



Requester Information

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Section 1: Requester Details

Description:

The program is asking for \$1,728,000 in ongoing funding to increase support of the Beverley Taylor Sorenson (BTS) Arts program. The program is currently in 466 schools but \$900,000 of the appropriations requests would be used to sustain 25 schools previously funded by one-time funding and \$828,000 would be used to expand the program to 23 waitlisted schools. The funds will primarily cover 0.5 FTE educator positions at each site to ensure thousands of K-6 students receive high-quality arts-integrated education. We are also proud to announce that USBE has ranked BTS as third in their priorities for funding requests this year.

Legislative designee contact information:

Name: Lisa Cluff

Organization: Beverley Taylor Sorenson Art Works for Kids

Position: Executive Director

Section 2: Funding Information

How will the appropriation be used?

Category		One-time	Ongoing
Personnel Services	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
In-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Out-of-State Travel	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	



Arts Education Funding for Utah Schools

Public Education

Category	One-time	Ongoing	
Supplies and Equipment	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Technology Purchases	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Infrastructure/Capital Investments	2026:	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2027:	\$0.00	
Other Charges/Pass Thru	2026:	\$0.00	\$828,000.00
	2027:	\$900,000.00	

Expenditure Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$900,000.00	\$828,000.00

Funding Sources:

Income Tax Fund

Amount Requested:

2026 (One-time)	\$0.00
2027 (One-time)	\$900,000.00
2027 (Ongoing)	\$828,000.00

Revenue Total

One-time 2026	One-time 2027	Ongoing 2027
\$0.00	\$900,000.00	\$828,000.00

Is this a multi-year project?

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?

If the funding is scaled back some of the 23 waitlisted schools will not be accepted this year.

Section 3: Agency Information

Subjects:

ARTS

Education and Research

Agency:

400 / State Board of Education

Type of entity to receive pass-through funding:

State Government

Grant recipient

Yes

Requested Direct Award Grant Recipient

Utah State Board of Education

Section 4: Performance Outcome Measurement

Who would benefit the most from this request (who is the target audience)?

Utah elementary students K-6.

What is this project or program intended to accomplish?

Provide Utah elementary students with a well-rounded education, one that includes the arts. The arts are part of the Utah curriculum.



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

The number of schools participating in the BTS Arts program will increase beyond the number of schools currently implementing the program and the academic scores in these schools would improve. The annual assurances will be completed by BTS Arts schools.

Section 5: Other Supporting Documents

Intent Language Documents

This funding will support the schools who were added to participate with one-time funding in 2024, and also allow the addition of 23 waitlisted schools who have already applied and continued to show interest in participating in the program.

Previous Funding Documents

In fiscal year 2023-2024 they received one time funding of \$2,500,000 and ongoing funding of \$19,455,000 reaching a total of \$21,945,000. For fiscal year 24-25 they received 1 million dollars of one-time funding and ongoing funding of 19,445,000 with a total of 20,445,000 dollars. Last year 2025/2026, they received only ongoing funding of 19,445,000 dollars. The "Current Funding Gap" arose because the \$1,000,000 one-time allocation from FY25 (which supported 25 schools) was not rolled into the ongoing budget for FY26.

Full Time Employees

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