



## Coronavirus State Fiscal Recover Funds (CSFRF) – Educational Interpreter Training and Mentoring Program

### Request for Funding Proposal:

The Nebraska Department of Education, Office of Special Education is seeking project proposals to address the challenges through the design and implementation of interpreter mentoring programs to support new interpreters, interpreters from diverse populations, Deaf interpreters, and working interpreters seeking professional growth.

### Purpose:

Beyond formal postsecondary interpreter preparation programs, interpreter mentoring programs are particularly suited to fostering refined skills and deeper understanding and sensitivities that come only through guided practice, feedback from other interpreters, and self-assessment in increasingly challenging situations.

The needs of children and youth who are deaf or hard of hearing are diverse, ranging from a need for access supports to highly specialized instruction. For all children, and especially children who are deaf or hard of hearing, there are windows of opportunity for learning that should be maximized. When children, along with their families, are supported with appropriate language and learning opportunities that address the nuances of their hearing status, most will thrive and achieve their chosen educational and occupational aspirations.

As part of LB 1014e, The State Department of Education shall spend the funds appropriated in this section exclusively for programs and interpreters that provide services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing in the following manner: (1) \$300,000 for equipment; (2) \$300,000 for service; and (3) \$400,000 for an enhanced educational interpreter training and mentoring program. The following projects being proposed would be for the use of funds under section (3) enhanced educational interpreter training and mentoring program.

Terms:

The terms of the projects will be (1) year commencing upon execution of the project sub award (grant/contract). The State reserves the right to extend the period of this grant/contract beyond the termination date when mutually agreeable to the Parties.

Please complete the [form](#) if interested in submitting a proposal for designing an interpreter training/mentoring program. The project awards will be announced February 2023 with a contract for the 2023-24/2024-25 school years.

Timeline:

Date Range	Activity
October 2022	Release of RFP
November 1, 2022 – January 3, 2023	RFP Open for Submission
January 3 – March 1, 2023	Review of Submissions
March 1, 2023	Project Awarded

Questions regarding the content of this Request for Project Proposals should be submitted via email to [darsha.pelland@nebraska.gov](mailto:darsha.pelland@nebraska.gov).