

Agency 081 - COMM FOR BLIND & VISUALLY IMPAIRED

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Reference Nebraska Revised Statutes Sections 71-8601 to 71-8616 and 20-63-105 to 63-106. The Nebraska Commission for the Blind (NCBVI) was created in 2000 by the Nebraska Unicameral by LB 352. The agency operates under one primary grant and two grants of lesser funding.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers are as follows:

- CFDA 84.126A Basic Support (Vocational Rehabilitation - primary grant)
- CFDA 84.177B Older Individuals Who Are Blind
- CFDA 84.187A Supported Employment

VISION:

The vision of NCBVI is that blind individuals will become fully contributing participants in economic and community life. The general public will understand that blind Nebraskans provide a tremendous human resource to society as a whole. With skills, confidence, and resources, blind and visually impaired persons can participate fully in all facets of life according to their unique strengths, resources, capabilities, and interests. NCBVI will provide direct services that enable blind persons to achieve education, training, and counseling in order to engage in the workforce and live independently. These achievements will result in decreasing the number of blind and visually impaired persons who are dependent on public support.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

Mission: Empowering blind individuals, promoting opportunities, and building belief in the blind.

With Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) training, counseling and resources, blind persons can work and live independently. NCBVI provides direct training, counseling, accessible technology and other resources. VR professionals in six offices provide services statewide, enabling visually impaired Nebraskans to avoid dependency on public support that can occur due to vision loss. No other agencies or organizations in Nebraska provide these critical direct services. Public attitudes can keep blind people from achieving their goals. We expect equal participation from the blind in all aspects of life. We work to create opportunities for employment, education and independence.

GOALS:

Vocational Rehabilitation

Increase the percentage of clients achieving competitive employment outcomes. Increase the rehabilitation rate for transition aged clients achieving competitive employment outcomes. Improve the quality assurance system.

Independent Living

Increase successful outcomes with special emphasis on blind individuals who are older, deaf-blind, multiply disabled, or represent racial/ethnic minority groups.

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Financial Data

	FY18 Actual	FY19 Approp	FY20 Request	FY20 Recomm	FY21 Request	FY21 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	990,213	1,000,058	1,563,942	1,013,846	1,632,480	1,025,276
Cash Fund	84,660	138,746	138,746	138,925	138,746	139,109
Federal Fund	3,381,032	3,582,003	3,582,003	3,651,207	3,582,003	3,705,844
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	4,455,905	4,720,807	5,284,691	4,803,978	5,353,229	4,870,229
Aid Funding						
General Fund	270,776	216,890	286,890	216,890	311,790	216,890
Cash Fund	2,567	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Federal Fund	782,091	916,189	916,189	916,189	916,189	916,189
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	1,055,434	1,143,079	1,213,079	1,143,079	1,237,979	1,143,079
Total Funding						
General Fund	1,260,988	1,216,948	1,850,832	1,230,736	1,944,270	1,242,166
Cash Fund	87,227	148,746	148,746	148,925	148,746	149,109
Federal Fund	4,163,123	4,498,192	4,498,192	4,567,396	4,498,192	4,622,033
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	5,511,338	5,863,886	6,497,770	5,947,057	6,591,208	6,013,308