



UTAH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH INITIATIVE - USTAR

BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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BUDGET BRIEF

SUMMARY

During the 2005 General Session, the Legislature allocated funding to the University of Utah and Utah State University to recruit and hire research teams, purchase equipment, and develop and implement a technology based economic development initiative. During the 2006 General Session, the Utah Science Technology and Research Initiative (USTAR) was formally created with passage of S.B. 75.

The USTAR program has three major components: construction of research buildings, recruiting and hiring of top-notch research teams in fields where Utah has a competitive advantage, and operation of a technology outreach program at four locations throughout Utah. The USTAR research teams are bringing new funding to the state through federal and commercial contracts and grants for the development of new technologies.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Budget Adoption

For USTAR, the Fiscal Analyst recommends an FY 2013 budget of \$19,173,300 as shown in the budget detail table on page 2.

Adoption of Fees

The Fiscal Analyst recommends the subcommittee adopt USTAR’s proposed fee schedule for FY 2013.

For the FY 2013 fee schedule for USTAR, please refer to the issue brief, *USTAR: FY 2013 Proposed Fee Schedule*

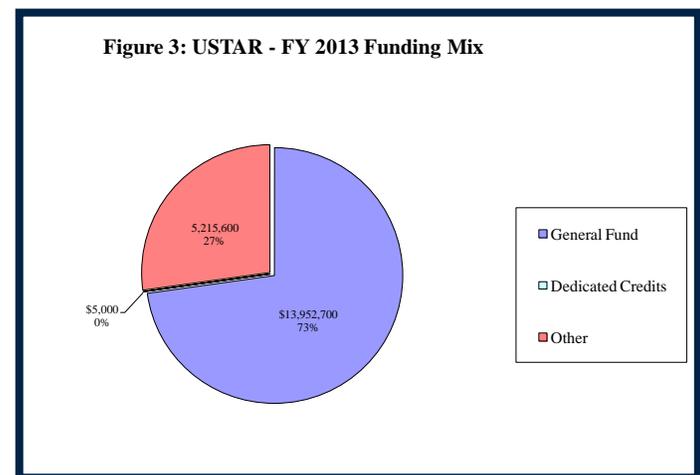
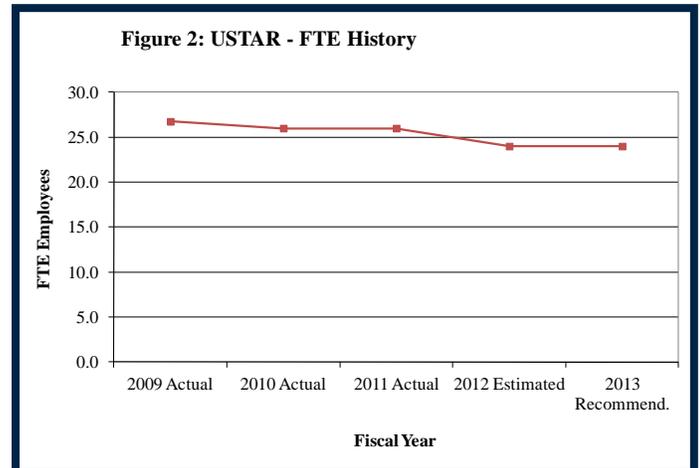
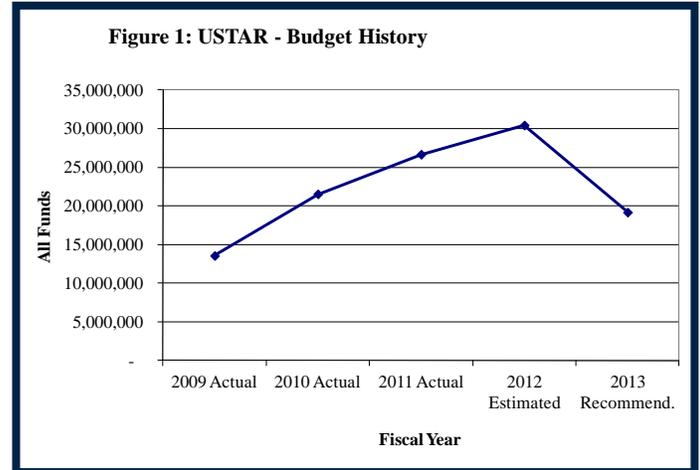
Federal Funds

Federal Funds for USTAR are shown in the Issue Brief *Business, Economic Development, and Labor: Federal Funds*.

