

The U.S. Department of Education announced Friday that it will award Utah an additional \$2.6 million in School Improvement Grants to turn around more of the state’s persistently lowest achieving schools. The \$2.6 million will be combined with the 25% ARRA SIG carry-over funds to support granting School Improvement Grants to the following districts that submitted a voluntary application. The total grant award will be \$6,175,000 to four school districts to be used over the next three years. During that time,

Districts that receive the grants will use the funds to implement a school improvement plan that will include replacing the principal unless the principal has been assigned within the last two years to implement change. The school will be required to increase learning time for students, use an educator evaluation system that takes student growth data into account, provide additional teacher professional development, reward educators who increase student achievement, and remove those teachers who, after receiving additional support, do not increase student achievement.

The following districts will receive the 2010 School Improvement Grant award:

Local Education Agency (LEA)	School to be served	School Improvement Grant Award
Salt Lake School District	Horizonte Instruction and Training Center	\$2,200,000
San Juan School District	Tse’bii’nidzizgai Elementary (formerly Mexican Hat Elementary)	\$1,200,000
Tooele School District	Wendover High School	\$1,000,000
Uintah School District	Eagle View Elementary	\$1,775,000

In addition to the districts that will be funded, there is a possibility of additional SIG awards depending on funds available from the U.S. Department of Education through the continuing resolution currently before Congress. The anticipated funds would be an additional \$5.2 million.

The following districts would receive SIG awards if the funding is available:

Local Education Agency (LEA)	School to be served	Potential School Improvement Grant Award
Davis School District	Fremont Elementary	\$1,200,000
Ogden School District	Washington High School Ogden High School	\$2,000,000
Salt Lake School District	Edison Elementary	\$1,500,000