

Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Program

One-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 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Continuation Grant as of May 8, 2020 and not currently receiving services from a Two-Year Opportunity grant. The grant period will be May 8, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Grant amounts will range from \$5,000 - \$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 21st 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.
- **21st CCLC Sites to Receive Services:** Existing 21st CCLC sites that have been in operation at least five years and are receiving funding from a 21st CCLC Continuation Grant for the 2020-2021 school year may receive services from this grant. All applications require the signature of the school district superintendent, 21st CCLC project director and the building principal of each proposed site. These signatures document approval to fully participate as a member of the partnership.

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 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 June 1, 2020 applicants must agree to: 1) meet with all partners to continue planning for project implementation, including roles and responsibilities; 2) meet with the 21st 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 21st CCLC data collection regimens, and 3) meet with the 21st CCLC state director 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

- March 3, 2020 – RFP released
- March 4, 2020 – Grant writing Zoom workshop, 2:00 p.m. CT
- April 1, 2020 – Postmark deadline
- May 8, 2020 – Grant period begins
- June 30, 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 21st 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 21st CCLC program.
- Describe the immediate impact of this expanded opportunity.
- How will this partnership strengthen the participating 21st CCLC afterschool program(s)?

C. The Approach (10 Points)

- Briefly describe how the community-based organization(s) will collaborate with the identified 21st 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.

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

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 documented? Complete the Grant Funds and Partner Matching Funds budget forms.

Applicant Name _____

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 (GRANT FUNDS ONLY)**

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