



Utah Cluster Acceleration Partnership Grant Announcement

THE UTAH CLUSTER ACCELERATION PARTNERSHIP (UCAP) is a collaborative partnership between:

- The Department of Workforce Services (DWS)
- The Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), and
- The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED).

The UCAP Governing Board, which provides final approval for all grants, is comprised of the executive director for each agency and oversees the funding and operations of the UCAP program.

The UCAP program provides funding to public educational institutions to develop, implement or enhance educational programs that are responsive to regional and statewide industry needs. Specifically UCAP was created to address the following four opportunities and concerns:

- **Goal 1**—Increase Economic Cluster Connectivity and Educational Alignment
- **Goal 2**—Respond to Skill Gaps
- **Goal 3**—Enhance the Role of the Regional Institutions in Economic Development
- **Goal 4**—Promote Regional Stewardship

The primary outcome measurement for UCAP moving forward will be the amount of new annual capacity created to award certificates and/or degrees that meet the Governor's 66% by 2020 initiative (<http://www.utah.gov/governor/priorities/education.html>), with specific relevance towards educational programs that serve cluster industries in the State (www.business.utah.gov/targeted-industries/economic-clusters/).

Total funding allocated to the UCAP program for grants is \$1,500,000. UCAP funding is distributed on a reimbursement basis, with outcomes being reported on a quarterly basis. Funding limits may be set by the UCAP Governing Board but as a general guideline projects are limited to \$200,000 (plus matching funds) with a higher cap approved through compelling justification from the grant applicant and upon approval by the UCAP Governing Board.

For more information, full program terms, and application details for the UCAP program please review the Request for Grants located at <http://jobs.utah.gov/edo/rfp.html>.