

# Vision for Public Education

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## Requester Information

**Legislator: Millner, Ann**

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## Section 1: Request Details

### Description:

It is requested that the Utah Legislature fund a statewide effort to create a new unified vision for education. Utahns have high ambitions for the future of education and want to see improvements that will help every student gain the knowledge and skills needed to succeed professionally, find personal fulfillment, and contribute to their communities. But to accomplish these outcomes, Utah needs a clear and actionable vision for education. The requested \$250,000 will be matched by philanthropic support and will fund the local nonprofit Envision Utah to engage the public along with key education, legislative, state, and community leaders to create that vision. The result will be a vision and mission for education that has high levels of stakeholder and public support and that could be adopted into code by the Utah Legislature.

### Legislative designee contact information:

- Name: Jason Brown
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  - Position: Vice President of Education and Communications
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## Section 2: Funding Information

### How will the appropriation be used?

	One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$82,000.00	\$0.00
In-State Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$13,100.00	\$0.00
Out-of-state Travel	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$800.00	\$0.00
Technology Purchases	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$0.00	\$0.00
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2024: \$0.00 2025: \$154,100.00	\$0.00

Expenditure Total

One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00

**Funding Sources:**

## Income Tax Fund

- Amount Requested 2024 (One-time) \$0.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (One-time) \$250,000.00
- Amount Requested 2025 (Ongoing) \$0.00

## Revenue Total

One-time 2024	One-time 2025	Ongoing 2025
\$0.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00

**Should unused funding be returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year?**

Yes

**Is this project scalable if the Legislature does not fund the full requested amount?**

Yes

**A short explanation describing how the project might be scaled**

With less than the requested funding, the effort would need to scale back public outreach and public survey work. The project also anticipates a major convening event for education stakeholders; that event may also need to be scaled back. A scaled-down version of this project could still be effective, but it would have less public participation and buy-in. It is worth noting that philanthropic support for this effort may also be reduced with less legislative funding.

**Section 3: Agency Information****Subjects:**

Education and Research  
Labor and Employment

**Agency:**

400 / State Board of Education

**Type of entity to receive pass-through funding**

- Private Not for Profit

**Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement****Who would benefit from this request (who is the target audience)?**

Utah public school students are the ultimate beneficiaries of this effort: a clear, actionable, and unified vision for education will foster a more effective learning environment for every student. Those who make decisions and policies impacting Utah's schools, including local education agencies, the Utah State Board of Education, and the Utah Legislature, will also benefit from a clearer unified vision.

**What is this project or program intended to accomplish?**

This project will create a vision and mission for education that has high levels of stakeholder and public support and that can be adopted into code by the legislature. This vision, along with the buy-in that will come from this process, will help local education agencies, the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah Legislature, and other education stakeholders create their own strategic plans and develop policies and priorities in alignment both with one another and with Utahns' hopes for education. This will also serve as a stronger tool for creating clear accountability in education.

## **How will the Legislature know whether the project or program achieved its intended purpose?**

At the end of this process, a recommended vision for education will be delivered to the Utah Legislature. It would be a strong indicator of success if the legislature adopts that vision into code with the support of the public and the education community. Short of that, greater alignment around education priorities among the public and education stakeholders would also indicate some success. Legislators will be involved in the process, and they will be able to evaluate the success of the effort throughout that process. Long-term success will be evaluated based on how effectively the new education vision guides education leaders and policymakers in their work and in improving student learning.

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## **Section 5: Other Supporting Documents**

### **Intent Language**

The Legislature intends that the \$250,000 appropriated by this item be awarded to a private not-for-profit that serves as a neutral convener and raises additional private sector contributions to engage stakeholders to establish a mission and vision for education in Utah.

### **Previous State Funding**

As part of H.B. 462 in 2022 we received \$250K as part of the Utah Housing Affordability Amendments. Housing and Community Development: <https://cobi.utah.gov/2024/520/background> In 2022 and 2023 we received \$400,000 from GOPB as part of the "Guiding Our Growth" project. This was funded in 2022 and was called Planning for Growth. GOPB Planning for Growth: <https://cobi.utah.gov/2024/107/background> 2019 SB 3 Item 142 Utah County Transportation Planning Request <https://cobi.utah.gov/2021/31/background> In 2016, we were hired by the Point of the Mountain Development Commission after a competitive procurement process. We received \$750,000 for this contract. We received an additional \$30,000 through a contract amendment in 2021, although we did not bill out the entire \$30,000. HB 318 Point of the Mountain Development Commission Act: <https://cobi.utah.gov/2017/86/background> In 2014 and 2015 Envision Utah received pass-through funding for Your Utah, Your Future. Envision Utah – Your Utah, Your Future: <https://cobi.utah.gov/2024/2509/background>