



PUBLIC EDUCATION NON-STATE FUND CHANGES

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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

Funding for three programs in the public education budget come from restricted non-state revenue sources, namely, the School LAND Trust Program, the Autism Awareness Program, and a portion of the Charter School Local Replacement Program. Each year, the Legislature updates the appropriation in the budget for these programs based on the estimated amount in their respective funds. The additional funding amounts anticipated in FY 2019 include:

1. \$23,600,000 ongoing to from the Uniform School Fund Restricted – Trust Distribution Account to the School LAND Trust Program for a total of \$73,000,000.
2. \$11,700 ongoing from the General Fund Restricted – Autism Awareness Account to the Autism Awareness Program for a total of \$50,700.
3. \$1,739,600 ongoing from the Education Fund Restricted – Charter School Levy Account to the Charter School Local Replacement Program for a total of \$23,839,600.

Legislative Action

Review amounts for inclusion in the FY 2019 budget.

PROGRAM DETAILS

School LAND Trust

The School LAND (Learning And Nurturing Development) Trust Program provides funding to Utah's public schools to improve student academic achievement as outlined in the school's academic improvement plan. Program funding is distributed to school districts and charter schools based on enrollment. More details can be found in the Compendium of Budget Information (COBI) section for the [School LAND Trust](#) program.

Autism Awareness

Funded by private contributions, grants from public/private entities, and contributions from the sale of autism awareness license plates, the program supports autism education and awareness programs. The State Board of Education distributes funding to organizations that support these efforts. More details on the program can be found in the COBI section for [Autism Awareness](#).

Charter School Local Replacement

The Charter School Local Replacement Program provides funding to charter schools to 'replace' local property tax revenues that charter schools do not receive. The Legislature has implemented a statutory formula that provides an equalized per student amount to each charter school to support operations and capital facility needs. Local school districts participate in the cost of the program with the state. Funding from the districts is deposited into the Charter School Levy Account and appropriated to the program. More details can be found in the COBI section for the [Charter School Local Replacement](#) program.