



TO: Scott Swisher, Ed.D.
Deputy Commissioner of Education

FROM: Donlynn Rice, Senior Administrator, Curriculum and Instruction

SUBJECT: Perkins Innovation Grant Awards

Proposed Board Action:

Authorize the Deputy Commissioner to approve the grant awards for the continuation of the 2013-14 Perkins Innovation Grant Program.

Background Information:

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 created a reserve fund that states can use to support innovative projects and activities. Nebraska uses these funds to support the Perkins Innovation Grant Program.

Goal/Purpose
The purpose of the Perkins Innovation Grant Program is to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) in building their capacity to implement the Nebraska Career Education (NCE) Model and improve career technical education as a part of their career education programs.

Eligible Recipients
Eligible recipients include the following:

- Public school districts that offer approved CTE programs of study as a part of their career education programs and that participate in the Federal Perkins Grant program
- Community colleges that offer career technical education programs and that participate in the Federal Perkins Grant program
- Educational Service Units that manage a Perkins consortium
- Consortia of public school districts, Educational Service Units and/or community colleges meeting the above mentioned criteria

Eligible recipients must meet one of the three required criteria listed below:

- Serving Rural Area: For purposes of this RFP, "Rural" is defined as those eligible recipients located outside of the Omaha and Lincoln Metropolitan areas
- Serving a high percentage of NCE students: For purposes of this RFP, "high percentage of NCE students" is defined as more than 50% of the student population non-duplicated count, (if a secondary school, grades 9-12 only) enrolled in one or more NCE courses per year.
- Serving a high number of NCE students: For purposes of this RFP, "high number of NCE Students" is defined as 300 or more students non-duplicated count, enrolled in one or more NCE courses per year

Special Requirements

1. Proposals must provide documentation of serving one or more of the following Perkins Target Areas:
 - Student Achievement
 - Secondary/Postsecondary Alignment
 - Alignment to Regional Economies and High-Skill, High-Wage and High-Demand jobs
 - Programs of Study, Curriculum Development
 - Innovative Delivery models and Equity of Access to Instruction
 - Professional Development
 - Special Populations

- School Counseling and Career Guidance
 - Career Education and Academic Integration
 - Understanding All Aspects of Industry
2. The proposal must provide documentation of serving one or more of the following:
- Rural areas
 - Areas with high percentages of career education students
 - Areas with high numbers of career education students
3. Approvable expenditures under this Perkins Innovation Competitive Grant are the same requirements as the Perkins Basic Grant unless otherwise stated in the fund description. See the Perkins Innovation Grant Submission Guide for more information and a listing of approvable and non-approvable expenditures.
4. A copy of curriculum, materials and/or implementation plans developed through this grant must be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education with the Final Report to be shared as a statewide model. Innovation Grant recipients may be asked to present at a future NCE professional development conference.
5. The proposal must provide a plan for sustainability beyond the grant year.

Estimated Cost:

Total of Perkins Innovation Grant Awards for FY12 - \$400,00 from Federal Perkins Funds.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Grants to conduct the reVISION career education evaluation process:

ESU #1 on behalf of the four Native American Schools - \$10,500

Auburn - \$16,533.00

Burwell - \$4,000

Elm Creek - \$4,460

Gothenburg - \$11,500

Norris - \$10,400

Omaha - \$17,400

Papillion-La Vista - \$40,200 (Approved by State Board of Education, August, 2013)

South Sioux City - \$6,000

Waverly - \$10,600

Weeping Water - \$10,500

Grants to implement the reVISION Action Plan for career education program improvement based on recommendations from the reVISION process conducted during the 2012-2013 school year.

Beatrice - \$78,951

Bridgeport - \$20,000

Kearney - \$34,046

Lincoln - \$13,510

Niobrara - \$20,000

Scottsbluff - \$81,440

Stanton - \$10,000

For Additional Information on this item:

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