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63M-2-503 USTAR grant programs.

- (1) The governing authority shall establish at least one competitive grant program that:
 - (a) is designed to:
 - (i) address market gaps in technology development in the state; or
 - (ii) facilitate research and development of promising technologies;
 - (b) does not overlap with or duplicate other state funded programs; and
 - (c) offers grants, on a competitive basis, to:
 - (i) researchers employed by higher education institutions;
 - (ii) private entities; or
 - (iii) partnerships between researchers employed by higher education institutions and private entities.
- (2) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the governing authority shall make rules that describe, for each grant program:
 - (a) the purpose;
 - (b) eligibility criteria to receive a grant;
 - (c) how the governing authority determines which proposals receive grants;
 - (d) reporting requirements in accordance with Part 7, Reporting by Recipients of USTAR Support; and
 - (e) other information the governing authority determines is necessary or appropriate.
- (3) The governing authority:
 - (a) shall solicit proposals for each grant program; and
 - (b) may, subject to legislative appropriation and Subsection 63M-2-502(1)(b), award grants for each program.
- (4) In evaluating a grant proposal received in response to a solicitation under this section, the governing authority shall consider, as applicable:
 - (a) the extent to which the planned research has the potential for commercialization;
 - (b) the market gap the technology or research fills; and
 - (c) other factors the governing authority determines are relevant, important, or necessary.
- (5) The governing authority shall require a recipient of a grant under this section, as a condition of receiving a grant, to comply with the reporting requirements described in:
 - (a) Section 63M-2-702, for a USTAR researcher; or
 - (b) Section 63M-2-703, for a private entity or for a partnership between a USTAR researcher and a private entity.

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