



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

FROM: Sharon Katt, Administrator Adult Program Services; Vicki Bauer, Director Adult Education

SUBJECT: Approval of Bridge Program Grants

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Commissioner to approve competitive grant funding recommendations for the state-funded Bridge program.

Background Information:

Nebraska Legislative Bill 1079 provided \$200,00 each year for three fiscal years to NDE to fund pilot Bridge programs in Nebraska. Bridge programs are defined as a structured career pathway program, developed in partnership among a provider of basic skills education and training, a provider of the Adult Education program, and a nonprofit social services organization, which assist students in obtaining academic, employability, and technical skills needed to enter and succeed in postsecondary education and training and the labor market. The program is open to low-income participants and leads to the attainment of a recognized credential/degree that targets the specific workforce needs of an occupational sector within the state. Upon review by the proposal review committee, the Adult Education section recommends the following maximum amounts to be granted to two additional programs: Goodwill of Omaha - \$78,000; Mid-Plains Community College - \$10,000. At the January, 2013 meeting the Board approved grants to the Omaha Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. and Southeast Community College-Lincoln.

Estimated Cost:

The maximum cost of these two projects will not exceed \$88,000.

Supporting Documentation Included:

NA

For Additional Information on this item:

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