

Request for Applications Issued by:

NEBRASKA PLANNING COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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**An application packet must be obtained by contacting the Council Office at
402-471-2330 or joni.dulaney@nebraska.gov**

The Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities announced on June 4, 2014 the availability of funds for the State Plan goal of Health. The project would begin October 1, 2014. Applications are due by July 25, 2014. Money is available to fund one project a maximum of \$40,000 for one year. Funding for this project comes from federal monies awarded the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, through the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act. Eligible applicants are profit and nonprofit entities, faith-based organizations, state agencies, institutions of higher education, or local subdivisions of government. Applicants will be expected to provide 30% match of the total project costs.

Developmental Disability Definition

The term "developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of a person that:

- Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- Is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two;
- Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: (a) self-care; (b) receptive and expressive language; (c) learning; (d) mobility; (e) self-direction; (f) capacity for independent living; and (g) economic self-sufficiency;
- Reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated;
- An individual from birth to age 9, inclusive, who has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition, may be considered to have a developmental disability

without meeting three or more functional limitations in major life activities, if the individual, without services and supports has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

Time Frame

October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

Amount of Funds

The Council has set aside \$40,000 to fund one project in the below-stated goal area for one year.

Reports and Delivery Dates

1. Grantee shall commence work on this project October 1, 2014.
2. Grantee and the Department of Health and Human Services Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities staff will communicate as needed but with a minimum of contact every three months.
3. Progress reports will be due to the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council staff two weeks following the end of each quarter (January 15, 2015; April 15, 2015; July 15, 2015; and October 15, 2015). A final report will be due 30 days after the end of the grant year.

Additional Requirements

1. Interested agencies must request an application packet by contacting the Council office at 402-471-2330. Applicant must follow the application instructions provided in the packet.
2. Submitted applications must include the signed Cover Sheet and the Department of Health and Human Services Subgrant Terms and Assurances. Please note that by submitting and signing the application, the applicant agrees that if a subgrant is awarded, it will operate the program as described in the Subgrant Application for funding in accordance with the Subgrant Terms and Assurances. The individual signing these documents must be authorized to legally bind the applicant.
3. This document, together with the approved proposal of the grantee, the Subgrant Terms and Assurances, the Program Specific Requirements, and the letter of award which includes the amount, award period, and any contingencies shall constitute the entire agreement between DHHS and the grantee.
4. Proposals are due no later than **5:00 PM, Friday, July 25, 2014** to:

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Goal: To improve the health of individuals with developmental disabilities by expanding access to healthcare and insuring public health services by influencing policies.

Focus: The focus of this project should be train the trainer activities directed to healthcare practitioners that increase both the practitioner's and the individual's comfort level in medical situations.

Intent:

- Conduct a train the trainer project to reach existing health care practitioners.
- The training must include a focus on skills such as the use of respectful language, talking directly to the individual, use of plain language to explain health issues and treatments, sensory issues, and techniques to encourage a comfort level for both the practitioner and the individual with a disability.
- Targeted groups could include one or more professions such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, emergency personnel, dentists, etc.
- Projects conducted by professional organizations/agencies in the healthcare field or jointly with them are preferred and could include the offering of CEU's for participants. The process to insure attendance by the targeted audience is an essential part of this project. It should be clearly described.
- Funds should not be used to develop curriculum but project should make use of current resources already developed. For example, Developmental Disability Councils in other states have developed various trainings and models of outreach to health professionals. Examples can be obtained by contacting the Council office.
- Project outcome must reflect the integrity of the original training curriculum and continue to impact targeted health care professionals.
- Project timeline should include not only training the trainers but also sufficient time to have them conduct trainings and be mentored by project staff if needed.