

TO: Roger D. Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Gary M. Sherman, Office of Special Education/Sally Giittinger, ESU #4

SUBJECT: Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) Trust Fund Budget for January 2012 through December 2012.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the attached Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI) Trust Fund Budget for January 2012 through December 2012.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nebraska Revised Statute 79-319 (15) establishes the State Board's responsibility to administer any device, donation, or bequest to NCECBVI. The Policy Committee has been designated as the Board committee to review annually the staff recommendations for expenditure of the Department's trust funds. The Policy Committee reviewed expenditures made in 2011 and the proposed 2012 Trust Fund Budget at the December, 2011 meeting. Approval of the Trust Fund Budget will allow the Department to access the trust funds during 2012 for support of NCECBVI as outlined in the attached budget proposal.

Estimated Cost

Unrestricted Trust Fund:	\$45,000
Williams Restricted Trust Fund:	\$147,000
Sheldon Restricted Trust Fund:	\$5,000
Markussen Restricted Trust Fund:	\$500

Supporting Documentation Included: Trust Fund 2012 Budget Proposal

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NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 7, 2011

**TRUST FUND
2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL**



**Sally Gittinger
Nebraska Center for the Education of Children
Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired**

UNRESTRICTED TRUST FUND 2012 BUDGET

Estates: Lucile E. Huber, James E. Labertew, Herman Wolf, Ralph E. Fulton, John S. Knepper, Eva M. Fischer, Lorraine L. Hight, Pansy M. Behrens, Louis A. Lembach, Merle M. Harger, Irvin Schapaugh, Irma I. Scheitel, Mollie Schafer, and Lena Johnson

Purpose: No restrictions other than to benefit the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired.

Current Amount: \$53,538.69 (as of 11/15/11)

Previous Projects Funded: Primarily facility improvements, repairs and maintenance

Proposed Projects:

Printing and Publishing	\$ -0-
Repair and Maintenance of Office and Computer Equipment	\$ -0-
Staff Development	\$ -0-
Facilities Maintenance and Repair	\$ 35,000
TSB – State Vehicle Expenses	\$ -0-
Emergency Building Expense	\$ 10,000
TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDING	\$ 45,000

RESTRICTED (WILLIAMS) TRUST FUND 2012 BUDGET

Estate: F. D. Williams

Purpose: To contribute to the expense of poor and needy students and to worthy graduates who desire to continue their education upon graduation.

Current Amount: \$1,632,732.48 (as of 11/15/11)

Previous Projects

Funded: Educational and diagnostic equipment and supplies for students who are blind or visually impaired.

Proposed Projects:

Educational/Recreation Supplies		\$ 12,000
Braille Library Books	\$ 10,000	
Orientation/Mobility Supplies	\$ 2,000	
Learning Devices and Student Need Items		\$ 10,000
Low Vision Clinics		\$ 25,000
Medical Supplies/Student Needs		\$ 5,000
Assistive Technology		\$ 80,000
Repair/Maintenance Student Technology and Devices		\$ 5,000
National Events for Students (Ex: Space Camp, Braille Challenge, APH Arts Contest)		\$ 10,000
TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDING		\$ 147,000

RESTRICTED (SHELDON) TRUST FUND 2012 BUDGET

Estate: A. B. Sheldon

Purpose: To be used for the alleviation and prevention of blindness.

Current Amount: \$7,059.94 (as of 11/15/11)

Projects Funded: Primarily medical supplies and equipment.

Proposed Projects Funded:

Medical Supplies and Equipment For Low Vision Clinics	\$5,000
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TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDING	\$5,000
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RESTRICTED (MARKUSSEN) TRUST FUND 2012 BUDGET

Estate: Karen Markussen

Purpose: To be used to assist Nebraska teachers who are pursuing their degree to teach children with visual impairments.

Current Amount: \$10,244.69 (as of 11/15/11)

Projects Funded: Annual \$500 scholarship to be given to a Nebraska teacher.

Proposed Projects Funded:

Scholarship	\$500
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TOTAL PROPOSED FUNDING	\$500
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