

# Utah State Board of Education Funding Requests

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### **Icons Key**



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1	USBE Funding Priority	
A B C	Advances USBE Goal #1: Early Learning	
Ê	Advances USBE Goal #2: Effective Educators & Leaders	
	Advances USBE Goal #3: Safe & Healthy Schools	
	Advances USBE Goal #4: Personalized Teaching & Learning	
Utah Talent	Clearly Advances USBE Mission or Utah's Portrait of a Graduat	te
JLC	Aligns with a Priority of the Joint Legislative Committee (JLC)	



## **Top Funding Priorities**



#### Reduce Curricular and Co-Curricular Fees – \$180,000,000 One-Time



Problems to Address
• In FY 2021, LEAs collected \$53.8 million in curricular
and co-curricular fees from students and families
<ul> <li>Such fees create significant financial burdens for</li> </ul>
students and families that do not receive fee waivers
<ul> <li>School fees continue to unfairly restrict student</li> </ul>
participation in various school programs
Impact if not Funded
<ul> <li>No reductions to burdens on Utah families</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Greater inequities in student participation rates</li> </ul>
Can this funding be scaled?
Yes, but even with this funding, some LEAs will still
see lower net revenues. A lower funding amount will
further exacerbate this issue of lost net revenues.
Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
Federal funds cannot be used, and carry-forward funds
are insufficient for this need.

Critical USBE FTEs – \$1,622,300 Ongoing ү 😡 👘		
Sand \$27,500 One-Time		
Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address	
	USBE needs additional FTEs in the following programs:	
SFY 2022 Funding Level: See FTE slides 1-5 for details	<ul> <li>4 FTEs for Educator Licensing</li> </ul>	
SFY 2021 Funding Level: See FTE slides 1-5 for details	<ul> <li>3 FTEs for the Fiscal Monitors</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>2 FTEs for the School Leadership Initiative</li> </ul>	
Purpose of the program:	<ul> <li>1 FTE as a Prevention Specialist</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Provides funding for 11 FTEs in key areas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1 FTE as a Library specialist</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>See the following FTE slides 1-5 for details</li> </ul>		
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Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded	
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	See the following FTE slides 1-5 for details.	
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?	
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#### 1. Educator Licensing - \$511,100 ongoing and \$18,200 one-time 🏓



Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
SFY 2022 Funding Level: \$2,053,500 (13 FTEs)	• The number of Utah educator licensees has increased
SFY 2021 Funding Level: \$2,037,500 (13 FTEs)	29.9% in the last five years
Purpose of the program:	• SOEP expansion will significantly increase out-of-state
<ul> <li>Provides funding for 4 additional FTE to support</li> </ul>	educator license applications
educator licensing and UPPAC	<ul> <li>APPEL Programs are competency-based educator</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Supports innovative educator preparation programs</li> </ul>	preparation programs sponsored by LEAs and these
<ul> <li>Ensures high-quality educators for students in Utah</li> </ul>	new programs require extensive technical support
• Licenses educators to perform specific roles in LEAs	and monitoring
	<ul> <li>UPPAC investigations are taking up to one year</li> </ul>
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
<ul> <li>Reduced existing barriers, including shorter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current process/wait times are already lengthy and</li> </ul>
processing/wait times for UPPAC and Licensing	will increase
• Supported innovative educator preparation programs,	• LEAs will lack the supports needed as they implement
including APPEL	strategies to address the teacher shortage
<ul> <li>Increased number of high-quality educators for</li> </ul>	Can this funding be scaled?
students in Utah	Reinstating licensing fees could mitigate these costs.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No impact on LEA reporting requirements.	No. Funding needs to be sustained and not one-time.





Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
<b>SFY 2022 Funding Level:</b> ≈\$435,000 (Time-limited)	Fiscal Monitor positions are required to address:
<b>SFY 2021 Funding Level:</b> ≈\$428,000 (Time-limited)	1. Non-compliance with fiscal laws, rules, and policies
Purpose of the program:	in a cooperative and collaborative way with LEAs
Provides ongoing funding for 3 FTEs who:	2. Concerns identified in prior audit reports
<ul> <li>Ensure equality of opportunity for students through</li> </ul>	3. Required training and policy implementation
policy development, training and technical assistance	across the public education system
<ul> <li>Monitor LEA compliance with programs and program</li> </ul>	Time-limited funding is running out and ongoing
laws, rules and regulations for funds control	funding is needed for these fiscal monitor positions.
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
<ul> <li>Increased equality of opportunity for students</li> </ul>	Training and technical assistance to LEAs and
<ul> <li>Enhanced transparency and communication</li> </ul>	monitoring of LEA compliance is limited, leading to
<ul> <li>Enhanced LEA compliance with fiscal laws, rules and</li> </ul>	decreased equality in student participation rates.
regulations	Can this funding be scaled?
<ul> <li>A joint positive and productive effort on the part of</li> </ul>	No. Reduced resources will not be sufficient to
USBE and LEAs	mitigate risks associated with the lack of equality of
	opportunity for students across multiple programs.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No anticipated impact to LEA reporting.	No. One-time funds are not available for this need.

🕋 3. School Leadership Initiative – Personnel – 🙏 👷		
🥮 \$304,900 Ongoing and \$4,600 One-Time 🦻 🛸		
Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address	
<b>SFY 2022 Funding Level:</b> ≈\$157,000 One-time	<ul> <li>The new specialist will ensure the USBE school</li> </ul>	
<b>SFY 2021 Funding Level:</b> ≈\$157,000 One-time	leadership team has the capacity to effectively	
Purpose of the program:	manage the grant program.	
<ul> <li>Secures a new specialist to support the School</li> </ul>	• The grant program will increase the effectiveness of	
Leadership Development Grant.	leaders in Utah schools -> effective leaders increase	
• Funds an existing school leadership specialist position	positive outcomes for leaders, teachers, and	
paid for with one-time funds.	students.	
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded	
<ul> <li>Differentiated supports to grant awardees</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Less differentiated/personalized supports for LEAs</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Refined state policies, processes, and infrastructure</li> </ul>	• Slower progress on other school leadership initiatives	
<ul> <li>A repository of Utah best-practice and strategies</li> </ul>	Can this funding be scaled?	
• Increased effectiveness of leaders in awardees' schools	Yes. Possibly fund the current specialist with ongoing	
• Increased student achievement & student attendance,	funds and a part-time specialist to manage the grant	
decreased exclusionary discipline practices, increased	program.	
educator retention & satisfaction		
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?	
No anticipated impact on LEA reporting requirements.	No. One-time funds should not be used for this need.	



### 4. Prevention Specialist – \$233,000 Ongoing

Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
<b>SFY 2022 Funding Level:</b> ≈\$176,000 one-time	• HB 132 (2018) required LEAs to have restorative
<b>SFY 2021 Funding Level:</b> ≈\$140,900 one-time	practices in place to address student criminal
Purpose of the program:	offenses rather than referring them to law
To support LEAs in the development and	enforcement or the courts
implementation of positive and effective evidence-	<ul> <li>Requests for technical assistance from LEAs to</li> </ul>
based school discipline approaches and restorative	address this issue are increasing
practices.	• Funding for the specialist who provides these services
	to LEAs ends in FY 2022
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
Increased evidence-based school discipline practices	• Fewer restorative practices will be in place to address
integrated into other prevention efforts	the disciplinary needs of students
<ul> <li>More LEAs meeting the expectations required in HB</li> </ul>	• Decreased student engagement/academic outcomes
132 (2018) and other juvenile justice reforms	<ul> <li>Increased suspensions, expulsions and truancy</li> </ul>
More professional learning and technical assistance	Can this funding be scaled?
provided to LEAs to implement restorative practices	Yes, but USBE's ability to provide technical assistance
	would be significantly hindered.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No anticipated impact to reporting requirements.	No. One-time funds should not be used for this need.

#### 5. Library Specialist – \$162,100 Ongoing and \$4,600 One-Time 👳

Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
Current (SFY 2022) funding level: \$0 Funding Level in SFY 2021: \$0 Purpose of the program: Provides a qualified school library specialist to support school libraries, librarians, and leadership with guidance, troubleshooting, and professional learning.	<ul> <li>Statewide inequities of service to students and teachers, particularly in the instruction of the Utah Library Media Curriculum Standards, including Media Literacy and Information Literacy</li> <li>Statewide inequities in the stewardship of school libraries, their facilities, resources collections, both print and digital, and library personnel</li> </ul>
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
<ul> <li>Development of key indicators for library programs</li> </ul>	• Continued decline of students' research, information,
<ul> <li>Development of statewide collection standards for</li> </ul>	and media literacy skills
best practice	<ul> <li>Continued decline in the quality of school library</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Professional development to increase knowledge</li> </ul>	resource collections, print and digital
<ul> <li>Dedicated USBE personnel to support the significant</li> </ul>	Can this funding be scaled?
resources spent on school libraries and personnel	Yes. A 0.5 FTE instead of a full-time FTE is possible.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No anticipated impact to reporting requirements.	No. Funding needs to be sustained and not one-time.



