

Civic & Community Center Financing Fund (CCCCFF) + Creative Districts

2024 Application Cycle Office Hours
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NOTE: *a copy of this slide deck will be published on the CCCFF webpage. Notice of its availability will be sent to subscribers of the CCCFF Mailing List.*

OVERVIEW: SOURCE OF FUNDING

- State aid administered by DED
 - Appropriation amount set in the bi-annual budget bill
 - Actual aid available for award cannot exceed available aid
- Funded with turn-back taxes transferred from political subdivisions participating in:
 - Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act
 - Omaha
 - Lincoln
 - Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
 - Ralston
 - Kearney (new)

OVERVIEW: PROGRAM PURPOSE

- Support the development of public spaces and civic, community, and recreation centers, as well as historic buildings or districts, throughout Nebraska.
- Support projects that **encourage and foster quality of life in our communities.**

CCCFF grants are awarded to municipalities and tribal organizations and are administered by DED.

RECENT PROGRAM UPDATES

- **Legislative Actions, 2020-2023**
 - LB1003 (2020) – clarified requirements for facilities involving historic properties
 - LB800 (2022) – Expanded eligibility to include tribal governments.
 - LB927 (2022) & LB727 (2023) – Special provisions for awards made in FY23-24 for municipalities applying in partnership with a certified creative district.
 - Nebraska Arts Council certifies Creative Districts
 - Aligns w/ 2024 CCCFF Application Cycle
- **Procedural Actions, 2023**
 - **New SHPO form.** In coordination with History Nebraska, revised process for meeting the requirements incorporated under LB1003.

DED is currently updating its Application & Program Guidelines to reflect these legislative and procedural changes.

RECENT PROGRAM UPDATES, CON'T.

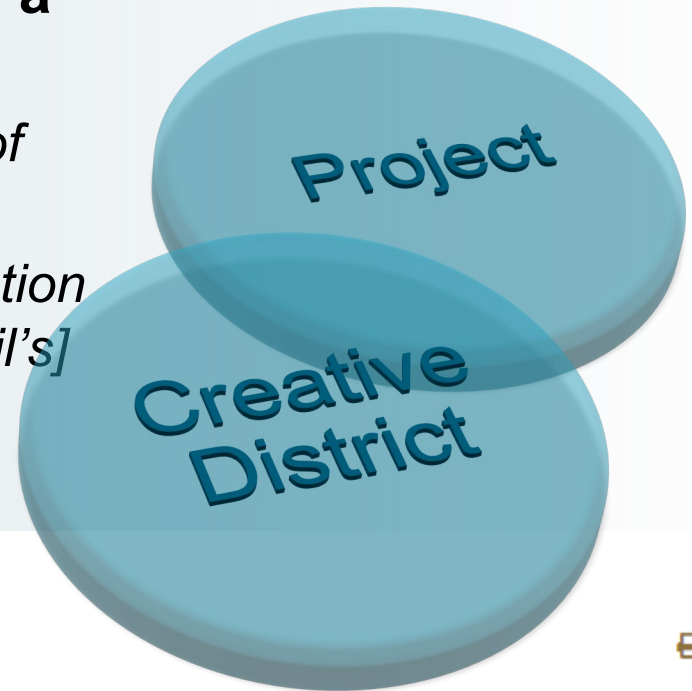
- **Special Policies for 2024 – Creative Districts**
 - Application & Program Guidelines Appendix

2024 CCCFF APPLICATION CYCLE OVERVIEW*					
Applicant Type	Eligibility Requirements		Grant Availability		
	Creative District	Standard Statutory Thresholds	Amount	Matching Requirement	Type
Municipality	NAC Certification Required	✓	Minimum \$100,000	1:1	Planning or Construction
Tribal Government	Not required	✓	Standard statutory rules apply		

**The information listed in this table summarizes requirements for the 2024 CCCFF cycle, for a complete list of the program's eligibility requirements and underlying statutes, refer to the appropriate section(s) of the CCCFF Application & Program Guidelines.*

RECENT PROGRAM UPDATES, CON'T.

