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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Cache County Awards Nearly \$4 Million in Annual RAPZ / Restaurant Grants**

**LOGAN, UTAH** - Cache County this week awarded RAPZ and Restaurant Tax funds totaling \$3,982,183 to 70 public and private organizations in Cache County.

“Cache Valley is a better place today thanks to the many community organizations who have used these funds for programs, events and facilities,” said Cache County Executive David Zook who serves as Chairman of the RAPZ Committee. “We have trails, parks, performing arts programs, events, and so many amenities in our county today that have been supported by these funds. I’m thankful for the voters and taxpayers who reauthorized the RAPZ program last year. They are the ones who made these community improvements possible.”

From 2012 to 2023, organizations in Cache County have been awarded more than \$30 million for projects that support recreation, arts, parks and the zoo. Three cities, North Logan, Hyde Park and Nibley have utilized \$2 million in RAPZ funds to develop brand new parks as part of an exchange program developed to use RAPZ money to build new parks for Cache County residents. Most other cities in the county have used the grant funds to expand parks in their communities.

In November 2002, Cache County voters approved a 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax, known as the RAPZ Tax. Voters reauthorized the tax in 2012 and again in the November 2022 election. RAPZ funds can be used to support capital projects and operating expenses for publicly owned or operated recreation or park facilities and Zootah. They can also be used to fund the operating expenses of private nonprofit organizations to operate as botanical or cultural organizations.

Since 1992, the County has also collected and distributed \$30 million generated by a 1% Restaurant sales tax. Those funds can be used for either capital projects or maintenance expenses by publicly owned or operated facilities for tourism promotion, recreation, cultural arts, convention centers, and airports. Private nonprofit organizations can receive Restaurant Tax funds only for tourism promotion.

More information regarding the RAPZ & Restaurant Tax Program can be found on the Cache County website at: <https://www.cachecounty.org/rapz>. The 2023 Awards list will be posted at the same link Friday, May 26, 2023.

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