

Designated Beneficiary Institutions

Lands originally designated by Congress at statehood are held in trust specifically to generate revenue for the support of 12 beneficiary institutions. Each beneficiary institution receives an annual distribution from their respective permanent fund. These funds provide an important source of revenue for many of Utah's most important public purposes.

Trust Beneficiaries



Public Schools

Utah's schoolchildren represent the largest beneficiary institution and receive 95% of all trust distributions combined. K - 12 schools receive trust distributions separate from other legislatively appropriated funds for education. School Community Councils, made up of parents, principals, and teachers, prepare plans tailored to address unique academic needs of students in each school.



Miners Hospital

Distributions sent to the Miners Hospital Trust provide funding to operate and expand the reach of Utah's Miners Hospital Program to treat patients with mining related injuries and illnesses. There are currently 1,704 miners enrolled in and receiving treatment from this program.



Schools for the Deaf and Blind

Utah's School for the Deaf and Blind Trust distributions provide specialized programming and enriched learning opportunities beyond the normal scope of traditional school programs. These enhanced education services benefit students enrolled in schools that specifically support the deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or deaf and blind.



Reservoirs

Distributions from the Reservoirs Trust are carefully utilized by the Utah Division of Water Resources and are used to help fund new water construction projects, repair existing and aging projects, and improve water efficiency across the state.



Public Buildings

In advance of the 2004-2008 renovation of the Utah State Capitol, trust lands that were managed for Utah's public buildings were sold. The proceeds were used to help offset the costs of extensive renovation and restoration of this iconic building.



University of Utah

Trust land fund distributions to the University of Utah, one of Utah's prestigious land grant higher education institutions, are used to help fund an academic environment in which the highest standards of intellectual integrity and scholarship are practiced. With 18 colleges and schools and nearly 100 departments, the University of Utah contributes to the intellectual energy of the state. Many of its colleges and programs rank highly on national and world-wide scales for their research and academic excellence.



Colleges of Education

The distributions to Utah's Colleges of Education support the state's teacher colleges and help train and strengthen Utah's teaching community. The Colleges of Education Trust consists of six universities throughout Utah who award teaching degrees (University of Utah, Utah Tech University, Southern Utah University, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, and Weber State University).



College of Mines and Earth Sciences

Distributions for the College of Mines and Earth Sciences at the University of Utah help educate and prepare students for careers related to mining. The college has established national recognition and is pivotal in developing expertise that is increasingly vital to the nation's mining and energy future.



Utah State University

Distributions sent to Utah State University help support its distinction as one of the nation's premier student-centered land-grant universities. In 2020, the Washington Monthly recognized it as the number two public university in the nation. The university prides itself on fostering the principle that academics come first, the importance of cultural diversity, and serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement.



Utah State Hospital

Distributions for the Utah State Hospital assist in its mission to provide excellent care in a safe and respectful environment to promote hope and quality of life for individuals with mental illness.



Juvenile Justice and Youth Services

Distributions are sent to Utah's Division of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services to help provide youth offenders a continuum of supervision, rehabilitation, education and vocation training programs.

In addition to providing meaningful funding for its beneficiaries, the trust lands system contributes significantly to the economic viability of many communities throughout the state.

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