

USBE Prevention Programs Grant FY27 & FY28 Application Webinar

September 23, 2026

Prevention Block Grant/
Substance Use Prevention (SAPV) Grant
Funding

Agenda

- Overview
- Timeline
- Review Prevention Block Grant Application
- Application Resources
- Positive Behaviors Plan & Suicide Prevention Funding
- Q & A

Overview (1)

Prevention Block Grant Funding for Prevention Programs [53F-2-525](#), [R277-439](#)

During the 2023 General Legislative Session, [House Bill \(H.B.\) 16](#) was passed allowing LEAs to braid grant funding attached to:

Overview (2)

- [53G-9-702 - Suicide Prevention](#)
- [53G-10-407 - Positive Behaviors Plan – Positive Behavior Specialist Stipend](#)
- [53E-3-522 - Substance Abuse Prevention](#)

H.B. 16 (2023) also allows USBE to distribute excess prevention funds to LEAs through the prevention block grant. These funds are only available through the Block Grant.

Benefits of Block Grant

Allow the
**Braiding of
Funds**
(block grant)

|| This looks like

- One prevention grant application
- The ability for LEAs to opt in
- Streamlined/reduced reporting requirements
- Combined funding would allow LEAs to pursue implementing evidence-based practices for more students (such as mentoring)
- Improved implementation and evaluation of programs

Why

- Decrease siloed approaches
- Braided funds can have a greater impact
- Allow LEAs to implement programs to address the needs of their student population
- Streamline and reduce work and reporting requirements
- Facilitates upstream prevention efforts and innovation

Timeline

October 5, 2026: Application released in Utah Grants

October 27, 2026: Utah Grants Application Deadline

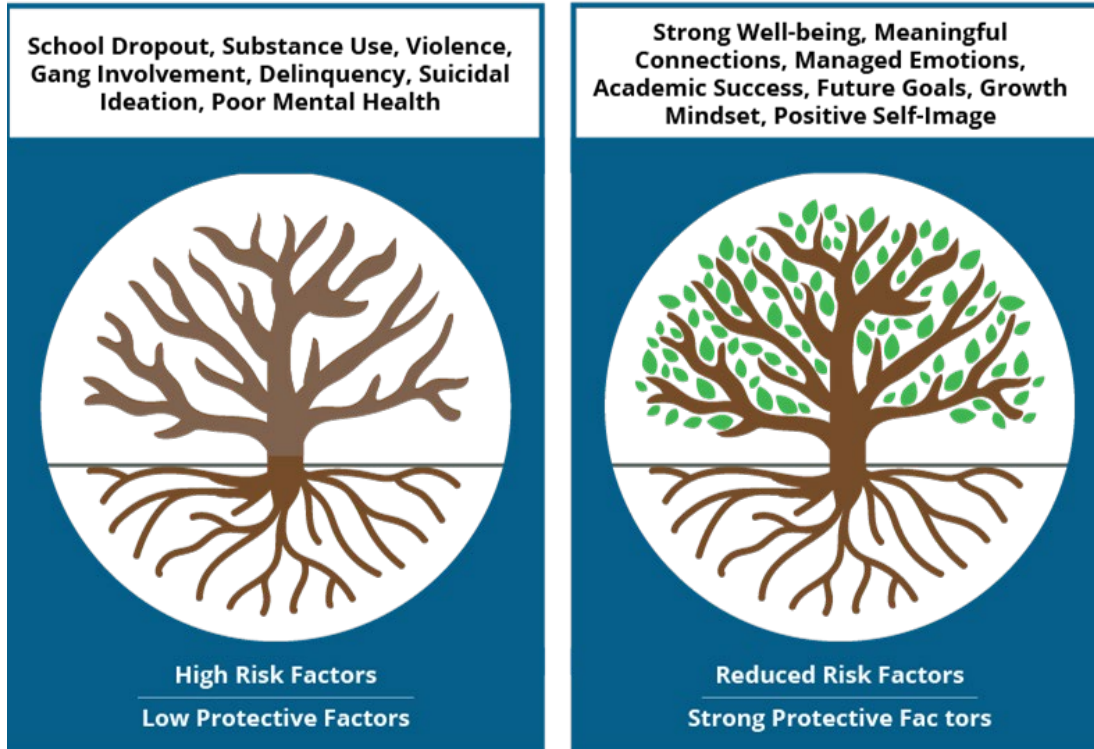
November 23, 2026: Award Notification

- All funds will be awarded through the Utah Grants Management System
- Funds must be spent by **June 30, 2028**

August 2, 2027: End-of-year reports due to USBE

August 1, 2028: End-of-year reports due to USBE

Targeting Root Causes



Comprehensive Prevention Plan (1)

Definition: Implements evidence-based early intervention and prevention practices tailored to achieve outcomes and mitigate risk factors in a manner consistent with:

- [Substance abuse prevention programs](#)
- [Suicide prevention programs](#)
- [Positive behavior plans](#)

Comprehensive Prevention Plan (2)

- Includes information on the impact of childhood trauma on student learning, including information advising educators against practicing medicine, giving a diagnosis, or providing treatment
- Includes resiliency-building skills
- Designed in collaboration with USBE and with input from parents, students, educators, and support staff

Think Upstream Prevention!

