



## NDE: Announcements/Reminders from School Finance & Organization Services (March 2024)

### Upcoming Due Dates/Dates of Importance

#### Certification of 2024/25 State Aid & Budgeting Factors (February 29, 2024)

For further information, refer to the 02/29/2024 email from NDE SFOS entitled "2024/25 Certifications."

- State Aid - <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/state-aid/>
- Budget Factors - <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budget-factors/>

#### **\*New\* Pupil Transportation Meeting [March 11, 2024, at 1:00pm Central Time]**

Let's come together & talk about ways we can improve Pupil Transportation in Nebraska! This will be a great place where we can discuss ideas, concerns, or ask questions. Please also share the link with your pupil transportation directors, or lead bus drivers, and anyone who may benefit from this meeting is welcome to attend. A representative from the Nebraska Safety Center will also be in attendance.

Join via zoom: <https://educationne.zoom.us/j/91292732456>

Contact:

- Stephanie DeGroot at (402) 540-0649 or [stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov](mailto:stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov)

#### Request for Updates to the 2024/25 Special Grant Fund List (Due March 31, 2024)

The proposed list of Special Grant Funds for 2024/25 school district budgeting is available on the FOS website at <https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/special-grant-fund-list/>. If the proposed grants are approved by the State Board of Education during their May meeting, then the funds budgeted for these grants will be treated separately in the expenditure limitation calculation for school districts under the provisions of the Tax Equity and Education Opportunities Support Act. Only categorical grant requests which do not increase property tax will be eligible for approval. Please review the proposed list and submit suggestions for additions or deletions **by March 31, 2024**, to Stephanie DeGroot at [stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov](mailto:stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov).

### Information/Documents Recently Made Available

#### Dates for School District Budget Preparations

Dates related to the 2024/25 school district budgeting process are available (including dates for the School Finance Webinar, New Superintendent Orientations, and budget assistance) at

<https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district/schoolfinancebudgetassistance/>.

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## Notices from the Office of Budget & Grants Management

The Office of Budgets & Grants Management (B&GM) is deploying a new online helpdesk system to support advancement towards customer service and communication. No more searching through multiple contacts or email addresses. The new online helpdesk management solution provides a single point of contact focused on delivering high-quality support, leveraging the entire B&GM ecosystem of services, and backed by human-centered expert technical knowledge.

Join us in expanding our resources facilitated through innovation and technology without losing sight of what matters most – you and your productivity.

Please direct inquiries to the following helpdesk address:

**\*NEW\* Budget & Grants Management:** [NDE.BGMHELP@nebraska.gov](mailto:NDE.BGMHELP@nebraska.gov)

- Audit / Fiscal Monitoring / Internal Controls
- Technical Assistance / Regulatory Compliance (State, Federal, or Grant)
- Grants Management / Subrecipient Awards
- Customer Service, Concerns, or Issues

**Grants Management System (GMS):** [NDE.GMSData@nebraska.gov](mailto:NDE.GMSData@nebraska.gov)

- Technical Assistance / System Navigation / User Access
- Applications / Reimbursement Requests
- Customer Service, Concerns, or Issues

Thank you for helping us advance these efforts by sharing with your team and spreading the word!

### Upcoming: 2024-25 Unified Grant Profile (UGP)

The Unified Grant Profile will be open on March 18, 2024, and will close on March 27, 2024. Completion of the UGP is required by all LEAs that receive funds utilizing the Grant Management System (GMS).

Contact:

- Rebecca Schademann at (531) 289-0234 or [Rebecca.Schademann@nebraska.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Schademann@nebraska.gov)

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