



# "Fly Utah" Aviation Education Grant

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### **Grant Background**

- Created to follow up on the success of the **Utah Rotor Pathway** to help align education and industry to provide students of all levels with hands-on aviation experience.
- Open to all educational institutions, schools, organizations, and training facilities in Utah with new or existing programs that **prepare students for a career in the aviation industry**.
- Past projects included:
  - Fixed-Wing Pilot Pathway
  - Airplane Restoration Project
  - UAS Drone Part 107 Courses
  - Introductory Flight Scholarships
  - Flight Simulators (Desktop, Full-Motion, etc)





### Requirements

To be considered, all grant applications should include:

- A program outline that is responsive to the aviation workforce needs in the State of Utah.
- Includes a system of stackable credentials aimed at degree or certificate attainment.
- The expected student enrollment, attainment, and job placement rates after **three years** of program operation.
- Evidence of action, input, and/or support from the Utah State Board of Education or Utah System of Higher Education.
- Evidence of input and support from an industry partner or advisory group.
- A funding request, including justification and scalability for the request.





### **Scoring Criteria**

#### Partnerships

- Shows connection between education/industry partners with clear responsibilities.
- Well-developed leadership and allocation of additional resources.

#### • Program

- Structure of program is refined and implementation is clear to ensure success of students.
- Has a Work-Based-Learning component or is working to develop one.

#### Goals

- Clear and detailed implementation outline including projected budget.
- Understanding of outcome measurements and potential barriers.

#### Assets

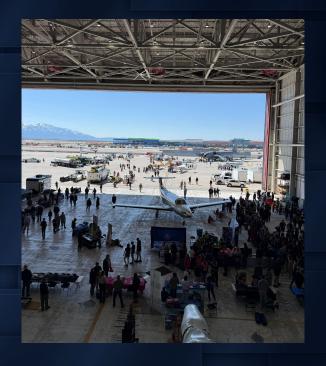
- Plan to mobilize additional resources from the community or partnership members.
- Equipped with tools outside of "Fly Utah" funding to support program.





### **Allocation Process**

- Deadline to apply: **June 27th**, **2025**
- PDF Link
  - Make a copy and fill out
- \$150,000 **total** available
- One-time purchases <u>only</u>
  - Simulators
  - Flights
  - Course Materials
- Scoring Team: (included but not limited to)
  - Utah Aviation Coalition
  - Utah State Board of Education
  - Aeronautics Executive Staff
  - Utah Pilots, Mechanics, CFI's, and other Aviation Industry Professional Partners
- Applicants can submit **every year**
- What is not covered within the grant:
  - Liability
  - Faculty/administration costs
- 2-4 Weeks for scoring
- \$\$\$ Allocated in October
- 6-month and 1-year spending reports required



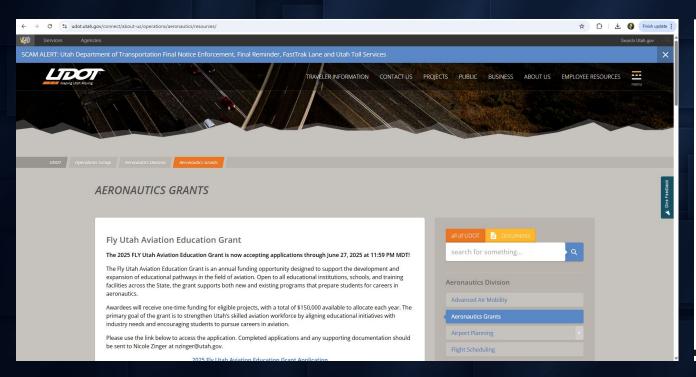
#### **Take Note:**

Be specific in your Anticipated Spending Plan and make your request scalable!



### **UDOT Website and Grant Information Page**

https://www.udot.utah.gov/connect/about-us/operations/aeronautics/resources/



















### 2024/25 Grant Recipients

- Civil Air Patrol
  - Growing drone program for cadets
- Ridgeline High School
  - Desktop Flight Simulators
- Cedar Valley High School
  - Vertical Flight Simulators
- The Leonardo
  - Growing Flight exhibit and activities
- Davis Catalyst Center
  - Skydio X10 Drone and Accessories
  - o Drone AI Integration Program
- Utah State University
  - USU Eastern Price Campus Aviation
    Maintenance Program Workstations
  - Aircraft Maintenance Training Certification





## THANK YOU!

Please contact me with any additional questions

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