

181 (vi) require the business entity to submit to independent evaluations ~~§~~ → **over the course of**
181a **the project's implementation ←~~§~~** by the Kem C.
182 Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah ~~§~~ → **[over the course of the project's**
183 **implementation] , **the Institute of Land, Water, and Air at Utah State University, or the**
183a **Bingham Research Center at Utah State University ←~~§~~** to determine whether the project is
183b meeting:**

184 (A) the targets and benchmarks specified in the written agreement; and
185 (B) the goals and objectives developed for that particular type of project under
186 Subsection (3); and

187 (vii) require the business entity to complete the project no later than July 1, 2026.

188 (c) In awarding grants under this section, the office, in consultation with each
189 applicable agency, shall prioritize projects that:

190 (i) offer a strategic and innovative solution for achieving the intended outcomes; or
191 (ii) demonstrate a funding match from a private entity.

192 (7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
193 office, in consultation with each applicable agency, shall make rules to administer the pilot
194 program.

195 (8) The office shall, as part of the office's written report under Section 63N-1a-306
196 submitted in 2026, and if otherwise requested by the Economic Development and Workforce
197 Services Interim Committee, report the following information:

198 (a) the total amount of grants the office awarded to business entities under the pilot
199 program;

200 (b) a description of the projects for which the office awarded grants under the pilot
201 program;

202 (c) a summary of the results of the independent evaluations conducted ~~§~~ → **[by the Kem C.**
203 **Gardner Policy Institute] **in accordance with Subsection (6)(b)(vi) ←~~§~~** ; and**

204 (d) the office's recommendations regarding the effectiveness of the pilot program and
205 any suggestions for legislation.