### **Other USBE Requests**



#### Acadience Reading in Grades 6-8 –

#### \$963,400 Ongoing and \$50,000 One-Time



Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
SFY 2022 Funding Level: \$0	• Less than 50% of Utah students in the middle/junior
SFY 2021 Funding Level: \$0	high grades are proficient in reading
Purpose of the program:	• With Acadience Reading only offered statewide in
<ul> <li>Expands Acadience Reading through grade 8</li> </ul>	elementary grades, longitudinal data for students in
<ul> <li>Enables educators in middle school to better identify</li> </ul>	grades 6-8 is inconsistently available
students who need reading interventions and effective	• This leads to inefficient practices in identifying
instructional reading practices	students who need reading interventions
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
<ul> <li>Expansion of Acadience Reading data in grades 6-8</li> </ul>	• Inconsistent data collection on reading for grades K-8
<ul> <li>Alignment of data on reading progress for all students</li> </ul>	• Contract serves some 6th grade students, but not all
in grades K-8	Can this funding be scaled?
• Improved reading performance for students grades 6-8	Yes, but this would result in inequities across LEAs.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
Anticipated to increase. LEAs would report beginning of	ESSER funds could be utilized but this would not afford
year/end of year results, and the # of students meeting	for long-term sustainability of the program.
benchmarks.	

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#### Computer Science for Utah Grant Program – \$8,000,000 Ongoing

Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
SFY 2022 Funding Level: \$5,000,000	Computer science offerings are not currently
SFY 2021 Funding Level: N/A	available in every Utah junior high and high school
Purpose of the program:	<ul> <li>All teachers do not have adequate training in</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Creates the K-12 Utah Computer Science Grant</li> </ul>	integrating computer science into core subjects
Program in partnership with Talent Ready Utah	• Utah students do not have equal access to rigorous
<ul> <li>Allows LEAs to continue implementing their plans for</li> </ul>	computer science instruction
building access to computer science for all students	<ul> <li>LEAs have limited supports in moving from the</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Supports the goal of "Computer Science access for all</li> </ul>	planning stages to full implementation
Utah schools"	
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
More Utah students:	LEAs cannot make the systematic changes needed to
<ul> <li>Engaged in rigorous K-12 computer science learning</li> </ul>	provide computer science learning for all students.
<ul> <li>Participating in and completing computer science</li> </ul>	Can this funding be scaled?
pathways	Yes. However, lower funding reduces LEAs' abilities to
<ul> <li>Earning computer science certifications</li> </ul>	continue expansion of K-12 computer science.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No anticipated change in reporting. When LEAs applied,	No. This initiative is not eligible for federal funding and
they agreed to the reporting documentation.	carry-forward funds are not sufficient for the program.

### **Operational Schools** – \$200,000 Ongoing

Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
<ul> <li>Current (FY 2022) funding level: \$0</li> <li>Funding Level in FY 2021: \$0</li> <li>Funding Level in FY 2020: \$200,000</li> <li>Purpose of the Program:</li> <li>Provides high quality CPR and AED training to all 10th grade health education students</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Funding was not made available during FY 2021 and FY 2022</li> <li>Carryforward funding should be exhausted at the end of FY 2022</li> <li>The program is necessary to instruct students in lifesaving emergency procedures</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Projected Outcomes/Results</li> <li>Restored funding for CPR training</li> <li>Utah students with lifesaving skills in high school health class</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Impact if not Funded</li> <li>Schools may be unable to continue this training</li> <li>Fewer Utahns will be able to administer life-saving care</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Documented instances of students using acquired CPR/AED skills to save lives in the community</li> </ul>	Can this funding be scaled? Yes – Current training programs cost \$6 per student.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No anticipated change in LEA reporting requirements.	Yes, but carry-forward funds cannot sustain the program past this current school year.

