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STATE ED BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

Afterschool and summer programs will soon be available at 11 new sites in the Nebraska communities of Bancroft-Rosalie, Omaha, Crete, Fremont and Nebraska City.

Federal grant funds were awarded to support community learning centers serving students attending schools with high needs. During non-school hours, these programs offer hands-on learning and activities to meet student needs.

The State Board of Education recently approved grants for the following new programs:

- Bancroft-Rosalie Public Schools received an \$80,438 federal grant for a program at Bancroft-Rosalie Elementary School and at Bancroft-Rosalie Jr/Sr High School.
- Collective for Youth in Omaha received a \$90,750 federal grant for a program at Wakonda Elementary School.
- Crete Public Schools received a \$152,575 federal grant for a program at Crete Primary School.
- Fremont Public Schools received a \$512,250 federal grant for programs at Bell Field Elementary School, Clarmar Elementary School, Grant Elementary School, Howard Elementary School, Johnson Crossing Academic Center (grades 5-6) and Fremont Middle School.
- Nebraska City Public Schools received a \$120,000 federal grant for a program at Northside Elementary School.

In addition, 14 quality programs at schools across the state will continue to receive federal grants for 21st Century Community Learning Center programs. These grants are available for five years. The programs are:

- Chadron Public Schools' program at Chadron Middle School received a \$50,165 federal grant.
- Collective for Youth's programs in Omaha at Belvedere Elementary School, Highland Elementary School and Sherman Elementary School received a \$129,150 federal grant.

- Collective for Youth's programs in Omaha at Kennedy Elementary School, Miller Park Elementary School and Saratoga Elementary School received a \$147,600 federal grant.
- Collective for Youth's programs in Omaha at King Science and Technology Magnet Middle School and Lewis & Clark Middle School received a \$95,350 federal grant.
- Crete Public Schools' program at Crete Middle School received an \$80,028 federal grant.
- Santee Community Schools' programs at Santee Elementary School and Santee High School received a \$50,000 federal grant.
- York Public Schools' programs at York Elementary School and York Middle School received a \$70,175 federal grant.

The primary goals of 21st Century Community Learning Centers are improved student learning, increased social benefits and positive behavioral changes as well as increased family and community engagement in Nebraska schools.

Over the past 13 years, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded federal grants for students at more than 110 different sites in more than 25 Nebraska communities. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is funded under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.