

Prioritized Funding Requests

2024 Legislative Session



	Programs/Request Amount	Description
1	WPU Value Increase Requested: \$254.6 Million	Increases the value of the WPU by 6% (\$254.6M) 2.2% (\$93.4M) in discretionary increase and 3.8% (\$161.3M) for the inflationary increase.
2	Educator Preparation Hours Requested: \$100 Million*	Increases the number of eligible preparation hours supported in HB 489 from 32 to 48 hours (6 days).
3	USBE Market Adjustments Requested: \$5.9 Million	Increases the salary ranges for key positions across USBE to make the agency more competitive in attracting and retaining talent.
4	Pupil Transportation Requested: \$32 Million	Reintroduces an incentive program for to-and-from pupil transportation funding by allowing distribution of the funds to efficient districts. Annually requests increases in legislative funding.
5	USBE Internal FTE Needs for Capacity and Service Requested: \$2 Million / \$94K*	Addresses critical capacity needs related to roles, responsibilities, requirements and improving service to the field in response to audit findings and program expectations.
6	Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Requested: \$2.6 Million	This request provides a BTSA Learning Program Educator for up to 35 new schools and increases administrative support at the Utah State Board of Education to support the growth of the program.
7	RESA Service and Support Enhancements for Rural Education Requested: \$1.2 Million	Shifts instructional coaching to implement equitable regional support in literacy and professional learning as outlined in SB 127. Provides educator salary adjustment funding for eligible RESA employees.
8	Educator Salary Adjustment Revision Requested: \$14 Million	Fully funds Education Salary Adjustment (ESA) benefits for LEAs.
9	Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Program Requested: \$7.1 Million	Restructures available funding from one-time funds, which expire in 2025, to an ongoing basis; so LEAs will be able to plan on available funding for recruitment purposes.

*One-time funding request

Prioritized Funding Requests, *continued*

Programs/Request Amount	Description
10 Supporting Teacher Development, Recruitment and Retention Through Teacher Leadership Tracks Requested: \$4.8 Million*	Retains teachers at all stages of their career with funding to create a competitive grant pilot program that provides matching funds to support RESAs and LEAs in developing innovative teacher leadership tracks.

Additional 2024 Board-Approved Interests

The following are additional business cases (listed alphabetically) that are supported by the Utah State Board of Education.

Program	Request Amount
Driver Education: Increase LEA Funding Accounts	\$2,000,000
Improve Predictability in the Voted and Board Levy Programs	\$66,000,000*
Platform to Support Implementation of Library and Classroom Materials Transparency	\$2,009,254
Professional Outreach Programs in the Schools	\$409,017
School Safety	\$45,000,000
Small Charter School Base Funding	\$3,165,200
Statewide Online Education Program	\$3,165,200

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