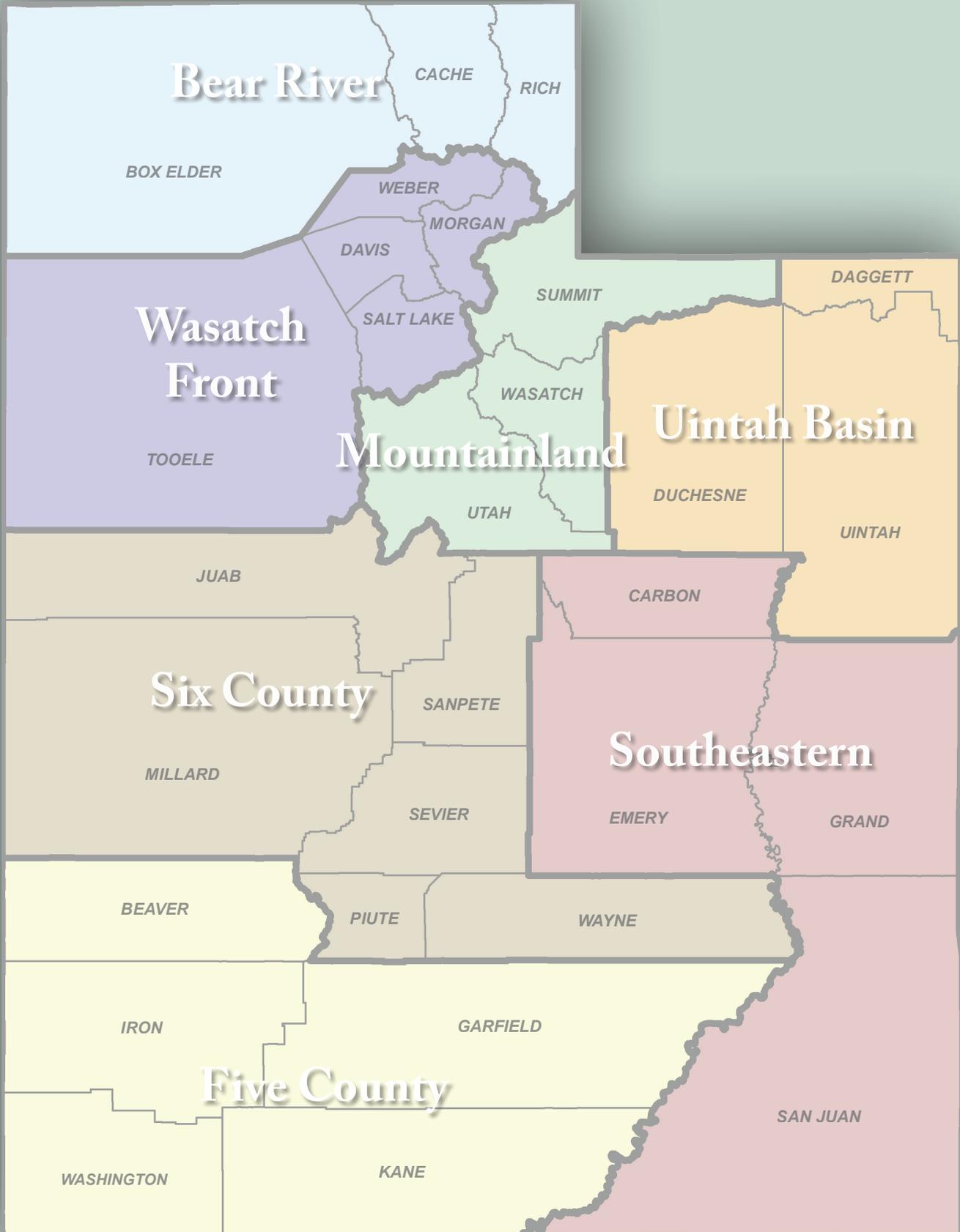


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# UTAH'S

Associations of Governments



# WHAT DO UTAH'S ASSOCIATIONS OF GOVERNMENTS (AOG'S) DO?

## Aging Services

*(Six AOG's are "Area Agencies on Aging")*

- Fund and assist senior centers
- Keep frail elderly and the adults with disabilities independent in their homes
- Support caregivers
- Recruit and train volunteers to help seniors and disabled adults
- Be an advocate for older adults
- Counsel seniors and disabled adults about long-term care options and financing
- Outreach to veterans to provide information about long-term care options and Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits
- Counsel older adults regarding health insurance

## Community Development & Planning

*(Seven AOG's are "Regional Planning Agencies")*

- Help plan and fund community projects
- Provide community planning technical assistance to local governments
- Coordinate planning efforts among cities, towns, and counties within their regions
- Conduct general transportation planning
- Coordinate transportation for seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income families and individuals.
- Help local governments with pre-disaster mitigation planning assistance
- Prepare emergency response interoperable communications plans
- Develop regional plans for mobility management, housing planning, and broadband planning

