



Student Support Programs Data Analyst \$112,339 ongoing and \$4,121 one-time

Historical Funding Levels and Purpose

Current (SFY 2021) funding level: N/A

Funding Level in SFY 2020: N/A

Purpose of the program:

- Provides for a dedicated research/data analyst to support the USBE Center for Continuous School Improvement and 12 USBE programs (both state and federal).
- Improves the use of state and federal resources through effective and timely data gathering and analysis.

Problems to Address

- There is no USBE research/data analyst position dedicated to supporting the needs of students at-risk for academic failure and low-performing schools.
- This causes data requests by LEAs on school progress and student groups to be left unfilled.
- USBE needs greater capacity to monitor vendor impacts on schools in improvement, identify early warning indicators for schools, identify data patterns to improve program implementation and to fulfill LEA data requests.

Projected Outcomes/Results

- Improved return on investment with state and federal funds in continuous school improvement efforts.
- Enhanced USBE support, training and technical assistance.
- Improved LEA use of state and federal funds to support Utah's most vulnerable students.
- Strengthened capacity to evaluate success of 12 USBE programs (both state and federal).

Impact if not Funded

- Continued lags for USBE and LEAs to access data.
- Limited data-driven decision-making regarding the use of state and federal funds for 12 USBE programs.
- Severely limited USBE ability to identify promising practices amongst applicable programs.

Can this funding be scaled?

This request is not scalable. Lower funding will prevent USBE from hiring a qualified research/data analyst.