



**PUBLIC EDUCATION
APPROPRIATION
SUBCOMMITTEE**

THE ISSUE

An increasing number of Utah students are struggling to meet their basic needs. These students struggle to succeed in the classroom and are less likely to graduate from high school than their peers.

1 IN 50

EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS
AND LACK A FIXED, REGULAR, &
ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE

34%

INCREASE IN STUDENTS
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
SINCE 2020

24%

HAVE HIGH MENTAL
HEALTH NEEDS

1 IN 3

ARE ECONOMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED

PROPOSED SOLUTION

A grant created through a public-private partnership to enable Utah schools to meet the needs of our students via Teen Centers.

- Support and expand existing school services
- Services may include food pantry, laundry facilities, showers, study area, and academic support
- Trusted adult who can support students and families through connections to community resources

CURRENT LANDSCAPE

- Four School Districts with operational Teen Centers
- 100% anticipated utilization of 2022 appropriation
- Reported outcomes from Davis School District:
 - Five operating Teen Centers
 - Each location serves an average of 50 students per day
 - 1,533 unique students served since Aug. 2022
 - 13,000 individual services rendered since Aug. 2022

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Teen Centers offer a sustainable solution for schools to support students and families by synchronizing services with community partners.

Iron County School District Partners	Logan City School District Partners	Washington School District Partners
Iron County Care and Share Utah Foodbank Red Rock Center for Independence Family Support Center Clothing Closet Iron County Youth Center Southwest Behavioral Health Center	Bear River Association of Governments Cache Community Food Pantry Family Information Resource Center English Language Center GearUp Cache Valley Community Health Center USU Psychology Community Clinic	Switchpoint CRC Youth Futures Hurricane Valley Food Bank St. George Housing Authority Southwest Behavioral Health Center Four Points Clinic Red Rock Centers for Independence

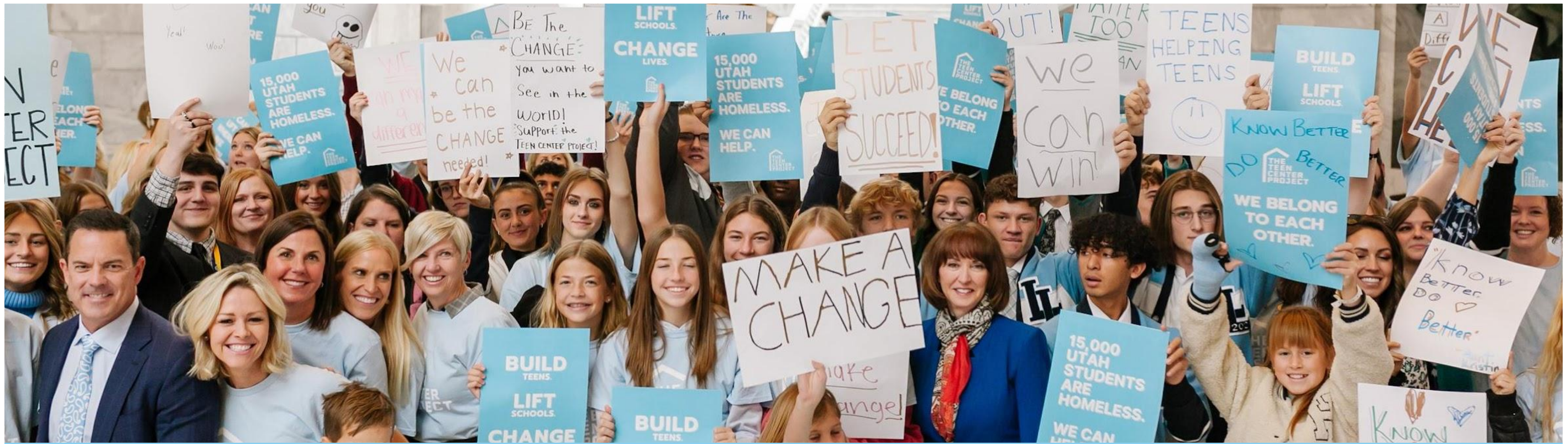
FUNDING PROPOSAL

Estimated that 111 out of 213 Utah High Schools (52%) will participate in the grant based on conversations with Superintendents

Matched fund goal 5:1 (Legislature : Private*)

LEGISLATIVE ASK 111 School Grants x \$250,000 = \$27,750,000 USBE FTE for 3 Years x \$100,000 = \$300,000	\$28,050,000
PRIVATE FUNDS 111 School Grants x \$50,000 = \$5,550,000	\$5,550,000
TOTAL	\$33,600,000

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KEY OBJECTIVES

- Improving academic performance and graduation rates
- Flexibility to fit local needs, as determined by local leaders
- Fairness for school districts of all sizes
- Support for families through connections to community resources