

# **Agency 048 - COORDINATING COMM FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

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## **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 Statute. 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

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	1,272,680	1,213,855	1,213,855	1,166,756	1,213,855	1,185,157
Cash Fund	16,480	9,535	9,535	9,535	9,535	9,535
Federal Fund	28,870	27,005	149,773	150,942	149,773	152,525
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations Funding</b>	<b>1,318,030</b>	<b>1,250,395</b>	<b>1,373,163</b>	<b>1,327,233</b>	<b>1,373,163</b>	<b>1,347,217</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	6,928,106	6,863,406	7,500,000	6,918,156	7,550,000	6,918,156
Cash Fund	6,923,927	7,750,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
Federal Fund	1,184,133	971,731	2,348,963	2,348,963	2,348,963	2,348,963
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>15,036,166</b>	<b>15,585,137</b>	<b>18,848,963</b>	<b>18,267,119</b>	<b>18,898,963</b>	<b>18,267,119</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	8,200,786	8,077,261	8,713,855	8,084,912	8,763,855	8,103,313
Cash Fund	6,940,407	7,759,535	9,009,535	9,009,535	9,009,535	9,009,535
Federal Fund	1,213,003	998,736	2,498,736	2,499,905	2,498,736	2,501,488
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>16,354,197</b>	<b>16,835,532</b>	<b>20,222,126</b>	<b>19,594,352</b>	<b>20,272,126</b>	<b>19,614,336</b>

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## Program 297 - MATH/SCIENCE GRANT PROGRAM

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### **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**

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	20,873	20,982	20,982	21,216	20,982	21,533
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations Funding</b>	<b>20,873</b>	<b>20,982</b>	<b>20,982</b>	<b>21,216</b>	<b>20,982</b>	<b>21,533</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	418,592	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
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>418,592</b>	<b>380,000</b>	<b>380,000</b>	<b>380,000</b>	<b>380,000</b>	<b>380,000</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	439,464	400,982	400,982	401,216	400,982	401,533
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>439,464</b>	<b>400,982</b>	<b>400,982</b>	<b>401,216</b>	<b>400,982</b>	<b>401,533</b>

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## Program 640 - POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

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.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The Commission's Operating Goals are:

Revise and update an ongoing comprehensive statewide plan for the operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of postsecondary education in Nebraska.

-Review and approve or disapprove new and existing instructional programs of public institutions.

-Maintain an inventory of all degree programs offered by public institutions.

### **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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**Financial Data**

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	1,272,680	1,213,855	1,213,855	1,166,756	1,213,855	1,185,157
Cash Fund	16,480	9,535	9,535	9,535	9,535	9,535
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
<b>Total Operations Funding</b>	<b>1,289,160</b>	<b>1,229,413</b>	<b>1,229,413</b>	<b>1,182,314</b>	<b>1,229,413</b>	<b>1,200,715</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
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
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	1,272,680	1,213,855	1,213,855	1,166,756	1,213,855	1,185,157
Cash Fund	16,480	9,535	9,535	9,535	9,535	9,535
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
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>1,289,160</b>	<b>1,229,413</b>	<b>1,229,413</b>	<b>1,182,314</b>	<b>1,229,413</b>	<b>1,200,715</b>

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## Program 650 - COLLEGE ACCESS CHALLENGE GRANT

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of this program is to significantly increase the number of underrepresented students who enter and remain in postsecondary education. The CACG is provided to states through a formula, and states can award subgrants to eligible entities. The grants are designed to foster partnerships among federal, state, and local governments, as well as philanthropic organizations to meet the needs of underrepresented students and families. All public and non-profit, private institutions of higher education, K-12 public and private schools or districts, and non-profit organizations or partnerships of organizations based in Nebraska are eligible to apply for subgrants.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

Federal statutes require that CACG funds be used for specific activities or services. These include:

1. Provide information on financing options, including activities that promote financial literacy and debt management among students and families.
2. Provide information to students and families on postsecondary education benefits, opportunities, planning and career preparation.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

State and federal annual performance reports are required that include (1) a description of the activities and services implemented, including measurable outcomes, (2) the associated cost of each activity or service, (3) the number and percentage of students that participated, and (4) the total verifiable non-federal matching contribution. This information will be used to determine if projects are achieving the stated goals and objectives and if statutory and regulatory requirements are being satisfied. Subgrantees can be determined to be temporarily ineligible to participate in the CACG Program if an annual performance report is not provided, or if substantial progress is not being made in meeting the goals of the grant.

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**Financial Data**

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	122,768	123,703	122,768	124,969
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,768</b>	<b>123,703</b>	<b>122,768</b>	<b>124,969</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	1,377,232	1,377,232	1,377,232	1,377,232
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,377,232</b>	<b>1,377,232</b>	<b>1,377,232</b>	<b>1,377,232</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	1,500,000	1,500,935	1,500,000	1,502,201
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>1,500,935</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>1,502,201</b>

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## Program 690 - NEBRASKA OPPORTUNITY GRANT

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### **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 2011-2013 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. As of the 2008-09 academic year, when comparing need-based undergraduate grant dollars per undergraduate enrollment, Nebraska ranked 38<sup>th</sup> in the country. In 2008-09, the Nebraska Opportunity Grant provided support to 14,106 students, with an average award of \$894.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The Commission requests an increase for each year of the 2011-2013 biennium to move Nebraska closer to the midpoint of the states offering need-based financial aid. As of the 2008-09 academic year, when comparing need-based undergraduate grant dollars per undergraduate full-time equivalency enrollment, Nebraska ranked 38<sup>th</sup> 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**

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
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
<b>Total Operations Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	6,692,259	6,418,156	7,000,000	6,418,156	7,000,000	6,418,156
Cash Fund	6,923,927	7,750,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
Federal Fund	512,379	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
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>14,128,565</b>	<b>14,759,887</b>	<b>16,591,731</b>	<b>16,009,887</b>	<b>16,591,731</b>	<b>16,009,887</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	6,692,259	6,418,156	7,000,000	6,418,156	7,000,000	6,418,156
Cash Fund	6,923,927	7,750,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000
Federal Fund	512,379	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
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>14,128,565</b>	<b>14,759,887</b>	<b>16,591,731</b>	<b>16,009,887</b>	<b>16,591,731</b>	<b>16,009,887</b>

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## **Program 691 - ACCESS COLLEGE EARLY SCH PRG**

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### **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 high school students to enroll in college courses while still in high school and receive college credit.

### **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 2011-2012 could assist an additional 160 to 185 low-income students, and the requested increase for 2012-2013 could assist another 300 students.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

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

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**Financial Data**

	FY10 Actual	FY11 Approp	FY12 Request	FY12 Recomm	FY13 Request	FY13 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	7,998	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations Funding</b>	<b>7,998</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	235,847	445,250	500,000	500,000	550,000	500,000
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	253,162	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>489,009</b>	<b>445,250</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	235,847	445,250	500,000	500,000	550,000	500,000
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	261,160	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>497,007</b>	<b>445,250</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>