

1 **R277. Education, Administration.**

2 **R277-554. State Charter School Board Grants and Mentoring Program.**

3 **R277-554-1. 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 the  
8 Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law;

9 (c) Title 53G, Chapter 5, Charter Schools, which allows the Board to make rules  
10 governing aspects of operations of charter schools; and

11 (d) Section 53F-2-705, which requires the Board to make rules regarding start-up  
12 and implementation grants and a mentoring program.

13 (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish rules for the State Charter School Board  
14 to operate:

15 (a) a start-up and implementation grant for charter schools; and

16 (b) a mentoring program for charter schools.

17 **R277-554-2. Charter School Start-up and Implementation Grants.**

18 (1) A charter school that desires to receive State Charter School Board start-up and  
19 implementation grant funds shall comply with the requirements of this Section R277-554-2.

20 (2) To receive a State Charter School Board start-up or implementation grant, a  
21 charter school may be eligible if the charter school:

22 (a) meets the requirements of Section 53G-5-404;

23 (b) has a finalized charter agreement with the school's authorizer;

24 (c) submits an application for the grant within six months of approval by the school's  
25 authorizer; and

26 (d) demonstrates a plan to use the funds within the next two full school years.

27 (3) New, replication, and satellite schools may be eligible for start-up and  
28 implementation grant funds.

29 (4) A charter school may not receive start-up and implementation grant funds for

30 school expansion.

31 (5) Only schools that have not received state start-up or implementation grant funds  
32 in prior years are eligible.

33 (6) The State Charter School Board shall determine amounts and conditions for  
34 distribution of state start-up or implementation grant funds.

35 (7) Grant funds may only be used for allowable expenditures as established by the  
36 State Charter School Board annual application form.

37 (8) Grant recipients shall participate in monitoring activities and shall provide  
38 monitoring information to the Superintendent, as directed.

39 (9)(a) A charter school shall repay grant funds to the State Charter School Board  
40 if recipients change to non-charter status within ten years of receiving grant funds.

41 (b) The State Charter School Board may grant an exception to the requirements of  
42 Subsection (9)(a) for a school that converts status, due to either federal or state law  
43 requirements, for academic purposes.

44 **R277-554-3. Charter School Mentoring Program.**

45 (1) The State Charter School Board shall identify critical mentoring needs of charter  
46 schools and, through an appropriate procurement process, allocate mentoring funds to one  
47 or more qualified individuals or organizations to meet identified needs.

48 (2) Mentoring program participants shall provide information to the State Charter  
49 School Board as requested.

50 (3) A participating mentor shall submit an annual program report to the State Charter  
51 School Board.

52 (4) The State Charter School Board shall evaluate the mentoring program annually.

53 **KEY: charter schools, startup, implementation, mentoring**

54 **Date of Enactment or Last Substantive Amendment:**

55 **Notice of Continuation:**

56 **Authorizing, and Implemented, or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401; 53G-5-205**