



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

DATE: July 14, 2021

TO: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Katie Graham, Ph.D.
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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Approve the 2021-2022 reVISION Action grants.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Since 2012, the NDE’s reVISION process has been instrumental in improving and strengthening Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Nebraska. This process provides Nebraska schools with the opportunity to analyze and transform their current CTE systems in order educate a qualified workforce that meets industry needs within an ever-changing economy. As required under the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), each school district and community college took an in-depth depth look at their entire local and regional CTE system and identified areas where targeted improvements could lead to increased opportunities for student success through the reVISION comprehensive local needs assessment process.

The reVISION Action grant is intended to assist school districts and community colleges with implementing the action items that were identified though this needs assessment process. These activities align with high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand occupational preparation and Nebraska’s CTE and economic development priorities.

A total of 36 reVISION Action grant applications were received for the 2021-2022 year, with a total funding request of \$3,042,431. After selection teams comprised of internal and external reviewers scored applications, the following grants over \$50,000 were recommended for funding. Amounts vary based on request and allowable uses of funds:

| Local Education Agency | Grant Amount |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Columbus Public Schools | \$ 100,000 |
| Doniphan-Trumbull Public School | \$ 96,787 |
| Educational Service Unit 6 | \$ 70,555 |
| Freeman Public Schools | \$ 78,871 |
| Hershey Public Schools | \$ 100,000 |
| Louisville Public Schools | \$ 87,154 |
| Mid-Plains Community College | \$ 89,689 |
| Northwest Public Schools | \$ 100,000 |

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| Ogallala Public Schools | \$ 100,000 |
| Stapleton Public Schools | \$ 88,251 |
| Tri County Public Schools | \$ 93,649 |
| Umonhon Nation Public School | \$ 100,000 |
| Western Nebraska Community College | \$ 77,628 |
| Yutan Public Schools | \$ 100,000 |
| <i>TOTAL</i> | <i>\$1,282,584</i> |

In addition to the grants over \$50,000 listed above, three additional grants under \$50,000 were recommended for reVISION Action grant funding.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR): August/2021

ESTIMATED COST: \$1,282,584

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

- Indicate the Funding Source: (1) Federal – Perkins V: \$886,891
(2) Federal – ESSER: \$395,693
- New or Renewal: N/A
- If renewal, date of first approval: N/A