

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-436. Juvenile Gang and Other Violent Crime Prevention and Intervention Grant.

R277-436-1. 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;

(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

(c) Subsection 53F-2-410(2), which appropriates funds to be used for Juvenile Gang and Other Violent Crime Prevention and Intervention Programs.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to establish standards and procedures for distributing funding for Juvenile Gang and Other Violent Crime prevention and intervention programs in public schools.

(3) This Rule is categorized as Category 3 as described in Rule R277-111.

R277-436-2. Definitions.

(1) "Gang" means a group of three or more people who form an allegiance and engage in criminal activity, which uses violence or intimidation to further its criminal objectives that may have a name, turf, colors, symbols, distinct dress, or any combination of the preceding characteristics.

(2) "Juvenile Gang and Other Violent Crime Prevention and Intervention" means:

(a) instructional and support strategies, activities, programs, or curricula designed and implemented to help students achieve academic success and provide successful experiences with education for youth and families;

(b) gang prevention activities that the LEA utilizes evidence-informed strategies that promote and increase protective factors in students within or outside of the school, which may impact the individual's susceptibility to participate in violent crimes, gang membership, or gang-like activities; and

(c) protective factors may include family support and monitoring, social competence, self-management skills, citizenship, preparation for life skills, academic achievement, literacy, and interpersonal relationship skills.

(3) "State agency" means the same as defined in Section 53F-2-410.

R277-436-3. Application, Distribution of Funds, and Administrative Support.

(1) An LEA may apply for Juvenile Gang and Other Violent Crime Prevention and Intervention funds by submitting a proposal on a form approved by the Superintendent.

(2) A proposal submitted in accordance with Subsection (1) shall:

(a) identify the targeted student population and demonstrate how the prevention and intervention strategies will benefit the student population;

(b) explain prevention and intervention activities and strategies planned to address identified issues ;

(c) demonstrate collaboration between the LEA and local law enforcement agencies and community prevention providers; and

(d) explain how an LEA plans to use the funds.

(3) The Superintendent shall award gang intervention funds based on proposals submitted in accordance with Subsection (1), and subject to the annual legislative appropriation.

(4) The Superintendent shall give priority in awarding funds to an LEA that:

(a) demonstrates collaborative efforts with local law enforcement agencies and community prevention providers;

(b) uses state agency data as defined in Subsections 53F-2-410(4)(a)(i) and 53F-2-410(3)(a)(i) that demonstrate multiple risk factors for gang involvement;

(c) defines how the LEA will implement activities funded by the grant to increase protective factors for students at risk of gang involvement; and

(d) uses data to evaluate that the activities implemented are successful and that there is a reduction of gang involvement from previous years.

(5) The Superintendent shall determine the percentage of funds awarded based on:

- (a) the number of LEAs that apply; and
- (b) the application components as described in Subsection (4).
- (6) The Superintendent shall notify successful applicants of their awards annually.

R277-436-4. Evaluation and Reports.

(1) An LEA or charter school shall provide the Superintendent a year-end evaluation report by October 1 for the previous fiscal year.

(2) A year-end report shall include:

- (a) an expenditure report;
- (b) a narrative description of all activities funded;
- (c) copies of products developed;
- (d) an effectiveness report detailing evidence of individual and overall activities and strategies impact on gang and gang-related activities and involvement; and
- (e) any other information or data required by the Superintendent.

(3) The Superintendent may require additional evaluation or audit procedures from the grant recipient to demonstrate use of funds consistent with the law.

R277-436-5. Waivers.

Notwithstanding Rule R277-121, the Superintendent may grant a written request for a waiver of a requirement or deadline contained in this rule, which a district or school finds unduly restrictive.

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