

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-439. Block Grant Funding for Prevention Programs in Public Education.

R277-439-1. Authority and Purpose.

- (1) This rule is authorized by:
 - (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board; and
 - (b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities; and
 - (c) Subsection 53F-2-525(3), which establishes the prevention block grant and directs the Board to make rules to govern the application process.
- (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide:
 - (a) procedures for an LEA to apply for the Prevention Block Grant; and
 - (b) annual reporting guidelines.

R277-439-2. Definitions.

- (1) "Comprehensive prevention plan" means the same as the term is defined in Subsection 53F-2-525(1).
- (2) "Participating LEA" means an LEA that:
 - (a) applies to participate in the prevention block program described in Section 53F-2-525 and this rule; and
 - (b) is approved by the Superintendent to participate in the prevention block grant program.

R277-439-3. Application Process.

- (1) The Superintendent shall develop an application for an LEA that is interested in applying for prevention block grant funds.
- (2) An LEA may apply for the grant in a form and within the deadlines specified by the Superintendent.
- (3) The Superintendent shall distribute prevention block grant funds to a participating LEA based on funds available from the substance abuse prevention

account and through the underage drinking and substance abuse prevention program restricted account as described in Section 53F-2-525 and Section 53F-9-304.

(4) An LEA's application for the prevention block grant shall include the following:

- (a) the LEA's approach and rationale underlying the comprehensive prevention plan;
 - (b) a demonstration of the LEA's specific prevention needs;
 - (c) data that support the substance and cost of the LEA's comprehensive prevention plan;
 - (d) the use of funds to implement the LEA's comprehensive prevention plan; and
 - (e) specific outcomes that will be used to measure the success of the plan.
- (5) The Superintendent shall provide:
- (a) guidance to LEAs about designing and implementing the comprehensive prevention plan;
 - (b) technical assistance to LEAs with prevention needs; and
 - (c) targeted professional learning opportunities in evidence-based prevention practices.

R277-439-4. Allowable Expenses.

- (1) Awarded funds may be used for the following purposes:
- (a) Implementation of the comprehensive prevention plan;
 - (b) Prevention-focused parent seminars as described in Subsection 53G-9-703(2);
 - (c) To supplement specific prevention needs identified by the LEA that can be justified through data;
 - (d) Prevention science professional learning;
 - (e) Supplies and materials related to implementing prevention programs; and
 - (f) Other evidence-based prevention practices authorized by USBE.
- (2) An LEA may not use funds received through this program for:
- (a) food;
 - (b) capital improvements;

- (c) metal detectors; and
- (d) vape detectors.

R277-439-5. Annual Reporting Requirements.

(1) A participating LEA that receives prevention block grant funds shall provide the Superintendent with a year-end report in a form and within the deadlines specified by the Superintendent.

(2) The Superintendent may require additional evaluation or audit procedures from an LEA to demonstrate the use of funds consistent with the law and Board rules.

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