#### Early Warning System Expansion – \$ 412,000 Ongoing



Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
SFY 2022 Funding Level: \$375,000	<ul> <li>Only 3 LEAs have full implementation of the Early</li> </ul>
SFY 2021 Funding Level: \$250,000	Warning System
Purpose of the program:	• 2 LEAs have partial implementation and others have
• Provides an Early Warning System for LEAs, enabling	expressed interest in participating
easy access to SEL and academic data in one place to	• The costs for schools to participate on their own
further student success	without state funding is too high for many LEAs
Helps to create safe and healthy school environments	
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
<ul> <li>Improved graduation rates/decreased drop-out rates</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No expansion to new LEAs</li> </ul>
• Improved outcomes for the whole student (academic	<ul> <li>Projected outcomes and results are limited to very</li> </ul>
and social-emotional well-being)	few LEAs, schools, and students in the state
<ul> <li>Data that enables LEAs to create more equitable</li> </ul>	Can this funding be scaled?
opportunities and interventions for students	Funding can be scaled to include more or even all
	interested LEAs. If funding is scaled down, fewer LEAs
	can implement this system in their schools.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No anticipated impact on reporting requirements.	Yes. Carry-forward funds could be utilized for a single
	year, but ongoing funding is needed thereafter.

#### **PCBL Grants Program – \$3,000,000 Ongoing**



Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
SFY 2022 Funding Level: \$2,070,000	• Due to funding constraints, USBE is unable to fully
SFY 2021 Funding Level: \$2,070,000	implement the grant program as outlined in <u>53F-5-</u>
Purpose of the program:	<u>505</u>
<ul> <li>Encourages local innovations to advance personalized, competency-based learning (PCBL)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Funding levels do not meet the level of interest and need from the field</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides conditions for each Utah student to realize</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LEAs require increased technical assistance to</li> </ul>
the Utah Portrait of a Graduate	effectively implement PCBL
<ul> <li>Supports the USBE Strategic Plan goal of personalized</li> </ul>	
teaching and learning	
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
<ul> <li>Fully funded grant program as outlined in statute</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fewer LEAs will participate in the program</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Improved quality program indicators, such as:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Local PCBL innovation in Utah schools will stall</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Graduation rates</li> </ul>	Can this funding be scaled?
<ul> <li>Student engagement</li> </ul>	Yes. However, lower funding levels will reduce the
<ul> <li>Assessment performance</li> </ul>	number of LEAs that can participate and/or LEAs will
<ul> <li>Postsecondary success</li> </ul>	receive fewer supports for effective implementation.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
No anticipated increase, other than current reporting.	No. One-time funds are not available for this purpose.



#### School Readiness Grants – \$6,000,000 Ongoing



Historical Funding Levels and Purpose	Problems to Address
SFY 2022 Funding Level: \$12 million	<ul> <li>The shift of funding to CCDF (Child Care and</li> </ul>
(\$3 million GF, 3 million EF and \$6 million CCDF)	Development Fund) resulted in additional burdens for
SFY 2021 Funding Level: \$9 million	LEAs to comply with federal regulations for childcare
(\$3 million GF and \$6 million CCDF)	<ul> <li>New federal regulations resulted in additional</li> </ul>
Purpose of the program:	expenses exceeding some grantees' awards
<ul> <li>Supports preschool programs to enhance quality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There are significant limitations for how CCDF funds</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Expands high-quality preschool programs to serve</li> </ul>	can be used for providing educational programming
students who are at-risk	
Projected Outcomes/Results	Impact if not Funded
\$6 million of CCDF returned to state funding will:	CCDF regulations and expenses will continue
<ul> <li>Remove burdens and expenses for LEA grantees</li> </ul>	• CCDF support is not available if programs need to
<ul> <li>Restore LEA flexibility to address local needs</li> </ul>	move to remote learning
<ul> <li>Maintain funding levels for current grantees</li> </ul>	Can the funding be scaled?
	No. In order to remain equitable to all providers, this
	request cannot be scaled.
Impact on LEA Reporting Requirements	Can Federal or Carry-Forward Funds Be Utilized?
This request is anticipated to <b>decrease</b> reporting	No. One-time funds should not be used for this
requirements.	purpose.