

Agency 47 - Educational Telecommunications Comm.

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission is charged by the Statutes with developing and establishing non commercial educational television, radio and telecommunications facilities within the State of Nebraska and providing non commercial educational television, radio and educational telecommunications programs throughout the State of Nebraska. The Commission's duties and responsibilities are outlined in Chapter 79, sections 1313-1325 of the 1997 Revised Statutes of Nebraska. The Commission was directed to assist with administrative and operational support for the newly created Nebraska Information Technology Commission with the passage of LB924.

Vision Statement:

The vision/mission of Nebraska Educational Telecommunications is to educate, challenge and inspire Nebraska, the Nation, and the World through excellence in non-commercial telecommunications.

Mission Statement:

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications has adopted the following governing values:

- We know we must be aware of and pursue excellence in the application of techniques, procedures, and technologies.
- We know that we must foster an environment that attracts and nurtures a diverse, motivated, and creative staff.
- We know we provide programs, products, and services to educate, motivate and inspire the public and improve the quality of their lives.
- We know that inside and outside of the organization, our highest value is service to others.
- We know that we must make prudent use and management of State resources.
- We know we must present issues and topics in ways that challenge.

Goals:

The Management Council of Nebraska Educational Telecommunications has recently participated in an intensive strategic planning process, and as part of that process, has identified nine key strategies to support the organizational mission, as follows:

1. Sustain an organization that increases revenue, productivity, and product quality.
2. Increase awareness of NET locally and nationally through effective marketing and public relations.
3. Develop a program for professional and career development including formal mentoring, training, and education. Commit a regular percentage of time and resources.
4. Improve communications and internal customer service among management and staff.
5. Pursue excellence in the application of telecommunications techniques, procedures and technologies.
6. Identify and measure the needs of our constituent communities and customers in order to determine and prioritize the products and services we provide.
7. Define an organizational structure that has clear lines of authority and responsibility.
8. Address short-term and long-term physical plant (building and parking needs).

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	6,510,245	7,238,172	9,486,216	7,614,057	9,366,778	7,818,061
Cash Fund	330,781	524,861	399,076	424,076	324,076	349,283
Federal Fund	40,000	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	6,881,026	7,763,033	9,885,292	8,038,133	9,690,854	8,167,344

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Program 533 - Educational Telecommunications

Program Objectives:

1. To provide noncommercial educational and public service programming to meet the ascertained needs and interest of citizens of all ages throughout the state.
2. To administer and operate Commission licensed network stations and the statewide interconnection system.
3. To provide instructional television for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational institutions.
4. To have principal responsibility for the Nebraska satellite telecommunications delivery system operations and technical delivery on behalf of all segments of Nebraska education.
5. To provide administrative and operational support for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	6,128,183	6,782,828	8,938,801	7,166,075	8,817,721	7,354,427
Cash Fund	330,781	524,861	369,076	394,076	294,076	319,283
Federal Fund	40,000	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	6,498,964	7,307,689	9,307,877	7,560,151	9,111,797	7,673,710

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation includes funding to help address additional workload from the increased usage of the network for instructional purposes and from the impending digitization of the signal required by the federal government. Also included is some additional equipment funding for UNO-TV. Some additional cash funds and cash fund balances are used to offset the General Fund in the continuation recommendation.

Agency 47 - Educational Telecommunications Comm. Program 566 - Public Radio

Program Objectives:

1. To develop and operate Commission licensed radio stations and a statewide system.
2. To provide noncommercial educational and public service programming of interest to Nebraskans of all ages.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	382,062	455,344	547,415	447,982	549,057	463,634
Cash Fund	0	0	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
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 Agency	382,062	455,344	577,415	477,982	579,057	493,634

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation includes additional equipment funding. Additional cash funds are used to offset the General Fund in the continuation budget.