

Preschool Special Education Program

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Purpose of the Program		These funds are federally-dedicated to be used for the provision of special education to preschool-aged children with disabilities. They are categorically-generated by the annual December 1st count of preschool children with disabilities (ages 3-5) receiving a free, appropriate, public education. Thus, use is restricted by specific state rules and federal regulations.	
Eligible Applicants		<p>Amounts mandated by OSEP and percentages are applied, distributed by a 3 prong criteria for distribution for formula money.</p> <p>A small amount is set aside for discretionary funds. The rest is allocated based on a formula as follows: Formula funds - 1) Base (1998 hold harmless) 2) Population (school enrollment) 3) Poverty school lunch data</p> <p>Eligible recipients are districts, eligible charter schools and Utah School for the Deaf and Blind.</p>	
Restrictions on Use of Assistance		Within limits established by I.D.E.A. regulations, funds may be used to pay excess costs directly attributable to the program. These funds are restricted to the specific special education program.	
Application Procedures		Applications for disc funds can be submitted by school districts, charter schools, and universities and other State agencies. They must be submitted on the SARS Standard Application Form. The application is available on the USOE homepage. Upon receipt of an application, the State Office of Education special education staff will review the project for (a) overall quality and merit, (b) consistency with USOE policy, and (c) adequacy of budget. Recommended proposals will be submitted to the USOE Finance Committee for final approval and grant award authorization. Technical assistance is available for the development of applications.	
State Clearinghouse Coordination		Per E.O. 12372	
Application Deadline		Open	
Range and Average of Financial Assistance		Based on the number of children served	
Source of Funds and Aid			
Matching Formula	Federal		No matching funds required
	State		
	Local		
	Applicant		

Post-Assistance Reports, Audits, etc.	A final report is required prior to the final reimbursement of awarded funds. Technical assistance is available development of applications
Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Program Number and Title	84.027 Special Education--State Grants
Additional Information	Utah State Office of Education web page: http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us/