



Utah State Charter School Board

Start-Up and Implementation Grants Policy

It is the intent of the State Charter School Board (SCSB) to establish processes to meet the duties and obligations that have been placed on it as an authorizer pursuant to [§53G-5-101](#) *et seq.* and to address such other matters that are deemed necessary to promote the purposes of the charter schools that it has authorized.

Start-up and implementation grants are defined in Utah State Board Education (USBE) R277-554-2. Per Pursuant to this rule, to receive a SCSB start-up or implementation grant, a charter school may be eligible if the charter school:

- (a) meets the requirements of Section 53G-5-404;
- (b) has a finalized charter agreement with the school's authorizer;
- (c) for a new school, large or small expansion, or satellite school, submits an application for the grant within six months of approval by the school's authorizer; and
- (d) demonstrates a plan to use the funds within the next two full school years.

New schools, large and small expansions, and satellite schools may be eligible for start-up and implementation grant funds and receive priority in funding or grant applications.

In alignment with Section 53F-2-705, a charter school may also be eligible for start-up and implementation grants—innovation grant funds if the school meets any of the following conditions:

- (a) implementing a new curriculum;
- (b) implementing a new program; or
- (c) implementing an innovative practice not funded by the Innovative Sandbox funding as described in Rule R277-919.

Specifically, innovation funds can be used for:

- Curriculum development and instructional materials.
- Professional development and training for teachers.
- Technology integration into the classroom.
- Initiatives to engage parents and the community.

- Evaluation and dissemination of project results.
- Other Innovative projects.

Innovation funds cannot be used for:

- Construction or renovation of facilities.
- Salaries or benefits for existing staff (though stipends for additional responsibilities related to the project are allowable).
- Activities not directly related to the proposed project.

A charter school authorized by the SCSB may apply for start-up and implementation grant requests by following the timeline and guidance document established by the SCSB. In evaluating grant requests, the SCSB may consider any relevant information, including without limitation any notation by SCSB staff of the conditions identified in the SCSB's grant procedures.

Adopted: