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**Secondary Transition Innovative Projects Grant (Competitive)**  
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The Nebraska Department of Education Office of Special Education is pleased to announce the availability of funds for **INNOVATIVE** grant projects. These grant funds are competitive and intended to support the development of new innovative transition activities to improve Post School Outcomes for students with disabilities. Funds for these projects are provided by the Nebraska Dept. of Education, Office of Special Education. Application submission, GMS Portal Secondary Transition Innovative Projects Grant

#### **Qualification and Guidelines:**

Grant projects are funded for one year. Projects should be focused on developing or enhancing transition services to improve post school outcomes for students with disabilities through an **innovative project** with the potential to be implemented statewide. Project activities must be aligned with the Predictors of Post School Success – referenced at National Technical Assistance Center on Transition <http://transitionta.org/> “Effective Practices”- to improve Post School Outcomes for students, NDE AQuESST Tenets( <https://aquestt.com/>) - Transition, and/or College and Career Ready, ILCD Impact Area III-Transition and support collaboration with community agencies i.e. VR etc. Grant review and scoring will be based on these criteria.

Applicants may want to consider the following general areas while preparing the grant application:

- ✦ Develop self-determination and engage in self-directed individualized planning
- ✦ Development of student leadership and advocacy skills
- ✦ Involvement of families and other caring adults with high expectations to support student Post School Outcomes
- ✦ Connection to programs, services, activities, information and supports (health, meaningful careers, informed choices, etc.,)
- ✦ Student-Focused Planning (IEP Development, Student Participation, Planning Strategies)
- ✦ Student Development (Career & Vocational Curricula, Transition Assessments, Support Services)
- ✦ Interagency Collaboration (Collaborative Framework, Collaborative Service Delivery)
- ✦ Integrated work-based experiences
- ✦ Program Structure (Program Philosophy, Strategic Planning, Program Evaluation)

- ✦ Family Involvement (Family Training, Family Empowerment)
- ✦ Workplace Readiness skills
- ✦ Career exploration
- ✦ Transition Planning

**Grant funds may not be used for the following:**

- ✦ To purchase equipment including computers
- ✦ Out of state travel
- ✦ Ongoing operating expenses
- ✦ Construction or renovation costs
- ✦ Direct services for transition students
- ✦ Staff FTE supported by the grant

**Timeline:**

Projects will begin August 1, 2017, and must be completed by July 31, 2018.

**Application Requirements:**

Applications must be submitted through the Grants Management System (GMS) on the NDE Portal <http://portal.education.ne.gov/Site/DesktopDefault.aspx>. GMS Portal Application open date will be **June 1, 2017**

Applications are due **Friday, July 1, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.** Awarded applicants will be notified no later than, July 20, 2017.

Successful applicant representative must attend two Transition Advisory Committee meetings to report progress and outcomes of their innovative project. The committee meets two times a year in Lincoln, travel expenses will be reimbursed by NDE. An end of the project year narrative report describing the outcomes of their grant-funded projects/activities is required which will be posted on the NDE Transition website. Grantees submit accounting statements and required paperwork in a timely manner prior to the end of the budget year via the GMS Portal.