

Nebraska Developing Youth Talent Initiative

Frequently Asked Questions

Nebraska Developing Youth Talent Initiative (DYTI) program information can be found at:

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/business/dyti/>

Grant Level and Eligibility:

Is my business eligible to receive a grant?

Eligible applicants are for-profit Nebraska businesses or consortiums of businesses in any industry. Non-profit hospitals are also eligible. Non-profit businesses can be part of a business consortium. Consortiums must identify the lead business applicant who will serve as the primary contact for the application and grant recipient.

How much money can my business receive?

Grants will be awarded as Signature and Visionary Projects. Projects that are awarded \$50,000 or more will be considered a Signature Project; projects that are awarded less than \$50,000 will be considered a Visionary Project.

What are the requirements for the grant?

Projects must facilitate 7th and 8th grade student participation in hands-on STEM career exploration and exposure to STEM skills in order to increase interest and awareness of STEM occupations among area students. Priority may be given to projects with a focus on Manufacturing, IT, Healthcare and Engineering skills. Eligible businesses, or consortium of businesses, must partner with local public schools to create a sustainable project plan. Letters of support from all entities participating in the application and identification of all in-kind match is also requested within the application.

Applications

When should I apply?

Applications for the 2022-2024 grant cycle are due electronically by **12 p.m. on June 14th, 2022.**

How do I apply?

Submit electronic applications online via AmpliFund by **12 p.m. on June 14th, 2022.**

Application: <https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/2be460a2-41b7-4f7b-b755-80d92d436693>

How does the Department determine grant awardees?

Applications are reviewed and selected by a committee of leaders from DED and the Nebraska Department(s) of Education (NDE) and Labor (DOL). The committee will recommend projects to the DED Director for final approval. One of the ways the application is evaluated is based on the strength of the stated need and how well the application proposes to address that need. Applications are evaluated based on the information provided in the application plus information obtained by DED staff.

Process and Requirements

After I apply, what is next?

The Department will contact you if we have any questions, and notify you of either award or non-award status within 4-6 weeks of the application close date of June 14th, 2022.

What documentation is required?

A Certificate of Good Standing with Secretary of State's office (no more than 12 months old) is required at the time of application.

Once approval is verified through a letter of award, an original contract will be executed.

An ACH Enrollment Form will need to be submitted for reimbursement purposes once award is made.

What is the Contract Period?

Contract period is for two years with eligible costs incurred within the Contract Period, which begins July 1, 2022 and ends June 30, 2024.

How and when do I get reimbursed?

Once the contract and ACH Enrollment Form are completed with signatures, reimbursement may be requested in amounts no less than \$1000. All expenses and requests for payment must be made through AmpliFund. An invoice and signed receipts of payment with grant number must be submitted for verification of expenditures.

Contact and Support

For questions, please contact: Rose Baker | Grant Coordinator | rose.baker@nebraska.gov | 402-471-1559.

AmpliFund user guides and support can be found at <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/business/dyti/> and <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/amplifund/>.