

1 **Outcome-based Investment Grant Pilot Program**

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STATE OF UTAH

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2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill establishes the Outcome-based Investment Grant Pilot Program to provide grant  
5 funding for projects using measurable outcomes.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

- 8 ▶ defines terms;
- 9 ▶ establishes a framework for a grant administering agency to award grant funding for  
10 projects using measurable outcomes;
- 11 ▶ requires the Office of the Legislative Auditor General to establish evaluation standards  
12 and requirements;
- 13 ▶ requires grant applicants to submit a pre-analysis plan identifying expected outcomes and  
14 metrics;
- 15 ▶ requires the use of independent evaluators to measure project outcomes;
- 16 ▶ authorizes review of evaluation findings by the Office of the Legislative Auditor General;
- 17 ▶ requires certain reporting from the administering agency to a relevant appropriations  
18 subcommittee; and
- 19 ▶ establishes a sunset date for the program.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 This bill provides a special effective date.

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **63I-1-263**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapters 391, 512

27 ENACTS:

28 **63G-6b-402**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **63G-6b-402** is enacted to read:

33 **63G-6b-402 . Outcome-based Investment Grant Pilot Program.**

34 (1) As used in this section:

35 (a) "Independent evaluator" means an individual or entity that:

36 (i) is not involved in implementing a project receiving grant funding under the  
37 program; and

38 (ii) meets the evaluation standards that the Office of the Legislative Auditor General  
39 establishes under this section.

40 (b) "Pre-analysis plan" means a written plan that:

41 (i) a grant applicant submits during the grant application process and before  
42 beginning project implementation;

43 (ii) identifies the specific outcomes the applicant intends the proposed project to  
44 achieve;

45 (iii) specifies the metrics for measuring each intended outcome of the proposed  
46 project;

47 (iv) describes the evaluation methodology that will apply to the proposed project,  
48 including any comparison to control data or counterfactual approach; and

49 (v) complies with the standards that the Office of the Legislative Auditor General  
50 establishes under this section.

51 (c) "Program" means the Outcome-based Investment Grant Pilot Program that this  
52 section establishes.

53 (2)(a) This section creates a competitive grant program known as the Outcome-based  
54 Investment Grant Pilot Program.

55 (b) The administering agency shall:

56 (i) administer the program to fund projects using measurable outcomes; and

57 (ii) only award grants under the program for projects that comply with the evaluation  
58 framework described in Subsection (4).

59 (3)(a) An applicant for a grant under the program shall submit an application:

60 (i) in a form that the administering agency prescribes; and

61 (ii) that includes a pre-analysis plan that:

62 (A) identifies the intended outcomes of the proposed project; and

63 (B) provides a significant measurement and evaluation framework to demonstrate  
64 the effect of the project on the intended outcomes.

- 65 (b) The administering agency may not award a grant unless the administering agency  
66 determines that the applicants pre-analysis plan satisfies the evaluation framework  
67 requirements described in Subsection (4).
- 68 (4) The Office of the Legislative Auditor General shall establish:
- 69 (a) an evaluation framework applicable to the program that includes standards governing:
- 70 (i) acceptable outcome measures;
- 71 (ii) required elements of a pre-analysis plan;
- 72 (iii) acceptable evaluation methodologies; and
- 73 (iv) minimum data collection and reporting requirements; and
- 74 (b) standards governing independent evaluators, including:
- 75 (i) independence and conflict-of-interest requirements;
- 76 (ii) minimum qualifications and expertise;
- 77 (iii) acceptable evaluation designs and levels of rigor; and
- 78 (iv) reporting and transparency requirements.
- 79 (5)(a) A recipient of a grant under this section shall participate in an independent  
80 evaluation of the funded project.
- 81 (b) An independent evaluator shall:
- 82 (i) measure and assess the extent to which the project caused the outcomes identified  
83 in the pre-analysis plan;
- 84 (ii) compare actual outcomes to the projected outcomes in the pre-analysis plan using  
85 the metrics described in the pre-analysis plan; and
- 86 (iii) provide a written report of the independent evaluation to the administering  
87 agency.
- 88 (c) The administering agency may use up to 5% of funds the Legislature appropriates to  
89 procure the independent evaluation described in this Subsection (5).
- 90 (d) The Office of the Legislative Auditor General may:
- 91 (i) review the findings of an independent evaluation described in this Subsection (5);  
92 and
- 93 (ii) assess the methodological rigor, validity, and reliability of the evaluation.
- 94 (6) The administering agency shall annually report to the agency's relevant legislative  
95 appropriations subcommittee regarding the program, including:
- 96 (a) a summary of the number and type of grants the administering agency awards under  
97 the program;
- 98 (b) the progress of grant projects;

