

Federal Funds and the Budget of the State of Utah
Legislative Oversight
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The Executive Appropriations Committee requested that the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst work together to more fully implement Section 63-40 of the Utah Code. This section of the Utah Code relates to federal funds reporting requirements.

Therefore, the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget has prepared several items and is in the process of completing that request. The following items are presented to improve reporting, oversight, and understanding of federal funds.

1. The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget has developed a form (attached) to be submitted to their office by all agencies before applying for or rejecting federal funds. A copy of the completed form will also be forwarded to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.
2. The above mentioned form, along with other communications, will be used each month by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to determine if federal funds should be put on the agenda for the monthly Executive Appropriations Meeting. Federal funds will be included on the Executive Appropriations Committee meeting agenda if:
 - A. The grant application is for a new program/grant or a reallocation of federal funds;
 - B. The grant will be continuing, time limited, or one-time, and the matching fund requirements exceed \$200,000 in State funds;
 - C. An evaluation of the federal allocation of funds and issues related to the conclusion of the program warrants legislative perusal; and/or
 - D. Other issues related to the application merit legislative review.
3. The Governor's Office of Planning and Budget is instituting a budget prep system form to more fully list federal funds, implementation dates, and to detail matching fund requirements.
4. The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst is developing a "Revised" Federal Funds sheet to be used along with the budget analysis during the Appropriations Subcommittee meetings.