Intent Language

The Governor has recommended the following intent language for USTAR:

USTAR is authorized to purchase two vehicles for the TOIP regional centers.



The subcommittee may wish to consider intent language authorizing USTAR to purchase two vehicles for the TOIP regional centers.

Governor's Recommendations

USTAR's 2012 General Session building block requests are listed below. The Governor's budget recommended partial funding for one request. Unless otherwise noted, each request is an ongoing request beginning in FY 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Governor's Recommendation</u>
Research Teams	\$540,500 (Supp.)	\$540,500 (one-time FY 2013)
Technology Outreach Funding	\$775,000	N/A
Research team for U of U and USU	\$2,832,900	N/A
Jobs Initiative – USTAR Research Teams	\$5,000,000	N/A
Jobs Initiative – USTAR Outreach	\$1,434,400	N/A

BUDGET DETAIL

The USTAR line item comprises expenditures in the Administration, Technology Outreach, and University Researchers programs. Of the \$30,444,100 expected expenditures for FY 2012, \$27,188,600 (\$13,952,700 General Fund Base Budget) is directed towards support of researchers at the University of Utah and Utah State University; \$801,400 is for Administration; and \$2,454,100 is for Technology Outreach.

USTAR						
Sources of Finance	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Appropriated	Changes	FY 2012 Revised	Changes	FY 2013* Recommended
General Fund	14,501,300	13,952,700	0	13,952,700	0	13,952,700
Federal Funds	1,654,200	0	0	0	0	0
American Recovery and Reinvestm	15,461,400	540,500	(540,500)	0	0	0
Dedicated Credits Revenue	4,800	26,400	(21,400)	5,000	0	5,000
Beginning Nonlapsing	16,744,900	12,966,000	8,736,000	21,702,000	(16,486,400)	5,215,600
Closing Nonlapsing	(21,702,000)	(1,777,800)	(3,437,800)	(5,215,600)	5,215,600	0
Total	\$26,664,600	\$25,707,800	\$4,736,300	\$30,444,100	(\$11,270,800)	\$19,173,300
Programs						
Administration	825,400	784,900	16,500	801,400	(135,800)	665,600
Total	\$26,664,600	\$25,707,800	\$4,736,300	\$30,444,100	(\$11,270,800)	\$19,173,300
Categories of Expenditure						
Personnel Services	1,638,800	1,824,400	(205,500)	1,618,900	(707,500)	911,400
In-state Travel	18,500	24,000	(5,100)	18,900	(1,000)	17,900
Out-of-state Travel	15,800	18,700	(6,500)	12,200	(2,000)	10,200
Current Expense	737,900	810,500	260,000	1,070,500	(277,300)	793,200
DP Current Expense	71,800	59,100	26,900	86,000	(28,100)	57,900
Other Charges/Pass Thru	24,181,800	22,971,100	4,666,500	27,637,600	(10,254,900)	17,382,700
Total	\$26,664,600	\$25,707,800	\$4,736,300	\$30,444,100	(\$11,270,800)	\$19,173,300
Other Data						
Budgeted FTE	26.0	26.0	(5.0)	21.0	0.0	21.0
Actual FTE	22.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

*Does not include amounts in excess of subcommittee's state fund allocation that may be recommended by the Fiscal Analyst.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Fiscal Analyst recommends the Legislature:

1. Adopt the FY 2013 recommended budget of \$19,173,300 as shown in the budget detail table on page 2.
2. Adopt USTAR's proposed fee schedule as contained in the issue brief titled "*USTAR: FY 2013 Proposed Fee Schedule*"
3. Adopt USTAR's federal fund schedule as outlined in the issue brief titled "Business, Economic Development, and Labor: Federal Funds."