



HIGHER EDUCATION
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STRATEGIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

During the 2016 legislative session, the Utah State Legislature passed Senate Bill 103, “Strategic Workforce Investments” which establishes a process for the State to strategically invest funding for workforce development through education partnerships advancing programs that emphasize stackable credentials. Regional education partnerships identify their regional workforce needs in high growth and high demand occupations, and then propose projects that may have multiple entry and exit points for someone to transition from education to employment and back again.

The legislation opened a window for proposals for FY 2017, and then annual windows each subsequent year. The legislation states that the Legislature shall review the proposals to determine their projected effectiveness in expanding capacity to meet regional workforce needs and then to fund those through the appropriation process. The first two groups of proposals were evaluated by a group consisting of legislators, industry, and GOED, which then made a recommendation to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee. The Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee reviewed the recommendation and recommended approval to the Executive Appropriations Committee. These were approved for funding and added to H.B. 1, Higher Education Base Budget, as FY 2017 Supplementals and FY 2018 adjustments. With additional funding available for FY 2018, the Legislature approved the proposals from the second group, which were included in S.B. 3, Appropriations Adjustments. The ongoing portion of funding for both groups will be included in the FY 2019 Base Budget.

For FY 2019, proposals are due no later than January 5, 2018. That deadline allows for about three weeks before the 2018 General Session begins for any evaluation of the proposals. The Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee may request that a similar group evaluate the proposals, then make a recommendation to the Subcommittee.

For FY 2017, the Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million. Of this amount, proposal recipients received \$494,000 one-time and \$1,005,000 ongoing. The Legislature added \$2 million to this initiative for FY 2018, and approved proposals that allocated \$591,200 in one-time and \$1,140,700 ongoing. The total funding available for FY 2018 (\$3,501,000) less the total allocated amount (\$2,736,900) leaves a current unallocated balance of \$764,100.

The following chart shows the history of the Strategic Workforce Investment program.

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Strategic Workforce Initiative FY 2017 - FY 2019

Beginning Balance		0		1,000		764,100	
Base Funding		0		1,500,000		3,500,000	
New Funding		1,500,000		2,000,000			
Total Available		1,500,000		3,501,000		4,264,100	
Name of Proposal	Partners	FY 2017 Est.		FY 2018 App.		FY 2019 Proj.	
		One Time	On-going	One Time	On-going	One Time	On-going
Automation	Weber State University Bridgerland ATC Davis ATC Ogden-Weber ATC	25,000	195,000		195,000		195,000
			30,000		30,000		30,000
			30,000		30,000		30,000
			30,000		30,000		30,000
Total		25,000	285,000	0	285,000	0	285,000
IT-STEM Academy	USU Bridgerland ATC Cache County School District Logan City School District Rich School District		90,000		90,000		90,000
			160,000		160,000		160,000
Total		0	250,000	0	250,000	0	250,000
Manufacturing Technology	Snow College	229,000	70,000		70,000		70,000
Total		229,000	70,000	0	70,000	0	70,000
Composite Materials Technology	Davis ATC Davis School District	35,000	35,000		35,000		35,000
		205,000	145,000		145,000		145,000
Total		240,000	180,000	0	180,000	0	180,000
Tech Stacks	Dixie ATC Dixie State University Washington County School District		125,000		125,000		125,000
			95,000		95,000		95,000
Total		0	220,000	0	220,000	0	220,000
FY 2017 Total		494,000	1,005,000				
Utah Aerospace Pathways Expansion	Ogden-Weber ATC Ogden School District			340,600	220,400		220,400
Total				340,600	220,400	0	220,400
Industrial Automation Technician Pathway	Salt Lake Community College Canyons School District			36,000	173,000		173,000
Total				36,000	173,000	0	173,000
Utah Aerospace Pathways Expansion	Salt Lake Community College Granite School District			214,600	99,300		99,300
Total				214,600	99,300	0	99,300
Web Development and Programming	Tooele ATC Utah State University Tooele School District				250,000		250,000
Total				0	250,000	0	250,000
Computer Science Pathway	Weber State University Davis School District Morgan School District Weber School District Ogden School District NUAMES				285,000		285,000
Total				0	285,000	0	285,000
Life Sciences for Southeast Utah	USU - Southeastern Continuing Education Center Grand County School District Beacon After-School Program				113,000		113,000
Total		0	0	0	113,000	0	113,000
FY 2018 Total				591,200	2,145,700		
FY 2019 (Proj.) Total							2,145,700
Grand Total		494,000	1,005,000	591,200	2,145,700	0	2,145,700
	Balance Available/(Over)	(494,000)	495,000	(591,200)	1,355,300	0	2,118,400
	Total		1,000		764,100		2,118,400