

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-618. [Homeless] Teen Center Grant Program.**

3 **R277-618-1. Authority and Purpose.**

4 (1) This rule is authorized by:

5 (a) Utah Constitution [Article X, Section 3](#), which vests general control and
6 supervision over public education in the Board;

7 (b) Subsection [53E-3-401\(4\)](#), which allows the Board to make rules to execute
8 the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.

9 (2) The purpose of this rule is to provide:

10 (a) the criteria for ranking applications for a [homeless]-teen center grant to
11 [primarily] serve primarily students experiencing homelessness as well as other
12 vulnerable and at-risk students;

13 (b) the funding limit and allowable uses; and

14 (c) the required data collection for measuring success of the grant.

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16 **R277-618-2. Definitions.**

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18 (1) "Eligible school" means a public K-12 school with a physical building.

19 ~~[(1)](2)~~ "Family service worker" or "FSW" means a school employee who
20 connects families and parents with the resources needed to self-sustain and thrive,
21 including:

22 (a) identify physical and emotional self-care;

23 (b) stress-coping mechanisms; and

24 (c) advocate for the family's needs.

25 ~~[(2)] "Free application for student federal aid" or "FASFA" means the official form~~
26 ~~to apply for federal financial aid to pay for college provided by the Department of~~
27 ~~Education.]~~

28 (3) "Wrap-around services" means services that bring families, providers, and
29 key members of the family's social support network together to collaborate to build a
30 customized plan of care that responds to the unique needs of the child and family.

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32 **R277-618-3. Application and Scoring Criteria.**

33 (1) Subject to legislative appropriation, an LEA may apply for the ~~[homeless]~~
34 teen center grant.

35 (2) An LEA's application shall include the following:

36 (a) capacity of the LEA to staff the center with a FSW that will provide wrap-
37 around services for the students;

38 (b) a demonstration of the ability to provide ~~[homeless]~~ students, including
39 students experiencing homelessness, with assistance, guidance, and connection to
40 necessary resources;

41 (c) the ability to provide the services within the center, ~~[including]~~that may
42 include:

43 (i) a food pantry that is community-based allowing access to food services;

44 (ii) showers and hygiene necessities;

45 (iii) laundry facilities, including a washer and dryer;

46 (iv) academic ~~[counseling and]~~advisement ~~[, including:~~

47 ~~—— (A) FAFSA applications for grants and loans; and~~

48 ~~—— (B) work study funds available at universities and tech colleges];~~

49 (v) collaboration with ~~[district and county agencies]~~community resources for
50 mental, dental, medical, and vision services; and

51 (vi) ~~[mindfulness and social and emotional resources, including access to a FSW~~
52 wellness space and resources];

53 ~~—— (vii) availability to connect with spiritual and religious resources; and~~

54 ~~—— (viii) collaboration with a local tech college for technical job training before~~
55 graduation;]

- 56 (d) readiness of facilities to house a [~~homeless~~] teen center at [~~a school~~
57 ~~campus~~]an eligible school, including general construction plans, if required;
- 58 (e) quantitative or qualitative data to [~~demonstrated~~]demonstrate the need for a
59 [~~homeless~~]teen center[~~, including:~~];
- 60 [~~— (i) homeless teen population within the LEA, including recent population trends;~~
61 ~~— (ii) lack of existing infrastructure or resources to service current population~~
62 ~~needs;~~
63 ~~— (iii) other quantitative or qualitative data that demonstrate overall need;~~
- 64 (f) a budget outlining the intended use of the grant funds;
- 65 (g) a timeline for achieving an operational [~~homeless~~]teen center; and
- 66 (h) ability to maintain and keep the [~~homeless~~]teen center operational over time.

67 (3) An LEA shall apply for the grant in a form and within the deadlines specified
68 by the Superintendent.

69 (4) An LEA's application shall be scored and ranked by the Superintendent
70 based upon the overall:

- 71 (a) demonstrated need for a [~~homeless~~]teen center;
- 72 (b) quality of the budget proposal and timeline as described in Subsection (2);
- 73 and
- 74 (c) capacity to maintain an operational [~~homeless~~] teen center, as described in
75 Subsection (2).

76 (5) The Superintendent may prioritize schools that:

- 77 (a) serve any grade between 9-12; or
78 (b) prioritize services for students experiencing homelessness.

79 [~~(5)~~](6) The Superintendent shall select and notify grant awardees within 30 days
80 of the application deadline.

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82 **R277-618-4. Funding and Measurements of Success.**

83 (1) A grant awardee may not receive [~~more than~~]up to \$250,000 per eligible
84 school on a ~~for an approved application and all awards are~~ reimbursement basis based.

85 (2) A grant awardee shall submit for reimbursement in a form and timeline
86 determined by the Superintendent.

87 (3) A grant awardee may only be reimbursed for expenditures outlined within the
88 grant awardee's budget submitted as part of the application described in Subsection
89 R277-618-3(2).

90 (4) A grant awardee may seek a budget variance from the Superintendent if the
91 variance is sought before the expenditure of funds for the variance.

92 (5) The Superintendent shall review and approve or deny a variance request
93 within 30 days of receiving the request.

94 (6) A grant awardee shall collect the following data to measure success of the
95 ~~[homeless]~~teen center:

96 (a) the ~~[projected]~~number of students ~~[experiencing homelessness]~~that are
97 served by the ~~[homeless]~~teen center annually; and

98 ~~[(b) evidence of a match of a 0.5 full time equivalent funding for a teen center
99 coordinator within the LEA or school campus hosting the homeless teen center;]~~

100 ~~[(c)](b)~~ participation of community partners~~[, including:~~

101 ~~(i) local food bank;~~

102 ~~——(ii) local health authority; and~~

103 ~~——(iii) other community-based organizations including religious faith-based services
104 and non-sectarian social services; and~~

105 ~~——(d) annual attendance data of the students served by the homeless teen center].~~

106 (7) A grant awardee shall provide the data described in Subsection (5) to the
107 Superintendent upon request.

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111 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law:** [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#)