- 99           (c) available outcome data;  
 100           (d) impact data; and  
 101           (e) the results of any independent evaluations of a grant project.  
 102       (7) Nothing in this section requires the administering agency to terminate funding solely  
 103           based on evaluation results.  
 104           Section 2. Section **63I-1-263** is amended to read:  
 105           **63I-1-263 . Repeal dates: Titles 63A to 63O.**  
 106       (1) Title 63C, Chapter 4a, Constitutional and Federalism Defense Act, is repealed July 1,  
 107           2028.  
 108       (2) Title 63C, Chapter 18, Behavioral Health Crisis Response Committee, is repealed  
 109           December 31, 2026.  
 110       (3) Title 63C, Chapter 25, State Finance Review Commission, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 111       (4) Title 63C, Chapter 27, Cybersecurity Commission, is repealed July 1, 2032.  
 112       (5) Title 63C, Chapter 28, Ethnic Studies Commission, is repealed July 1, 2026.  
 113       (6) Title 63C, Chapter 31, State Employee Benefits Advisory Commission, is repealed July  
 114           1, 2028.  
 115       (7) Section 63G-6a-805, Purchase from community rehabilitation programs, is repealed  
 116           July 1, 2026.  
 117       (8) Section 63G-6b-402, Outcome-based Investment Grant Pilot Program, is repealed July  
 118           1, 2031.  
 119       ~~(8)~~ (9) Title 63G, Chapter 21, Agreements to Provide State Services, is repealed July 1,  
 120           2028.  
 121       ~~(9)~~ (10) Title 63H, Chapter 4, Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority, is repealed July  
 122           1, 2029.  
 123       ~~(10)~~ (11) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(16), related to the Communication Habits to reduce  
 124           Adolescent Threats (CHAT) Pilot Program, is repealed July 1, 2029.  
 125       ~~(11)~~ (12) Subsection 63J-1-602.2(26), regarding the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, is  
 126           repealed January 1, 2025.  
 127       ~~(12)~~ (13) Section 63L-11-204, Canyon resource management plan, is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 128       ~~(13)~~ (14) Title 63L, Chapter 11, Part 4, Resource Development Coordinating Committee,  
 129           is repealed July 1, 2027.  
 130       ~~(14)~~ (15) Title 63M, Chapter 7, Part 7, Domestic Violence Offender Treatment Board, is  
 131           repealed July 1, 2027.  
 132       ~~(15)~~ (16) Section 63M-7-902, Creation -- Membership -- Terms -- Vacancies -- Expenses,

133 is repealed July 1, 2029.

134 [~~(16)~~] (17) Title 63M, Chapter 11, Utah Commission on Aging, is repealed July 1, 2026.

135 [~~(17)~~] (18) Title 63N, Chapter 2, Part 2, Enterprise Zone Act, is repealed July 1, 2028.

136 [~~(18)~~] (19) Subsection 63N-2-511(1)(b), regarding the Board of Tourism Development, is  
137 repealed July 1, 2030.

138 [~~(19)~~] (20) Section 63N-2-512, Hotel Impact Mitigation Fund, is repealed July 1, 2028.

139 [~~(20)~~] (21) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 9, Strategic Innovation Grant Pilot Program, is  
140 repealed July 1, 2027.

141 [~~(21)~~] (22) Title 63N, Chapter 3, Part 11, Manufacturing Modernization Grant Program, is  
142 repealed July 1, 2028.

143 [~~(22)~~] (23) Title 63N, Chapter 4, Part 4, Rural Employment Expansion Program, is repealed  
144 July 1, 2028.

145 [~~(23)~~] (24) Section 63N-4-804, Rural Opportunity Advisory Committee, is repealed July 1,  
146 2027.

147 [~~(24)~~] (25) Subsection 63N-4-805(5)(b), regarding the Rural Employment Expansion  
148 Program, is repealed July 1, 2028.

149 [~~(25)~~] (26) Subsection 63N-7-101(1), regarding the Board of Tourism Development, is  
150 repealed July 1, 2030.

151 [~~(26)~~] (27) Subsection 63N-7-102(3)(c), regarding a requirement for the Utah Office of  
152 Tourism to receive approval from the Board of Tourism Development, is repealed July  
153 1, 2030.

154 [~~(27)~~] (28) Title 63N, Chapter 7, Part 2, Board of Tourism Development, is repealed July 1,  
155 2030.

156 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

157 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.