



## Nebraska Department of Education INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

### PRE-APPLICATION

July through  
October, 2016

- **JULY 27th, 2016:** Commissioner of Education announces Request for Proposals (RFP) at *School Administrator Days*.
- **SEPTEMBER 30th:** Pre-Application Guide and RFP posted on Nebraska Department of Education's website and *NDE Bulletin*.
- **SEPTEMBER 30th – OCTOBER 20th:** Applicants develop *Pre-Applications*.
- **OCTOBER 20th:** Deadline for submitting *Pre-Applications* to Nebraska Department of Education.
- **OCTOBER 21st – 31st:** *Pre-Applications* are reviewed and scored.

### GRANT APPLICATION

October through  
December, 2016

- **OCTOBER 20th, 2016:** Grant Application Guide and RFP posted on Nebraska Department of Education's website and *NDE Bulletin*.
- **NOVEMBER 4th:** Applicants with highly rated *Pre-Applications* are notified and invited to submit a full *Grant Application* and *Project Evaluation Plan*.
- **NOVEMBER 4th – DECEMBER 14th:** Applicants with highly rated *Pre-Applications*, and other applicants choosing to, develop full *Grant Applications* and *Project Evaluation Plans*.
- **DECEMBER 14th:** Deadline for submitting *Grant Applications* and proposed *Project Evaluation Plans* to Nebraska Department of Education.
- **DECEMBER 15th – 30th:** *Grant Applications* and proposed *Project Evaluation Plans* are reviewed and scored.

### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

January, 2017 through July, 2019

- **JANUARY 6th, 2017:** State Board of Education announces grant awards and notifies applicants of grant award or denial.
- **JANUARY:** Project Staff and Evaluator attend *Innovation Grant Program Workshop*.
- **MARCH 3rd:** Deadline for submitting finalized *Project Evaluation Plans* to Nebraska Department of Education.
- **JANUARY, 2017 – JUNE 2019:** Grant projects are implemented and evaluated. Grantees submit *Reimbursement Requests* for project-related expenditures any time after grant award.
- **NOVEMBER 1st, 2017 and Annually Thereafter:** Grantees submit Annual Project Progress Report to State Board of Education.
- **DECEMBER 1st, 2017 and Annually Thereafter:** Nebraska Department of Education submits Innovation Grant Program Annual Report to Clerk of the Legislature.
- **JULY 1st, 2019:** Grantees submit Summative Evaluation of Progress Report to State Board of Education and Legislature's Education Committee.