- **Municipality = Applicant**
- **Applicant's Project shall align with a Creative District**
 - *Application must include notification of approval from NAC*
 - *"[...] the work proposed in the application conforms to the [Nebraska Art Council's] standards." (See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-2705(7))*
 - *NAC CCCFF Project Proposal Form*



Nebraska Revised Statute 13-2705

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Chapter 13

(7) An application for a grant of assistance to a municipality partnering with a certified creative district as provided in subsection (4) of section 13-2706 shall include a notification of approval from the Nebraska Arts Council that the work proposed in the application conforms to the council's standards. If the application does not include such notification of approval from the Nebraska Arts Council, the department shall not award a grant of assistance for such application.

RECENT PROGRAM UPDATES, CON'T.

- **Historic Properties, revised procedures**
 - **New SHPO form** ([direct link](#) | [Section 106 webpage](#))
 - *DED observes the standard followed by the SHPO: a property may be considered historic if it is:*
 - **50 years old or older** or
 - *either already listed or is potentially eligible for listing in the **National Register of Historic Places.***
 - Applicants submit completed form with their CCCFF Application



State Historic Preservation Office
PROJECT REVIEW FORM FOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS – STATE AID

NESHPO Use Only	
Date Received	HP Number

Submission of a completed Project Information Form with adequate information and attachments constitutes a request for review per applicable program guidelines. Grant assistance involving the “preservation, restoration, conversion, rehabilitation, or reuse of a historic building or district requires Applicants to submit a project review request to the State Historic Preservation Office. The State Historic Preservation Officer shall evaluate the work as proposed in the application to determine whether it conforms to the United States Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.” Such determinations are finalized with this form. Applicants must include this form and any attachments thereof to notify DED of the determination. “Subsequent to this determination, if the work does not conform to such standards, the project is not eligible for state aid (non-federal aid).”

Submit the completed form to HNHP@nebraska.gov

CCCFF GRANT AMOUNTS

- *Grants amounts can be no more than 50% of total project costs incurred within the CCCFF contract effective dates.*
- **Planning Grants:**
 - **2024 Cycle**
 - Municipality minimum=\$100,000
 - Tribal Governments follow Typical Year
 - Typical Year – *Planning*
 - Maximum: \$15,000
 - Minimum: \$3,000
- **Construction Grants:**
 - **2024 Cycle**
 - Municipality: minimum = \$100,000; Maximum follows Typical Year.
 - Tribal Governments follow Typical Year
 - Typical Year – *Construction*
 - Maximum depends on the balance of the Fund.

CCCFF GRANT AMOUNTS, SCHEDULE A

Grant Maximum Schedule A*	
Population of Municipality	Maximum Grant Amount
100,000 to 299,999 persons	\$2,250,000
40,000 to 99,999	\$1,125,000
20,000 to 39,999	\$750,000
10,000 to 19,999	\$600,000
less than 10,000	\$375,000
All Tribal Governments	\$2,250,000

- Grants amounts can be no more than 50% of total project costs incurred within the CCCFF contract effective dates.
- Schedule A
 - used as recently as 2022
 - Triggered when balance of fund falls **BELOW** amount set in statute

CCCFF GRANT AMOUNTS, SCHEDULE B

Grant Maximum Schedule B*	
Population of Municipality	Maximum Grant Amount
100,000 to 299,999 persons	\$3,375,000
40,000 to 99,999	\$1,687,000
20,000 to 39,999	\$1,125,000
10,000 to 19,999	\$900,000
less than 10,000	\$562,000
All Tribal Governments	\$3,375,000

- Grants amounts can be no more than 50% of total project costs incurred within the CCCFF contract effective dates.
- Schedule **B**
 - used as recently as 2023
 - Triggered when balance of fund falls **ABOVE** amount set in statute

CCCFF ELIGIBLE FACILITIES

State aid for construction or planning in the development of:

- Public Space
 - Outdoor Plaza/Gathering Space,
 - Town Square, etc.
- Civic Centers
 - Libraries,
 - Community centers,
 - Meeting and convention spaces,
 - Cultural event spaces,
 - Museums, etc.
- Recreation Centers*
 - Wellness centers,
 - Gymnasiums/indoor recreation centers,
 - Parks, etc.
- Conversion and/or rehabilitation of Historic Buildings

**Per statute, “[a r]ecreation center does not include any facility that requires a person to purchase a membership to utilize such facility.”*

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CCCFF ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Only Municipalities and Tribal Governments may apply.
- Other key eligibility thresholds:
 - **Ownership** must conform to one of two options:
 - Applicant must own the facility; or
 - Municipality may jointly own an eligible facility with a political subdivision if the applicant's ownership interest is at least 50%.
 - Political subdivision means a county, school district, community college area, or natural resources district.
 - **Location:** facility must be located either within the boundaries of the municipality applying for the grant or in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
 - Not applicable to tribal governments.

