

# Request for Appropriation (2020 General Session)

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## SECTION I - To be completed by requesting legislator

Name: Senator/Representative Ralph Okerlund Date 1/27/2020

Funding Request Name RURAL RECRUITMENT, EXPERIENCE, & PLACEMENT

Description of Funding Item Funding for the University of Utah School of Dentistry to increase recruitment of students from rural and underserved areas of Utah; and support 5 rural-origin Utah students per class per year. It will also expand student clinical rotations in rural areas.

Agency through which funds would be administered UNIVERSITY OF UTAH SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

What is the statewide public purpose? \* To establish and expand dental school rural externship & residency training programs, as well as admit dental students likely to choose rural careers.

What type of organization(s) will receive this funding? (check all that apply)

Government  Gov't Not for Profit  Private for Profit  Private Not for Profit

Amount Requested: \$ 1,055,000

General Fund  Educ. Fund  Transp. Fund  Other:

FY20 (One-time)  FY21 (One-time)  FY21 (Ongoing)  Nonlapsing

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### Attach Supporting Documentation (Required)

Itemized Budget

Deliverables and/or Performance Measures

Does this organization receive other State financing?  Yes  No If yes, attach explanation.

Please attach any other supporting documentation

Appropriations Committee Recommendation Health and Human Services

\*All appropriations must be made to state agencies. State agencies must follow state procurement laws which require competitive bids, requests for proposal, or sole source determination.

(Over)

*Bally 1.28.2020*

- Five of Utah's twenty-nine counties have enough (or more than enough) dentists. The dentist to population ratio in these counties is the same as the National average.
- Twenty-four of Utah's twenty-nine counties are classified by the Utah Medical Education Council as dental health profession shortage areas.
- 15.4% of Utah's population live in rural counties. 11.1% of Utah's dentists provide services in these counties.
- Five counties have no dentists with a primary practice site.
- Three counties have dentists with a secondary practice site only:
  - Daggett
  - Rich
  - Wayne
- Two counties have no dentists:
  - Morgan
  - Piute

**Rural Recruitment, Experience, & Placement**  
University of Utah School of Dentistry  
Request for Appropriation – FY 2021

The Utah Medical Education Council recently reported that "...24 (rural) of Utah's 29 counties (are) Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas." Two counties have no dentists. The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) reported that "Rural populations have fewer dentists, lower dental care utilization and higher rates of dental caries and permanent tooth loss than urban populations." The NHRA recommends:

- Admit dental students likely to choose rural careers, such as those from rural locations.
- Establish and expand dental school rural externship and residency training programs.
- Promote loan reimbursement programs for dental graduates who practice in rural areas.

The University of Utah School of Dentistry (UUSOD) respectfully requests ongoing funding of \$1,155,000 per year that will (1) increase and enhance recruitment of students from rural and underserved areas of Utah; (2) provide funds in support of 5 rural-origin Utah students per class per year; (3) expand student clinical rotations in rural areas to treat Medicaid and underserved patients; (4) establish and oversee a loan reimbursement program to incentivize dental graduates to practice in rural Utah. With this appropriation we will:

1. Enhance recruitment of students from rural and designated underserved areas of the State by participating with the U of U Medical School RUUTE program and the SUU Rural Health Scholars program involving students in High School and College.
2. Extend UUSOD tuition, fee and clinical income to cover the full costs of education for five rural Utah students per class per year. UUSOD in-State tuition and fees are \$48,300 per student per year. Student-generated clinical income is \$17,600 per student per year. The cost of dental education is \$95,000 per student per year.
3. Expand UUSOD Rural Student clinical rotations to include but not limited to: Manti, Vernal, Cedar City and Price. Students will treat patients under the supervision of a rural dentist and will live in the community during the rotation. This is consistent with the university's rural network expansion for Medicaid patients in high-need areas.
4. Establish a Dental Loan Reimbursement program for students who establish a full-time practice in a rural underserved area of Utah. Five of our graduates who do so and remain will receive \$100,00 over 4 years (10K; 20K; 30K; 40K). We are securing matching funds to make this a 50/50 partnership with the State.

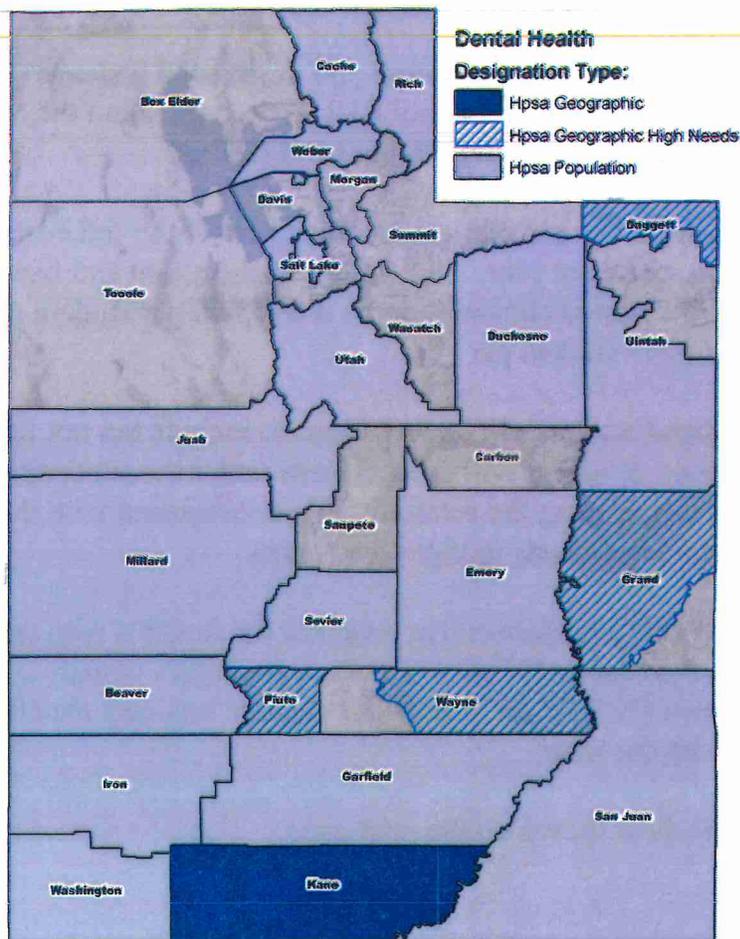
The use of the requested funds is shown on the next page.

5 students / year x 4 years x \$30,000	=	=	\$ 600,000
Rural Recruitment	=	=	90,000
Participate in UUSOM - RUUTE	=		\$50,000
Participate in SUU – Rural Health	=		40,000
Student rotations treating patients*	=		215,000
Manti	=		35,000
Price	=		35,000
Vernal	=		35,000
Cedar City	=		35,000
Mobile Dental Unit	=		75,000 **
Loan Reimbursement	=		250,000
5 students/year x 4 years x \$25,000	=		500,000***
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			\$1,155,000

*20 students*

- \* Housing, travel and food; example cities
- \*\* To be matched by outside donation
- \*\*\* Matching funds to partner with State’s \$250,000

### Utah’s Dental Health Professions Shortage Areas



For more information about Utah's HPSA Designations, please call (801) 273-6621  
Office of Primary Care and Rural Health

