

Nebraska Two-Year Opportunity Grants

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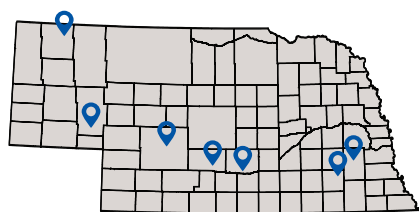


The Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act, funded by one percent of the education proceeds from the Nebraska Lottery, was created by the Nebraska Legislature to promote academic achievement in high-need schools during out-of-school time afterschool and during summer break. Per statute, these grants require 1:1 matching funds. Eligible applicants must be a school district or community-based organization that collaboratively delivers services in eligible 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLCs) that have been in operation at least five years, in good standing and receiving funding from a 21st CCLC Continuation Grant. The inaugural competition resulted in the award of thirteen grants with a two-year grant period of June 7, 2017-August 31, 2019. Grantees offered at least 15 student contact hours of expanded learning grant activities in both the fall and spring school terms (summer was optional). Grant amounts ranged from \$10,000-\$30,000 and there were contributions from 63 community partners to collaboratively deliver services.

\$286,121 awarded

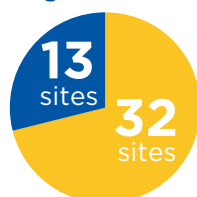
Required a 1:1 match from community partners

13 projects funded **45** sites



Chadron, Crete, Kearney, Lexington, Lincoln, North Platte, Oshkosh

Middle/
High School

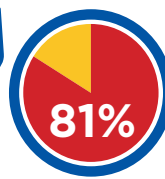


Elementary

DATA

3,380

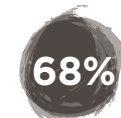
students served



participated in free reduced lunch



English learners



ethnic minority



verified for SPED

91%

attended program 30 days or more

PROJECT FOCUS AREAS:

AGRICULTURAL LITERACY

Aquaponics, Gardening, Outdoor education, Tower gardening

ART

Creative arts, Digital photography, Graphic design, Mural making, Origami, Printmaking, Reclaimed art

COLLEGE AND CAREER AWARENESS

Career exploration, Entrepreneurship, Job skills development, Post-Secondary mentoring

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Family nutrition and cooking opportunities, Student-led community-based projects, Collaboration with local community partners, Partnerships with state organizations

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Character development, Cooking, Nutrition, Physical activity, Recreation, Recycling

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Activities that promote positive life choices, Equine therapy, Gang prevention, Peer mentoring, SEL staff professional development, Storytelling

STEM

Aerospace, Biology, Coding, Drones, Electricity, Engineering design and problem solving, iMovie, Makerspace, Meteorology, Robotics, Rocketry, Science communication, STEM vocabulary to enhance language skills, Technology, Virtual reality field trips, Wearable technology

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Higher Ed Institutions

Chadron State College, Mid-Plains College Rodeo Team, UNK Planetarium, UNL

Statewide Organizations

Museum of Nebraska Art, Nebraska Extension, SAC Museum

Local Businesses

Duncan Aviation, Dusty Trails, Grow with the Flow, HyVee, Kawasaki, Local professional photographers, Spring Creek Prairie, Timberlake Ranch, Wessels Living History Farm

Local Community Organizations

Beyond School Bells, Boys and Girls Club, CEDARS, Completely Kids, Expand-Ed Schools, Family Service-Lincoln, Infinite 8, Kearney Area Chamber-Economic Development Council, Keep Lexington Beautiful, Knowledge Management Council, Lexington Public Library, Lincoln Career Academy, Lincoln Community Foundation, Lincoln Housing Authority, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, Malone Center, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Northeast Family Center, Omaha Police Department, Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln, Police Athletics for Community Engagement, Prosper Lincoln, UNL State Museum, Why Arts, Willard Community Center, YMCA

For more information regarding the Nebraska Two-Year Opportunity Grants, please visit: <https://www.education.ne.gov/ELO>