

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-924. Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program.

R277-924-1. 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) Section 53F-5-406, which requires the Board to make rules to administer the Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program; and

(c) 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 .

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

(a) criteria for evaluating grant applications; and

(b) procedures for:

(i) an eligible partnership to apply to the Board to receive grant money; and

(ii) the evaluation of an eligible partnership's use of grant money.

R277-924-2. Definitions.

(1) "Eligible partnership" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53F-5-401.

(2) "Eligible school feeder pattern" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53F-5-401.

(3) "Grant program" means the Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program established in Section 53F-5-402.

(4) "Lead applicant" means an LEA or local nonprofit organization designated by an eligible partnership to act as the lead applicant for a grant described in Title 53F, Chapter 5, Part 4, Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program and this Rule.

(5) "Low performing school" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53E-5-301.

R277-924-3. Grant Application.

(1) The Superintendent shall:

(a) develop a grant application that allows an eligible partnership, through the lead applicant, to apply to participate in the grant program; and

(b) make the grant application available on the Board's website.

(2) An eligible partnership may apply for a grant described in Section 53F-5-402 by submitting an application to the Superintendent on or before the date published on the Board's website.

(3)(a) An eligible partnership or lead applicant may notify the Superintendent of the eligible partnership's intention to apply for a grant at any time.

(b) If an eligible partnership intends to be considered for a grant for the upcoming school year, the eligible partnership shall submit a letter of intent by the deadline established by the Superintendent and published on the Board's website.

(4) For each year the Superintendent is authorized to solicit grant applications, the Superintendent shall publish a timeline on the Board's website by March 1, including a date for the application release, and due dates for an LEA to submit required materials.

(5) The Superintendent shall evaluate each application using the criteria described in Section R277-924-4 to determine if the applying partnership is an eligible partnership.

(6) The Superintendent shall notify the lead applicant of successful receipt of a grant by July 1.

R277-924-4. Procedure and Criteria for Awarding a Grant.

(1) The Superintendent shall award grants to eligible partnerships based on the amount of funding available for the grant program.

(2) The Superintendent shall award the grant described in Subsection (1) to an eligible partnership based on the following criteria:

(a) the percentage of students who live in families with an income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level enrolled in schools within the eligible school feeder pattern;

(b) the comprehensive needs assessment of the eligible partnership, including the shared goals, outcomes and measurement practices based on the unique community needs and interests;

(c) the proposed program services to be implemented based on the comprehensive needs assessment described in Subsection (2)(b), including how the eligible partnership's

plan aligns with:

(i) the five- and ten-year plan to address intergenerational poverty described in Section 35A-9-303; and

(ii) if the eligible partnership has a low performing school within the eligible partnership's school feeder pattern, the school turnaround plans of the low performing schools;

(d) how the eligible partnership will:

(i) improve educational outcomes for low income students through the formation of cross-sector partnerships; and

(ii) improve efforts focused on student success;

(e) the outcome-based measures selected by the eligible partnership, including the eligible partnership's plan to:

(i) objectively assess the success of the eligible partnership's program design plan; and

(ii) make changes to the eligible partnership's plan based on the assessment described in Subsection (2)(e)(i);

(f) the strength of the eligible partnership's commitment to:

(i) the establishment and maintenance of data systems that inform program decisions;

(ii) sharing of information and collaboration with program evaluators; and

(iii) meeting annual reporting requirements;

(g) the eligible partnership's budget, including:

(i) identifying the estimated cost per student for the program;

(ii) an explanation for each proposed expenditure and how each expenditure aligns with the eligible partnership's proposed program; and

(iii) providing matching funds as required in Section 53F-5-403.

(3) Additional points will be awarded to an eligible partnership that:

(a) includes a low performing school; or

(b) includes community and parent engagement as a part of the eligible partnership's plan.

(4) The Superintendent shall administer and oversee the evaluation of the program

as provided in Section 53F-5-405.

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