Science for Utah’s Water Future

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- Designed to stimulate research at PUIs across Utah
- Over $100,000 distributed
- Supports undergraduate stipends, travel, supplies
- 4 awards in 2013; 2 in 2014; 2015 review ongoing

**EOD Catalyst Grants**

- Designed to solicit new outreach partners across Utah
- Over $125,000 distributed
- Supports organizations aligned with iUTAH mission
- Engages audiences statewide
- 13 proposals funded in year 2
- 6 funded, 7 pending in year 3
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• Awards $3,200-$22,000
• Most projects involve multiple investigators (including R1 collaborators)
• Physical, biological and social sciences represented
• Seed grants to assist with extramural funding to PUIs
EOD Catalyst Grants

- Museum exhibits
- Interpretive signs
- Radio feature stories
- iUTAH-focused education
- STEM conference support
Outcomes so far

• At least 1 RCG undergraduate assistant has already started a graduate program at BYU
• Contacts from other RCG researchers at USU, University of Utah
• 4 students submitted abstracts from their RCG/REU work to National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR)
• Research collaborations beyond initial grant
• Proposal to turn museum exhibit → traveling version