

Joint Resolution on Federal Funds

2025 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

Senate Sponsor: Jerry W Stevenson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature approves acceptance by the state of Utah of certain federal funds.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- approves acceptance by the state of Utah of federal funds awarded through the Rural Health Transformation Program from Public Law 119-21, commonly known as One Big Beautiful Bill Act, 2025.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2025, following congressional approval, the President signed into law Public Law 119-21, commonly known as One Big Beautiful Bill Act, 2025;

WHEREAS, Public Law 119-21, makes appropriations related to the Rural Health Transformation Program, including appropriations provided to the states through certain federal agencies;

WHEREAS, through the Rural Health Transformation Program, the state of Utah is to receive this year federal funds in excess of \$10,000,000;

WHEREAS, Section 63J-5-204 of the Utah Code requires that the Legislature approve the state's receipt of new federal funds, if the state will receive total payments of \$10,000,000 or more per year from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated under the Rural Health Transformation Program are

temporary grants, the state of Utah should consider the following guiding principles for use of the funds:

(1) initiatives should seek to create sustainable positive financial outcomes without creating future financial obligations for the state or permanently committing the state to a local government or private sector responsibility;

(2) initiatives should prioritize one-time projects or upgrades;

(3) initiatives should seek to leverage non-state resources where possible by partnering with the private sector or other levels of government;

(4) initiatives should inspire innovation in healthcare delivery;

(5) initiatives should seek to improve the health outcomes of Utahns; and

(6) when awarding funds, the state of Utah should notify funding recipients that the funds are temporary and do not create an ongoing obligation by the state government:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah approves acceptance by the state of Utah of \$500,000,000 over five years, beginning in fiscal year 2026, with the possibility of another \$500,000,000 over that time period, awarded under the Rural Health Transformation Program granted to the state of Utah under Public Law 119-21, commonly known as One Big Beautiful Bill Act, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the governor and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.