



# NEBRASKA

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The NDE Office of Special Education remains committed to supporting districts in improving results for children with disabilities and resources continue to be made available for this purpose. During the 2015- 2016 school year, in addition to the Facilitator Grants to be awarded to ESUs and pilot districts in ESU #3, twenty (20) competitive Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Improvement Grants (\$12,500 each) will be made available to school districts, Educational Service Units (ESUs) or some combination of these entities. To achieve statewide coverage, initially one grant will be considered for each ESU area (total of 15) while five grants will be available to the Omaha/Lincoln metropolitan area. A RDA grant packet will be utilized in awarding of these grants. Raters will be using the RDA Implementation Scoring Rubric to review all submitted grants and a minimum rubric score of 75 points is necessary for consideration. If an application within an ESU area or the metropolitan area fails to score at or above the 75 point threshold or if there are no applications submitted from an area(s), the opportunity for grant approval moves to the highest scoring grant application within the pool of statewide applications that are at or above the 75 point threshold that failed to obtain the highest point score within their respective ESU/Metropolitan area.

Completed applications are due to NDE by **June 30, 2015**. Successful grant applicants will be announced by August 14, 2015. GANs will be issued with a start date of September 1, 2015, and an ending date of August 31, 2016.

If you have questions regarding this Grant Application, please contact your assigned NDE Regional Consultant. Thank you for your continued support to improve results for children with disabilities in Nebraska.