

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

# Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program

Leann Hunting  
Animal Industry Division Director

# Veterinarian Education Loan Repayment Program

Established under HB0184 in  
2023

- \$2.5 million allocated
- \$100,000 repaid after five years of qualifying service
- Applications accepted starting July 1, 2023
  
- Qualifying practice types:
  - USDA shortage area
  - Indian country
  - Animal shelter
  - 501(c)(3) organization
  - UDAF



# Loan Repayment Program

2024 Amendments

## HB522 Amendments:

- Annual repayment of \$20,000
- Qualifying practice types
  - Removed USDA shortage areas
  - Added practice that includes 30% livestock medicine

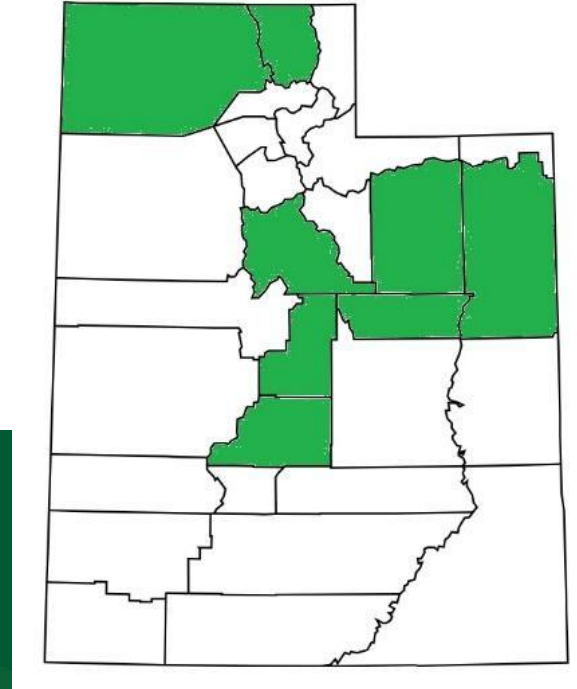


# FY24 Applicants



- 16 applicants

<b>Qualifying Area of Practice</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>
USDA Veterinary Shortage Situation	11
Practice That Includes At Least 30% Livestock Medicine	5
Indian Country	2
501(c)(3) Organization	1
UDAF	1

