

## NEWS RELEASE

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### STATE ED BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Supplemental expanded learning opportunities will soon be available afterschool at forty sites in Nebraska. One-Year Opportunity Grants were approved by the Nebraska State Board of Education with funds appropriated in 2016 by the Nebraska Legislature.

These grants fund partnerships that provide hands-on enrichment activities and services delivered afterschool. The forty eligible sites operate quality afterschool programs funded by a 21st Century Community Learning Center federal grant that have been in operation at least five years.

Senator Heath Mello, Chair, Appropriations Committee, Nebraska Legislature, said "It's exciting to see the first round of LB 956 Expanded Learning Opportunity grants go to communities stretching from Omaha to Chadron to Garden County. It's heartening to see Nebraskans respond positively to this challenge grant process with such diverse and innovative proposals to expand learning opportunities for our children. When the Appropriations Committee considered this proposal this past session, we wanted to challenge communities to match our state appropriation to provide hands-on, engaging activities for youth in their afterschool and summer programs."

#### Grant recipients include:

- Chadron Public Schools' program at Chadron Middle School received a \$10,000 grant.
- Collective for Youth's programs in Omaha received a \$31,659 grant to serve seventeen sites including Bancroft Elementary School, Belvedere Elementary School, Castelar Elementary School, Central Park Elementary School, Gilder Elementary School, Hartman Elementary School, Highland Elementary School, Indian Hill Elementary School, Howard Kennedy Elementary School, King Elementary School, Liberty Elementary School, Miller Park Elementary School, Saratoga Elementary School, Sherman Elementary School, Lewis and Clark Middle School, McMillan Middle School, Monroe Middle School.
- Crete Public Schools' programs at Crete Intermediate School and Crete Middle School received an \$11,894 grant.
- Garden County Schools' program at Garden County Elementary School received a \$17,424 grant.
- Kearney Public Schools programs at Northeast Elementary School and Sunrise Middle School received a \$22,003 grant.
- Lincoln Community Learning Centers/Lincoln Community Foundation received a \$47,552 grant to serve four sites including Hartley Elementary School, Lakeview Elementary School, Culler Middle School and Park Middle School.
- Lincoln Community Learning Centers/Lincoln Community Foundation received a \$28,975 grant to serve three sites including Dawes Middle School, Goodrich Middle School and North Star High School.
- North Platte Public Schools' programs at Buffalo Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School and Washington Elementary School received a \$10,000 grant.
- O'Neill Public Schools' program at O'Neill Elementary School received a \$25,000 grant.
- Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln received a \$31,493 grant to serve three sites including Elliott Elementary School, Everett Elementary School and Huntington Elementary School.
- Police Athletics for Community Engagement in Omaha received a \$14,000 grant to serve two sites including Marrs Middle School and Norris Middle School.

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