

Date: July 15, 2025

To: Salt Lake City School District Board of Education
Superintendent Grant

From: Alan Kearsley, Business Administrator

Subject: Update of Federal Title Program Funding

Summary:

The U. S. Department of Education has put a hold on the distribution of certain federal Title program for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The district received the attached email from the State Board of Education regarding this impounding of certain federal funds. I have also attached a letter written to the Board which specifically details the immediate effect of this action on the Salt Lake City School District.

During this report, I will cover the information contained in the attached email and memo.

Requested Board action:

None

Attachments:

Email from the State Board of Education regarding and update of federal Title program funding.

Letter to the SLCSD Board of Education detailing the information about the specific Title programs for the district affected by this action.

From: [Ryan Bartlett](#)
To: [Ryan Bartlett](#)
Cc: [Scott Jones](#)
Subject: Important Update on Federal Title Program Funding
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025 4:00:18 PM

Good Afternoon LEA Leaders,

What: We want to provide an important update regarding recent federal developments that impact several education funding streams in Utah. As of July 1, 2025, funding previously appropriated by Congress for five federal title programs and one adult education program has been halted pending further review by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The ED notified us of this funding hold on June 30. This affects approximately \$40.4 million of Utah's overall \$800 million annual federal education funding.

These are the grants affected:

- Title I, Part C (Migrant Education Program)
- Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction)
- Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition)
- Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment)
- Title IV, Part B (21st Century Community Learning Centers)
- Adult Education and Family Literacy Act

At this point, it is not clear whether these FY2025 funds will ultimately be released. ED has indicated that there will be a comprehensive analysis of past spending to help determine future disbursements, but there is no guaranteed timeline or outcome.

At this time, there is still considerable uncertainty. We are actively working with the federal government and our Assistant Attorneys General to better understand these changes and determine next steps. We will provide additional information as soon as it becomes available.

We will address FY2026 funding in future communications.

Who: This information is intended for superintendents, charter directors, and business administrators.

When: There are no immediate deadlines at this time.

Action: At this point, no immediate action is required from LEAs. We recognize the challenges these funding changes and delays create for your local budgeting and planning. Please know we are working closely with our legal representatives to evaluate potential options and will communicate further guidance as soon as it becomes available.

Information: For questions and additional information, please contact [Deputy Superintendent](#)

[of Operations Scott Jones.](#)

Best,

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Dear Board of Education,

I'm writing to provide you with some more information related to recent communications detailing, that several federal grants, which have been appropriated by Congress, have now been put on hold pending further review by the U.S. Department of Education. Below is the detail of fiscal year 2025-26 budgets for the affected programs.

Title I, Part C (Migrant Education Program): SLCSO does not receive funds from this federal grant.

Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction): SLCSO has budgeted to receive \$595,873 of these grant funds in Fiscal Year 2025-26. Six academic coaches are paid from these funds. We will continue to employ these coaches for the current year using fund balance reserves if necessary.

Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition): SLCSO has budgeted to receive \$560,040 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 for this grant. There is a budgeted carry over from the prior fiscal year in the amount of \$290,866. The carry over is not affected by the current hold. Two academic coaches and two elementary teachers are paid from these funds. We will continue to employ these coaches and teachers for the current fiscal year, first using the carry over funds, and if necessary, using fund balance reserves.

Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment): SLCSO has budgeted to receive \$378,415 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 for this grant. There is a budgeted carry over from the prior fiscal year of \$232,696. Four academic coaches are paid from these funds. We will continue to employ these coaches for the current fiscal year, first using the carry over funds, and if necessary, using fund balance reserves.

Title IV, Part B (21st Century Community Learning Centers): SLCSO has budgeted to receive \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2025-26 from this grant. There is a budgeted carry over from the prior fiscal year of \$233,517. One after school coordinator and twelve after school group leaders are paid from these funds. We will continue to employ these people for the current fiscal year, first using the carry over funds, and if necessary, using fund balance reserves.

Adult Education and Family Literacy Act: SLCSO has budgeted to receive \$453,490 for Horizonte, and \$233,490 for Sky View Academy. Staff paid from these funds at Horizonte consists of 3 Adult Education Teachers and 1 Counselor. We will continue to employ these positions for the current fiscal year using fund balance reserves if necessary. Sky View Academy uses these funds to contract with the Davis Technical College to provide a Skill Building Class. Sky View will continue to monitor the funding situation to determine how to best manage this contract.

As is the case with most federal funds, a district must first spend the funds, and then request reimbursement. At the earliest, we will be requesting reimbursement in November, and we are hoping the funds have been released by then. In the unlikely event that the funds are cut or reduced, we will use fund balance reserves through this current year to maintain the programs as currently set and have discussions throughout the year on how to best address the funding and programs for fiscal year 2026-27. The total amount of funding currently being held for these programs in the current fiscal year is \$2,621,308. Please reach out if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Business Administrator