

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

INFORMATION: Rural School Sports Facilities Program

Agenda item type:

Information Item

Recommended Action:

None.

Purpose of Memo:

Staff recommendation

Background:

The Small District Athletic Facilities Grants program was created during the 2025 General Session in House Bill 462, "Rural School Funding Amendments". Grant will be provided to rural secondary schools to support the maintenance and improvement of athletic facilities. These one-time grants will be distributed using a formula that accounts for county classification and student enrollment. Rural secondary schools often face greater challenges in securing additional funding for athletic facilities or allocating local property tax revenues for these purposes compared to schools in larger, more populated areas. This funding aims to help bridge that gap and ensure students in rural communities have access to safe and well-maintained athletic facilities. For FY26, the legislature appropriated \$4,390,000. Projects are limited to grants of \$500,000 per school.

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Attachments:

1. Rural Schools Sports Facilities FY26
2. Piute Rural School Sports Facilities Grant Application FY26
3. #17 Carbon SD Rural Sports Facilities Application - Mont Harmon Gym Floor Replacement
4. #11 Gunnison High FINAL App
5. #14 Manti High FINAL App
6. #23 NSSD Sports Facility Grant Application FY26
7. #25 Tintic School District Rural School Sports Facilities Grant Application FY26-combined
8. #20 EMERY Rural School Sports Facilities Grant Application FY26 Packet
9. MCSD Application
10. #24 Sevier Application for Rural Schools Sports Facilities Grant (Richfield HS)
11. #8 Rural School Sports Facilities Grant Application (Whitehorse High)

