

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: Increase the amount of Liq. Tax funds to use for CNP state Administrative costs

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

The Committee recommends that the board approves the increase of liquor tax funds from \$1 million to \$2 million per year to defer administrative costs, hosting and maintenance of software, and for cost of living adjustments.

Background:

Over the last few years, CNP administrative costs have been increasing, the hosting/maintenance of CNP software, and the cost of living and payroll have increased. But the funding we have been receiving from USDA State Administrative expenses has decreased over the past two years, which has made it difficult for CNP to run its current program efficiently and at the current level of service to LEA's.

We received approximately \$58 million at the end of SFY23, projections show we expect approximately \$60 million at the end of SFY24. By increasing the liquor tax from \$1 million to a percentage of 4%, it will only affect the LEA's by a decrease of \$.02 per meal.

Ultimately, the funds we are requesting will positively impact each of the objectives in the CNP strategic plan developed to ensure CNP supports the mission of USBE.

CNP objectives are:

1. Increase access to nutritious meals for Utah children through program expansion, with an emphasis to create healthy and safe environments.
2. Foster a workplace of transparent leadership that will recruit quality individuals, recognize and reward exceptional performance, provide ongoing opportunities for professional development and advancement, with the end goal of high employee morale, job satisfaction, and worker retention.
3. Protect the integrity of the programs we offer through effective and efficient monitoring.
4. Support the mission of our program sponsors by providing excellent customer service, useful resources, and quality professional development and training opportunities.
5. Make the most of our resources through responsible fiscal management, streamlining administrative processes, creating efficient workflows, and ensuring time and resources spent on advance agency and program objectives.
6. Share timely and accurate information about program operations with our governing bodies, stakeholders, and partners

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