What are some
examples that you
can think of?



Grant Applications

2-in-1 Grant Application

- Prevention Block Grant ~\$5 million+
- Substance Use Prevention only (SAPV)
~\$350,000

Allowable use of Funds-Tier 1 & Tier 2

Awarded funds may be used for the following:

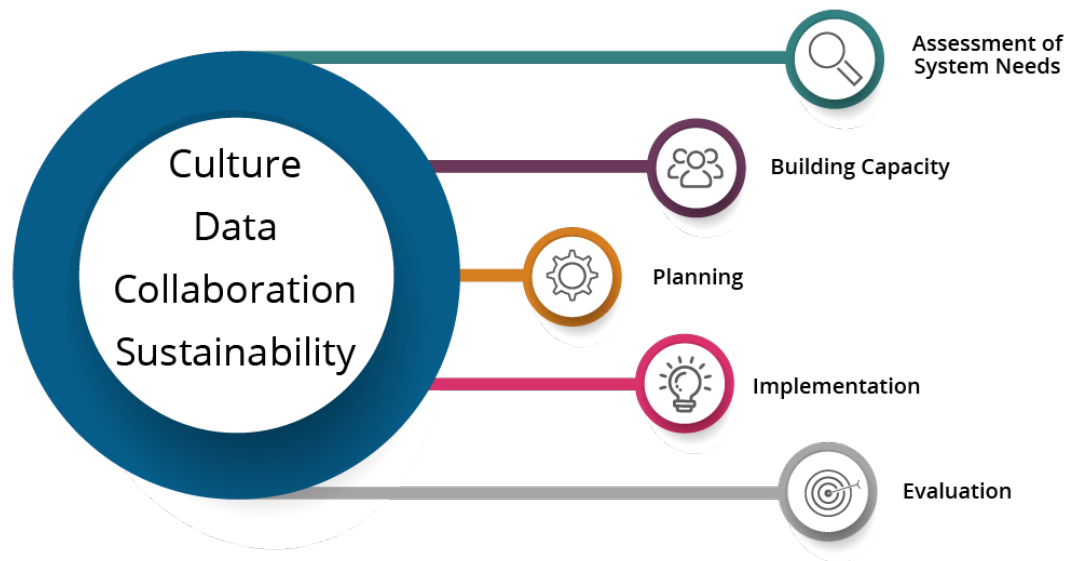
- [Prevention-focused parent seminars](#)
- To supplement specific prevention needs identified by the LEA and that can be justified through data
- Other evidence-based prevention practices authorized by USBE
- Prevention-based Professional Learning
- Supplies and materials related to implementing prevention programs

Unallowable use of Funds

Administrative Board Rule [R277-439-4](#)

- Food
- Capital improvements
- Metal detectors
- Vape detectors
- School safety initiatives
- Treatment
- Tier 3 or therapy

Implementation science model



Key Considerations

Readiness

Fidelity

Sustainability

Supplementing vs Supplanting

Supplementing:

Using grant funds to add or enhance services, activities, or resources that would not otherwise be available.

Supplanting:

Using grant funds to **replace** state, local, or other funds that would otherwise be used for the same purpose.

Prevention Block Grant funds are intended to supplement your prevention work, not supplant it.

Application Preview

- The application will be completed through a Qualtrics form linked in Utah Grants
- To preview the application, visit the [USB E Prevention Block Grant website](#)

Application Resources

[Prevention Block Grant Application Resources](#)

- Suggested Uses of Funding
- Example Comprehensive Prevention Plan
- Evidence-Based Programs and Research-Informed Strategies
- ...And Much More!

Reminders for Positive Behaviors Plan and Suicide Prevention Funding

All LEAs will receive Suicide Prevention Program and Positive Behaviors Plan funding through direct flow-through funds.

- Suicide Prevention Program Funds: \$1,000 per school.
- Positive Behavior Plan Funds:
 - \$1,000 per school to administer the positive behaviors plan
 - \$3,000 as a stipend for the positive behaviors plan specialist (per school)

Funding Flexibility

LEAs with a USBE-approved Comprehensive Prevention Plan may use positive behaviors plan and suicide prevention program funds to support implementation of their comprehensive prevention plan.

Questions?



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