## Economic Development & Job Creation

*(Seven AOG's are "Economic Development Districts")*

- Assist and coordinate local government economic development efforts
- Prepare regional economic development plans
- Help start and expand businesses through Business Resource Centers
- Help local businesses obtain government contracts
- Provide gap financing to local companies
- Promote heritage tourism and products
- Help plan and fund job creation projects
- Contact businesses to assess needs and offer assistance

## Housing

*(Seven AOG's are involved in affordable housing planning and two are Regional Housing Authorities)*

- Provide on-going rental assistance to low-income households
- Provide housing and support to victims of domestic violence and those with mental illness
- House and support the homeless
- Provide funding for emergency home repairs and furnace replacements
- Weatherize homes of lower-income families to reduce utility bills and conserve energy
- Provide financial assistance to first-time home buyers
- Make loans for major home repairs
- Develop and manage affordable housing projects

## Human Services

*(Five AOG's are "Community Action Agencies")*

- Provide crisis assistance to low-income households
- Help low-income families pay winter utility bills
- Operate and/or fund food pantries
- Provide funding to human service agencies
- Volunteers prepare income tax returns for lower income families

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# Transportation Planning

*(Three AOG's are "Metropolitan Planning Organizations")*

- Perform long-range transportation planning
- Help prioritize highway, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facility investments
- Assess air quality impacts of transportation projects
- Provide forum for local governments to work together on transportation planning
- Coordinate with UDOT and other transportation partners
- Participate in development of Utah's Unified Transportation Plan

## In General

- Facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration
- Provide an efficient shared regional staff
- Bring state and federal resources to their regions to meet local needs

## ABOUT UTAH'S AOG'S

### WHAT IS AN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS OR AOG?

An extension of city and county governments with a shared staff to conduct various types of planning and delivery of a wide array of services.

### HISTORY

- 1960s: Several factors at the national level including expanding urbanization, increasing social problems, an expressed desire by local government officials to manage new federally funded planning and service delivery, along with various academic studies describing the benefits of "sub-state regionalism" led to a movement for locally controlled regional organizations.
- 1970: Governor Calvin L. Rampton issued an executive order establishing eight multi-county districts or regions in Utah; in 1973 the number was reduced to seven.
- 1969-1973: Local government officials in Utah organized seven regional associations of governments with support and encouragement from the state under authority of Utah's Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1965.

### AOGS IN UTAH WEAR MANY HATS

- Utah's seven associations of governments wear many hats or have multiple designations and roles including area agency on aging, community action agency, economic development district, regional planning agency, metropolitan planning organization, rural transportation planning organization, regional housing authority and others.
- The variety of roles and funding sources provides for greater efficiency through economies of scale with the advantage of control and oversight by local elected officials representing 29 counties and 243 cities and towns.

### PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF UTAH'S AOGS

The AOGs in Utah have been and continue to be highly effective in—

- Providing an opportunity for local government officials to meet regularly and work cooperatively together;
- Creating efficiencies and cost savings to the taxpayers by having a shared regional staff to carry out designated functions of government;
- Helping eliminate duplication of effort and providing a stronger role for local government officials in planning, coordinating and administering state and federal programs at the local level;
- Bringing resources to the area (especially rural areas) that might not otherwise be available and ensuring that those resources address local needs; and
- The associations are a vital part of the high quality and extremely efficient government that the residents of Utah expect and deserve.

## Snapshot of Utah's Regional Associations of Governments (AOG's) September 2016

AOG	TOTAL FULL & PART-TIME EMPLOYEES	TOTAL FTE's	TOTAL FUNDING ALL SOURCES	TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS	TOTAL FEDERAL THAT COMES DIRECT	TOTAL PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES & CONTRACTORS
<b>BRAG</b>	55	44	\$7,632,000	\$6,104,840	\$2,835,135	35
<b>MAG</b>	80	47	\$12,300,000	\$8,200,000	\$3,900,000	80
<b>UBAOG</b>	57	44	\$5,059,831	\$2,980,339	\$1,588,000	4
<b>6-COUNTY</b>	71	41	\$4,198,676	\$1,906,086	\$301,161	0
<b>5-COUNTY</b>	61	49	\$7,475,441	\$5,578,175	\$647,376	20
<b>SEUALG</b>	62	44	\$3,237,826	\$2,716,873	\$382,000	10
<b>WFRC</b>	28	28	\$6,428,365	\$4,292,835	\$60,000	24
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>\$46,332,139</b>	<b>\$31,779,148</b>	<b>\$9,713,672</b>	<b>173</b>