

Fiscal Highlights

USHE Joins Multi-State Collaboration to Improve Education - Spencer C. Pratt

The Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) is joining 12 other higher education systems from across the country in an effort to increase access to post-secondary education and improve the outcomes, targeted for at-risk students. The collaboration includes a \$200,000 grant to the state from the Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation.

USHE will use the grant funding to complement its current efforts of increasing college preparation, participation, and completion. With the multi-state group, the best practices can be identified, improved upon, and incorporated into current efforts.

The proposal for the grant funding emphasized the goal of having 66% of the adult population holding a post-secondary degree or certificate. The grant funding will be used to focus on the estimated 28% of the population who have some hours or credit toward a degree or certificate, but have not completed. It will also be used to work on math requirements and a system of predictive analytics to improve admissions and retention at USHE institutions.