

Nebraska Thrive and Retain Initiative Submission Overview

All applications must be submitted through the designated Nebraska Thrive & Retain Initiative webpage, hosted on the Nebraska Department of Economic Development website. Application submissions must include required documentation and supporting materials.

The proposal application cycle is open from Monday, November 4, 2024, to Friday, December 20, 2024.

Proposal Application Sections

1. Project Description

- Provide a summary of your proposed program. Include its purpose, target beneficiaries, how it aims to address talent retention within your organization/community, and the expected outcomes. Innovation and creativity in the proposal can receive additional scoring points. (approximately 300-600 words)

2. Timeline

- Provide a timeline of the project, including key milestones and completion dates.

3. Community Need

- Identify the specific needs in your community related to talent retention and how this project helps to address them.

4. Partnerships, Collaboration, & Community Support

- Identify any partners involved in the project (e.g., local governments, nonprofits, businesses, educational institutions, economic development organizations) and describe their roles and contributions.
- Evidence of public support for this project, such as letters of endorsement, petitions, or surveys may also be submitted.

5. Funding Leverage & Matching Contributions

- Provide details of cash and/or in-kind matching contributions secured or committed for this proposal. Include the type, amount, and source of each contribution with an explanation of how these contributions will enhance the initiative.

6. Budget Overview

- Provide a detailed budget, including projected expenses and the total amount of funding requested. Note any matching funds or in-kind contributions, and ways funds will be utilized to maximize impact, as relevant to budget details.

7. Future Outlook

- Provide how you envision the long-term sustainability of this initiative, and what future programming or support might be necessary to ensure its ongoing success. Applicants who provide strong long-term sustainability can receive additional scoring points.

8. Goals & Objectives

- Identify specific goals and measurable objectives you hope to achieve with this project. Explain how you plan on tracking the success of your goals/objectives. Identify the expected number of people impacted.

9. Risks & Challenges

- Note potential challenges anticipated and your strategies for mitigating them to ensure successful project completion.