apprenticeship in the construction and building trades.** This includes academic remediation, professional skills, and career exploration in the trades while providing wraparound support services to remove barriers to enrollment and completion. With enrollment skyrocketing by 400%, I'm dedicated to breaking barriers for County residents eager to enter the workforce. At the heart of it all: the Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Training Center, where hands-on experience meets our commitment to building a skilled workforce. **Through partnerships with Utah Women in Trades, I'm proud to pave the way for more opportunities in the construction sector.**

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Federal Investments in Workforce & Clean Water Initiatives

I was thrilled to host U.S. Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff and Tom Perez last week as we spotlighted vital federal investments in our workforce and clean water initiatives. With **\$39 million in federal investment**, Salt Lake City putting tax dollars to good use **tackling lead pipe issues**. I congratulate Salt Lake City on their grant to get rid of lead pipes in our water system. **This is part of our ongoing work to make homes safer from lead, especially**

for young children and pregnant women.

Like so many western state neighbors, water issues are top of mind for Utahns. Through our partnership with the Federal government, **Salt Lake County has put taxpayer dollars to good use by investing in projects to conserve water and purify it for our residents:**

- In Riverton, the County provided \$3M for their **Green Wells Project**, which included building a reverse osmosis plant that increased the availability of culinary water for residents and brought down costs. We also transitioned Riverton's County-run golf course.
- **Replaced water-consuming grass with Astro turf**, which both conserves water as well as allows the field to be used year-round.
- Redesigning and replacing grass to water-wise landscaping at dozens of County facilities through **"Flip the Strip"**. We've given grants to our County's cities to do the same.

Over the past few years, Salt Lake County has worked with the federal government to bring taxpayer dollars back to Utah, making investments through:

- **Support for 17 affordable housing projects in Salt Lake County**; preserving and building over 1,500 units.
- **Construction of a new space for homeless individuals** who are elderly or have medical challenges.
- Successfully grown our **"Green and Healthy Homes" project**

FUNDING FOR A BETTER COUNTY

SALT LAKE COUNTY HAS

- Completed 17 affordable housing projects, totaling 1500+ units, with a \$25 million housing trust fund infusion.
- Allocated \$3 million to transition culinary water from golf courses, boosting water conservation.
- Replaced grass on sports fields, saving millions of gallons yearly and enabling year-round use.
- Provided grants for infrastructure updates, promoting water-wise landscaping.
- Showed commitment to sustainability through actions and federal partnerships.



Congress Should Release Funding for the Crisis in Ukraine

On March 17, 2024, along with businessman and philanthropist Dell Loy Hansen, **I had the honor of hosting a Ukraine Delegation.** Dell Loy and I sat next to Ruslan Kravchenko, Governor of Kyiv, and his delegation as we heard the stories of Ukraine's journey through pain and perseverance.

As the evening ended, Governor Kravchenko's unwavering spirit moved me to

address the audience with a final reminder: **If Utah and the United States do not stand up for democracy in Ukraine, then who are we?**


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