

Agency 048 - POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION COORDINATING COMM.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Commission's purposes, powers, and duties were established and are defined by Article VII, Section 14, of the Constitution of Nebraska and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act, §§85-1401 et seq. Nebraska Revised Statutes. The main purpose of the Commission, as described in §§85-1403 & 85-1404, is the coordination of public postsecondary education institutions in Nebraska to reduce unnecessary duplication of programs and facilities. The Commission has a complete set of rules and regulations on file with the Secretary of State.

VISION:

The Commission promotes cooperation and collaboration among Nebraska's postsecondary institutions. The Commission is a partner with the higher education community, the executive branch, and the legislative branch in identifying and meeting educational needs of the state. The Commission will foster changes and improvements in higher education on a continual basis while avoiding unnecessary duplication. It will strive to increase higher education's capacity to change, ensure affordability, and foster accountability, productivity, and efficiency leading to long-term viability.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education is a constitutional agency that coordinates the state's public postsecondary institutions. The purposes of the Coordinating Commission are:

1. to develop an ongoing comprehensive statewide plan for the operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of postsecondary education;
2. to identify and enact policies to meet the educational, research, and public service needs of the state;
3. to affect the best use of available resources through the elimination of unnecessary duplication of programs and facilities among Nebraska's public institutions.

GOALS:

The primary constitutional and statutory goals and responsibilities of the Commission include:

- Review and update a comprehensive statewide plan for a coordinated approach to a system of postsecondary education in Nebraska.
- Review and approve new and existing instructional programs and new private or out-of-state institutions.
- Review and modify budget requests of public institutions and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,270,230	1,303,819	1,342,010	1,303,819	1,380,883	1,303,819
Cash Fund	11,927	10,037	10,037	10,037	10,037	10,037
Federal Fund	262,024	27,005	27,005	27,005	27,005	27,005
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	1,544,182	1,340,861	1,379,052	1,340,861	1,417,925	1,340,861
Aid Funding						
General Fund	6,832,128	6,832,315	7,359,209	6,832,315	7,979,209	6,832,315
Cash Fund	5,228,696	6,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,750,000	7,750,000
Federal Fund	840,592	971,731	971,731	971,731	971,731	971,731
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	12,901,416	13,804,046	15,330,940	14,804,046	16,700,940	15,554,046
Total Funding						
General Fund	8,102,358	8,136,134	8,701,219	8,136,134	9,360,092	8,136,134
Cash Fund	5,240,623	6,010,037	7,010,037	7,010,037	7,760,037	7,760,037
Federal Fund	1,102,616	998,736	998,736	998,736	998,736	998,736
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	14,445,598	15,144,907	16,709,992	16,144,907	18,118,865	16,894,907

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Program 297 - MATH/SCIENCE GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the Improving Teaching Quality Program is to improve the teaching and learning of all K-12 students by helping to ensure that teachers, administrators, and other staff have access to sustained and intensive high quality professional development. The program provides grants to Nebraska partnerships comprised of teacher education and arts and sciences divisions at institutions of higher education and high-need local educational agencies for projects to improve the skills of in-service teachers, principals, and highly qualified para-professionals in any core academic subject area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Goal – Improve the teaching and learning of all students

Agency goal: Higher education will work effectively with elementary and secondary schools to improve teaching and learning at all levels of education and to facilitate the transition from one level of education to another. (Comprehensive Plan, p. 7)

Action Plan: Distribute Request for Proposal each spring, seeking projects that will improve K-12 education.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Eleven performance measures have been designated to evaluate the Improving Teacher Quality program. These include the number of in-service projects funded, the number of teachers participating, and the number of local educational agencies involved in the process. The number of high-need local educational agencies served has declined and is expected to continue to do so as fewer districts meet the federal definition of high-need.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	262,024	20,982	20,982	20,982	20,982	20,982
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	262,024	20,982	20,982	20,982	20,982	20,982
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	337,877	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	337,877	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000	380,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	599,901	400,982	400,982	400,982	400,982	400,982
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	599,901	400,982	400,982	400,982	400,982	400,982

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Program 640 - POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 640 is the administrative program for the Commission. All operations associated with administration of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act are accounted for in this budget program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Program 640 (Administration) contains the majority of the Commission's responsibilities. In performance of its responsibilities, the Commission will

1. fulfill its constitutional and statutory responsibilities to the state of Nebraska,
2. foster cooperation and collaboration with the postsecondary education institutions and K/12 education throughout the state,
3. promote efficiency and accountability among the institutions to affect best use of available resources through elimination of unnecessary duplication,
4. identify and develop policies to meet the postsecondary educational, research, and public service needs of the state, and
5. serve as an advocate for postsecondary education in Nebraska

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The Commission has established some measures of its performance, which include gathering data from sources outside the Commission in its efforts to provide reports on others' performance.

