

# Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Program

## Two-Year Opportunity Grant Competition

Funded by Proceeds from Nebraska Lottery

### Overview

The Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act was created by the Nebraska Legislature to promote academic achievement in high-need schools during afterschool and during summer break. Beginning July 1, 2016, one percent of proceeds from the education portion of proceeds from the Nebraska Lottery are transferred to this fund. Eligible sites must be receiving funding from a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) Continuation Grant for the 2019-2020 school year. The grant period will be July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021. Grant amounts will range from \$10,000 - \$30,000. Applicants are required to have a 1:1 match.

### Eligibility

- **Applicant:** Eligible applicants must be either a school district or community based organization that intends to collaboratively deliver services in eligible 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC site(s). The signature of the authorized representative of the applicant is required and indicates their commitment to meet the matching resources requirement.
- **Fiscal Agent:** Eligible fiscal agents are subject to approval by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- **21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Sites to Receive Services:** Existing 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites that have been in operation at least five years and are receiving funding from a 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Continuation Grant for the 2019-2020 school year may receive services from this grant. All applications require the signature of the school district superintendent, 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC project director and the building principal of each proposed site. These signatures document approval to fully participate as a member of the partnership. The list of eligible sites will be posted on the ELO website.

### Requirements

- **Student Contact Hours:** An applicant must offer at least 15 student contact hours of ELO grant activities to eligible sites in both the Fall and Spring terms of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years. Although not required, ELO grant activities may be provided during the summer terms of 2020 and/or through June, 2021.
- **Partnership Contributions:** Opportunity grants require 1:1 matching funds. These partnership contributions may be in the form of cash contributions, staff or supply commitments, field trips, etc. Proposals must clearly identify how the partnership will match ELO grant dollars with new resources that will expand opportunities for participating children/youth.
- **Planning/Evaluation/Reporting:** If funded, prior to August 1, 2019 applicants must agree to: 1) meet with all partners to continue planning for project implementation, including roles and responsibilities; 2) meet with the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC statewide evaluator to develop an agreed upon evaluation plan that includes methods of monitoring and/or measuring the effectiveness of the proposed activities using 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC data collection regimens, and 3) meet with the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC director and fiscal analyst to develop agreed upon data to document the 1:1 match. Grantees must report on activities at the end of each term.
- **Fiscal:** The fiscal agent must be a member of the partnership. ELO grant funds will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. If awarded, the amount of grant funding requested may be revised due to the number of eligible sites being served or legislative changes to the statute.
- **Site Participation:** Eligible sites may participate in one or two terms of activities offered by one or two ELO grantees. Sites may not simultaneously participate in more than one ELO partnership per term.

**Timeline**

- February 25, 2019 – RFP released
- February 25, 2019 – Grant writing Zoom workshop, 11:00 a.m. CT
- April 15, 2019 – Postmark deadline
- July 1, 2019 – Grant period begins
- June 3, 2021 – Grant period ends

**PART I. Narrative (maximum of 5 pages)**

Use the following format to describe the Two-Year Opportunity Grant proposal.

**A. The Partnership (10 Points)**

- Identify all members of the partnership (including 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC site(s) receiving services).
- Discuss the structure of the partnership and describe how members are working together and will share leadership.
- Identify who will be responsible for making decisions about programming.

**B. The Opportunity (10 Points)**

- Briefly describe how this opportunity will enhance the existing 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program.
- Describe the immediate impact of this expanded opportunity.
- How will this partnership strengthen the participating 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC afterschool program(s)?

**C. The Approach (10 Points)**

- Briefly describe how the community-based organization(s) will collaborate with the identified 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC site(s) to create new opportunities for children/youth.
- Describe the resources that will be used to engage children/youth in this program.
- Provide a timeline in table format that includes the partnership planning and staffing/activities proposed.

	<b>Planning / Partnerships</b>	<b>Staffing / Activities</b>
<b>2019 Fall Term</b>		
<b>2020 Spring Term</b>		
<b>Summer, 2020 (optional)</b>		
<b>2020 Fall Term</b>		
<b>2021 Spring Term</b>		
<b>Summer--June 2021 (optional)</b>		

**D. The Envisioned Outcomes (10 Points)**

- What are the outcomes that will be used to determine success?
- What are some possibilities for collecting this information?

**E. The Budget (10 Points)**

Describe in narrative the 1:1 matching contributions (must equal the amount of grant funds requested). How will these contributions be documents? Complete the Grant Funds and Partner Matching Funds budget forms.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**TWO-YEAR OPPORTUNITY GRANT -- BUDGET JUSTIFICATION  
 (GRANT FUNDS ONLY)**

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