

**Nebraska State
Records Board**
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APPLICATION FOR STATE RECORDS BOARD GRANT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Nebraska State Records Board is sponsoring a grant program for Nebraska government agencies for the development of programs and technology to improve electronic access to state government information and services. Grants will be awarded for one time funding of small projects. No grant request shall exceed \$25,000.00. The grants may be used for the creation or enhancement of electronic access and delivery of government services and information, but not to fund ongoing operations. Nebraska government agencies wishing to apply for these grants may want to first contact Nebraska.gov to establish feasibility and scope of the project.

Applications received by April 20, 2011 will be considered for funding by the NE State Records Board at their meeting on July 20, 2011.

NOTE: Loss of Funding. The NE State Records Board may be unable to award grant funds, in whole or in part, in the event funding is no longer available.

Grant Criteria

Grant projects requesting funding must meet criteria #1-3.

1. Enhance the delivery of local government agency services and improve the public and business access to those services.
2. Meet the all applicable **Nebraska Information Technology Commission Standards and Guidelines**. State's technology access clause for providing equal access to services for persons with disabilities. A copy of the technology access clause is available at: <http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/standards/index.html> under 2. Accessibility Architecture.
3. If the project or service created or improved pursuant to the grant application involves the licensing, permitting or regulation of businesses, then the project or service must allow integration with the State of Nebraska's Business Portal at: <http://www.nebraska.gov/index.phtml?section=business>, and the One-Stop Online Business Registration System at: <http://www.nebraska.gov/osbr/cgi/domestic.cgi/?osbraapplication/init/init/None>.

In addition, the following criteria will be considered when reviewing applications:

- Does the project enhance the delivery of state/local government agency services and improve the public, government and business access to those services?
- Does the project reduce the amount of reliance on human capital, paper, and office overhead?
- Does the project span more than one office or agency?
- What is the size of the customer base for this service and the geographic impact?
- Is there financial and or in kind contribution from other partners?
- Is there documented community support for the project?

Responses are required to all questions in Parts I, II & III in order to be considered for funding:

Part I. Grant Summary

1. Name of agency applying for grant _____

2. Title of project _____

3. Brief description of project:

4. Grant amount requested \$ _____

5. **If the grant is to create an application, is the application to have a fee associated with its use for accessing public records, or is the application free for use by the public, businesses and other governmental agencies?**

If there is to be a fee, provide any statutory authorization for assessing the fee.

6. **If the grant application is for a Geographic Information System project, do you and the agency you represent agree to share the data collected in that project, without costs, with other interested government agencies in the State that may have a need for such data?**

Part II. Grant Detail

- 1. Please describe the project in detail, to include your vision for the project. (You may attach this description).**

- 2. Please describe who the beneficiary or recipient of this service will be.**

- 3. What is the projected activity for access or use of the proposed service?**

- 4. Timeline for implementation of the project (a specific completion date (MM/YYYY) must be provided). Grant funds may lapse if not expended prior to completion date.**

- 5. Please specify in detail your, or any other Subdivision(s) contribution to the project (financial, labor, equipment etc.). Provide specific dollar amounts.**

- 6. Is other funding available for this project (explain)? Please explain what efforts your agency has made to obtain funding.**

- 7. Does the project require additional statutory authority (explain)?**

14. Does the project involve the licensing, permitting or regulation of business? If yes, explain how the project or service will allow integration with the State of Nebraska's Business Portal, located at: <http://www.nebraska.gov/index.phtml?section=business>, and the One-Stop Online Business registration system located at: <https://www.nebraska.gov/osbr/index.cgi>
15. Community Support. Please include letters of support to document the public expression that has caused you to implement this application.

Part III. Technical Information

1. Describe the hardware, software, and communications needed for this project and explain why these choices were made.

2. Address any technical issues with the proposed technology including:
 - Conformity with general accepted industry standards. Projects which interface with other state systems (such as distance learning systems) must meet NITC technical standards and guidelines. (The NITC standards and guidelines are located at: <http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/standards/>).
 - Compatibility with existing institutional and/or statewide infrastructure.
 - Reliability, security and scalability (future needs for growth or adaptation).

3. Describe how the project will comply with the State's Technology Access Clause: meet all applicable Nebraska Information Technology Commission Standards and Guidelines. A copy of the Standards are available at: <http://www.nitc.state.ne.us/standards/index.html>. under 2. Accessibility Architecture.

4. Describe how technical support will be provided.

Part IV. STATE LAW COMPLIANCE

Nebraska law, sections 4-108 through 4-114 state that no political subdivision of the State shall provide public benefits, to include grants or contracts, to a person not lawfully present in the United States. If this application is awarded in whole or in part, and during the time the grant is

in effect, the undersigned, on behalf of the political subdivision grant applicant, by signing this grant application, affirmatively states and acknowledges that the political subdivision will comply with this law.

Part V. CONTACT INFORMATION & SIGNATURE

Contact person, and title, for any questions regarding this application:

Printed Name Title

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Physical Address:

I, the Authorized Representative of _____, certify to the Nebraska State Records Board that the applicant/agency has the necessary authority to undertake the proposed project, will comply with Affirmative Action requirements and provide a drug free workplace environment.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20__

Agency Director

Please return completed application to:

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Grant Request Number: _____	Date Request Received: _____
Grant Amt Requested: _____	Grant Request Score: _____
Technical Comm. Recommendation: _____	
Grant Disposition: _____	Date of Mtg Minutes: _____

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