The Utah Symphony and Opera, along with Ballet West and Utah Jazz, were some of the top recipients of ZAP tax funding in 2013. In addition to the $838,000 they received, these groups also received an additional $573,197 from other sources. The total funding for arts and culture in Utah was $9,288,000, with the largest share going to the arts groups that had the highest annual budget, such as the Utah Symphony and Opera, which received $377,362.

The School Grades system, which was created in 2011 to evaluate the performance of public schools in Utah, has been criticized for its narrow focus on standardized test scores. The system grades schools with A, B, C, D, and F, with B being the lowest grade and A being the highest. The system is based on a formula that includes 16 different factors, including graduation rate, attendance, and proficiency in reading and math.

The Utah Zoological Society and the Nature Conservancy were among the recipients of ZAP tax funding for non-profit organizations in 2013. The Utah Zoological Society received $218,162, while the Nature Conservancy received $18,200. These organizations were able to receive this funding because they are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that are members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).