

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:

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

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

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

37 (4) initiatives should inspire innovation in healthcare delivery, including healthcare data
38 and electronic record sharing;

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

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

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

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