



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

FROM: Melody Hobson

SUBJECT: Sub-grant from Nebraska department of Health and Human Services to the Nebraska Department of Education regarding Child Care Development Funds

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to sign a sub-grant from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) accepting Child Care and Development Block Grant Quality Funds (CCDF).

Background Information:

The sub-grant outlines the use of the quality set-aside portion of Nebraska's share of the federal CCDF. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and NDE enter into an annual agreement for the use of CCDF funds to carry out relevant provisions of the Quality Child Care Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 43-2601 to 43-2625). The agreement is for the use of \$1,558,128 and funds approximately 7.6 full time equivalent positions in the Office of Early Childhood at NDE. These staff positions support the state training and early childhood systems infrastructure with a special emphasis on providers who serve low income children from families receiving child care subsidy. The sub-grant outlines the use of programmatic funds for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska scholarship program for early childhood professionals as well as providing a majority of the funding for the Nebraska Early Learning Connection (Nebraska's system of regional professional development partnerships which are accessible to all school district operated early childhood program, Sixpence, early childhood special education, community childcare, and Head Start staff across the state).

Estimated Cost:

This agreement provides \$1,558,128 to NDE from Nebraska DHHS.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Sub-grant is available upon request.

For Additional Information on this item:

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