CCCFF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- Construction
 - New construction; or
 - Renovation and/or expansion of existing facilities, including the conversion, rehabilitation, or reuse of historic buildings.
- Planning
 - Preliminary planning related to the development or rehabilitation of eligible projects.

CCCFF INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES

- Costs incurred **outside** of the contract effective dates.
 - *Inclusive of local matching funds*
- The fund may not be used for
 - programming,
 - marketing,
 - advertising, or
 - facility-staffing activities.

WHY PLANNING?

Planning Grants are not required to receive a Construction Grant.

“This award made it possible for the City of Wisner to secure funding in the amount of \$375,000 for the actual remodel project. It also helped us focus on identifying repairs and upgrades that needed to be done to the auditorium in order to extend the life and efficiency of the structure.

--Al Vacanti, City Administrator, Wisner

Wisner Auditorium

2016 Planning Grant: \$10,000

2018 Construction Grant: \$375,000

Project also leveraged CDAA tax credits.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

- All projects should be completed within **two years** of award.
- A recipient may only receive one grant of each type (planning or construction) in **any two-year period**.
 - Planning grant
 - Construction grant
- Applicants not receiving CCCFF aid **within the last ten years** receive priority.
- CCCFF recipient may **not** sell or transfer ownership interest in any facility receiving a CCCFF grant for **at least five years**.

CCCFF REVIEW CRITERIA

- Competitive program
- Projects are scored based on **applicant's potential to create attractions and amenities** that could benefit a community's financial and civic vitality.
- High-scoring applications demonstrate:
 - Innovation,
 - Creativity,
 - Sustainability,
 - Partnering, and
 - Progressive Local Leadership.

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CCCFF REVIEW CRITERIA – PLANNING

Threshold criteria:

- Location
- Ownership
- 1:1 match

Review criteria:

- Financial Support

CCCFF REVIEW CRITERIA – CONSTRUCTION

Threshold criteria:

- Location
- Ownership
- 1:1 match

Review criteria:

- Project impact:
 - Retention Impact
 - New Resident Impact
 - Visitor Impact
- Project Readiness and Local Public Support
- Project Planning

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ANNUAL CCCFF GRANT SCHEDULE

- **Letter of Intent to Apply (Pre-App):** January 15
- **Full Applications:** February 15
- **Awards:** March 30
- **Contract Term:** 2 years

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/cccff/>

2024 APPLICATION CYCLE, NEXT STEPS

- **Office Hours, presentation and Q&A**
 - August 16
 - November 8
- **Program Resources**
 - *Application & Guidelines*, updated August 2023
 - *Special Policies Appendix for Creative Districts*, coming soon
- **Key Submission Dates for NAC Creative Districts**
 - September 1, Letter of Interest
 - October 15, Eligibility Assessment (“the workbook”)
 - **November 1, CCCFF Project Proposal Form**
 - December 1, Strategic Plan
- **CCCFF Application Portal Dates**
 - January 1 – January 15, Pre-App/LOI
 - January 15 – February 15, Full Application

**All Dates subject to change. Sign up for the CCCFF Mailing List by completing the [webform](#).*

CCCFF PROGRAM RESOURCES & CONTACT INFORMATION

Program Webpage

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/cccff/>

- **Application & Program Guidelines**
 - *includes post-award instructions*
- **2024 Special Policies Appendix**
 - *Coming soon*
- **Links to Application Portal**
 - *Pre-App/LOI*
 - *Full App*
- **Link to AmpliFund Support Resources (Grants Help Center)**
- **Example LOI**
 - *Update coming soon*
- **Program Announcements**
- **Other Resources**

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CREATIVE DISTRICT PROGRAM RESOURCES & CONTACT INFORMATION

Program Webpage

<https://www.artscouncil.nebraska.gov/explore/creative-districts/>

- *Program Guidelines*
- *[List of Certified CDs](#)*
- Eligibility
- Funding Opportunities
- Resources
- Video Resources

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Certified Creative Districts

Creative Districts are designated cultural and economic areas where innovation flourishes and neighborhoods



QUESTIONS?

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