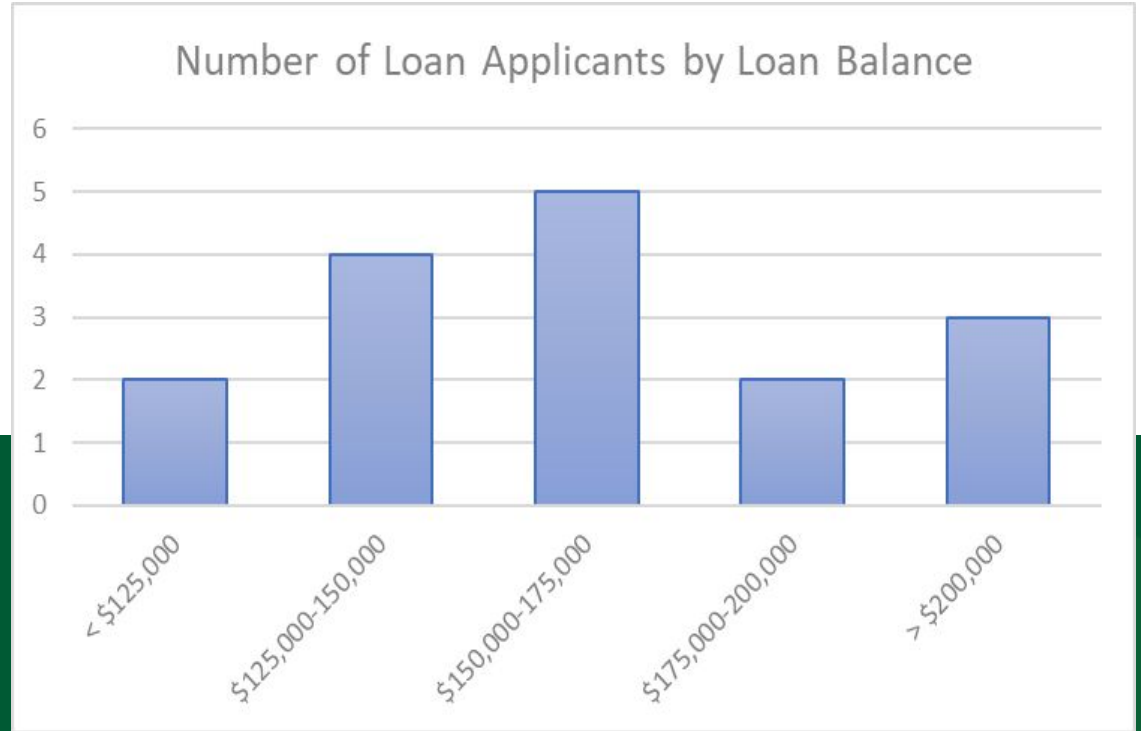


# FY24 Applicants - Starting Loan Balances



Total \$2.6 million

Average: \$161,321

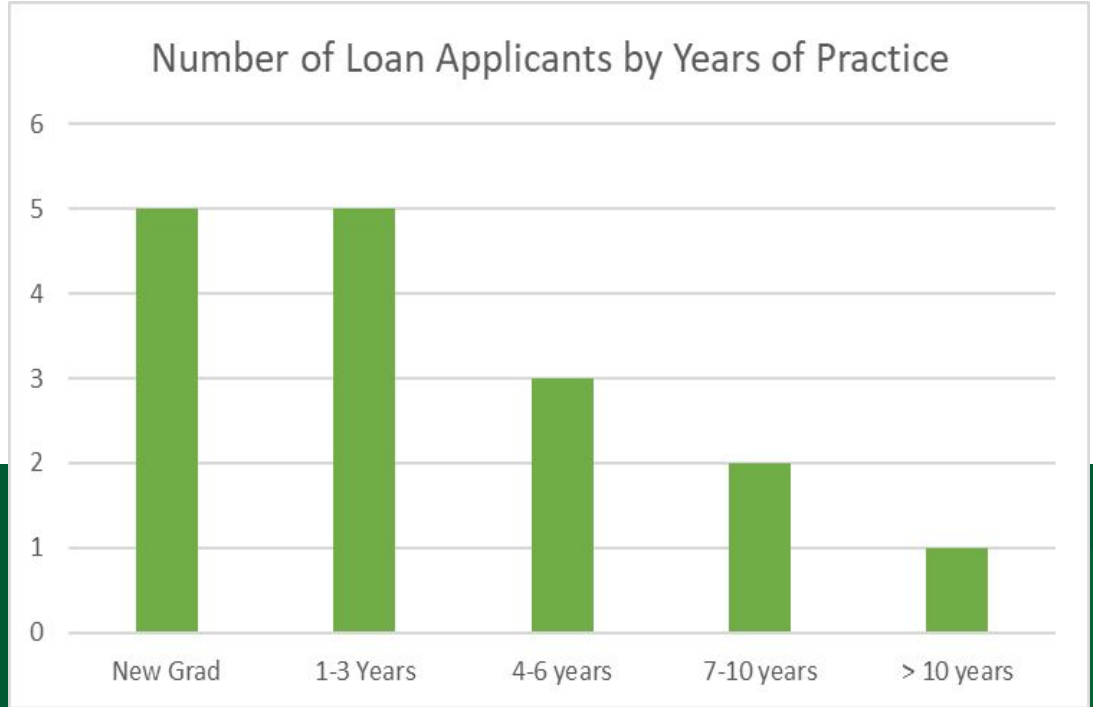


# FY24 Applicants - Years of Practice



5 new graduates

Average 3.5 years in practice

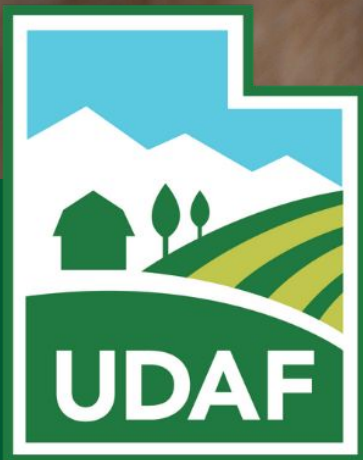


# Program Activities



- Forms
  - Initial Application Form
  - Repayment Certification Form
- Advertising to Veterinarians
  - UDAF Animal Health Newsletter
  - E-mails to livestock veterinarians
  - Social media
- Certification
  - Evaluation
  - Submission for payment

Fiscal Year	Revenue	Expenses	Remaining
<b>FY24</b>	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
<b>FY25 YTD</b>	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

# THANK YOU

Leann Hunting  
Animal Industry Division Director  
(801) 982-2240  
[leannhunting@utah.gov](mailto:leannhunting@utah.gov)

Amanda Price  
Assistant State Veterinarian  
(801) 386-4189  
[amandaprice@utah.gov](mailto:amandaprice@utah.gov)