



Small District Base Funding

\$3,567,200 ongoing



Historical Funding Levels and Purpose

Current (SFY 2021) funding level: \$1,798,000

Funding Level in SFY 2020: N/A

Purpose of the program:

- Increases equity in the system by allocating funding to small school districts to shore up local programs.
- Ensures that every school district's unrestricted funding increases by at least 1%

Problems to Address

- SFY 2021 funding was kept stable for most of Utah's urban and larger school districts.
- Funding was not kept stable for 21 small and rural school districts, due to elimination of the District Administrative Costs program (\$5.3MM ongoing cut).
- For these districts, this cut caused unrestricted funding to decrease by up to 3%, despite the state increasing the WPU value and funding enrollment growth.

Projected Outcomes/Results

- School districts treated equitably across the state.
- Small and rural school districts will not experience ongoing net reductions in unrestricted state funding.

Impact if not Funded

- Inadvertent inequities caused COVID-19 budget reductions will be locked into place.
- Students attending rural school districts will continue to have their educational opportunities limited.

Can this funding be scaled?

This request is scalable. However, reduced funding will cause inequities in the system to persist.