-Review each institution's progress in compliance with the *Comprehensive Statewide Plan* including specific indicators identified by the institutions as their unique goals for meeting their roles and missions.

-Examine and report on enrollment and graduation percentages of students by ethnicity, as compared with Nebraska population demographics.

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Program 640 - POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,270,230	1,303,819	1,342,010	1,303,819	1,380,883	1,303,819
Cash Fund	11,927	10,037	10,037	10,037	10,037	10,037
Federal Fund	0	6,023	6,023	6,023	6,023	6,023
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	1,282,157	1,319,879	1,358,070	1,319,879	1,396,943	1,319,879
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	1,270,230	1,303,819	1,342,010	1,303,819	1,380,883	1,303,819
Cash Fund	11,927	10,037	10,037	10,037	10,037	10,037
Federal Fund	0	6,023	6,023	6,023	6,023	6,023
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	1,282,157	1,319,879	1,358,070	1,319,879	1,396,943	1,319,879

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Program 690 - NE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Under Program 690, grants are provided to the state's most financially-needy students at all eligible public, private, and private career postsecondary institutions. The Commission requests an increase for each year of the 2009-2011 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. As of the 2006-07 academic year, when comparing need-based undergraduate grant dollars to undergraduate full-time equivalency enrollment, Nebraska ranked 35th in the country. Information is available on the Administrative Services - Budget Division website that shows where Nebraska ranks compared to states that are members of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact and other surrounding states.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Commission requests an increase for each year of the 2009-2011 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. As of the 2006-07 academic year, when comparing need-based undergraduate grant dollars to undergraduate full-time equivalency enrollment, Nebraska ranked 37th in the country.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

- Increase the college going rate of low-income students
- Increase the number of students assisted
- Increase the average grant awarded

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aid Funding						
General Fund	6,717,065	6,717,065	7,183,959	6,717,065	7,683,959	6,717,065
Cash Fund	5,228,696	6,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,750,000	7,750,000
Federal Fund	502,715	591,731	591,731	591,731	591,731	591,731
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	12,448,476	13,308,796	14,775,690	14,308,796	16,025,690	15,058,796
Total Funding						
General Fund	6,717,065	6,717,065	7,183,959	6,717,065	7,683,959	6,717,065
Cash Fund	5,228,696	6,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,750,000	7,750,000
Federal Fund	502,715	591,731	591,731	591,731	591,731	591,731
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	12,448,476	13,308,796	14,775,690	14,308,796	16,025,690	15,058,796

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Program 691 - ACCESS COLLEGE EARLY SCHOLARSHIP PRG

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 691 is the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act (ACE). Under this program, qualified low-income high school students who enroll in college courses from eligible Nebraska colleges and universities, either through dual-enrollment or early enrollment agreements, will receive a scholarship equal to the tuition and mandatory fees owed the college or university. This program encourages students to enroll in college courses while still in high school.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Commission requests additional funding of this program to encourage low-income high school students to enroll in college courses, which has the prospect of increasing the college-going rate in Nebraska. It is estimated that the requested increase in 2009-2010 could assist an additional 160 to 185 low-income students, and the requested increase for 2010-2011 could assist another 300 students.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

- Monitor the need to assure all eligible student are receiving assistance
- Monitor recipients to determine the college-going rate of ACE scholarship students

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aid Funding						
General Fund	115,063	115,250	175,250	115,250	295,250	115,250
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	115,063	115,250	175,250	115,250	295,250	115,250
Total Funding						
General Fund	115,063	115,250	175,250	115,250	295,250	115,250
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	115,063	115,250	175,250	115,250	295,250	115,250