

Opportunity Details

Opportunity Information

Title

FY 2024-2025 Academic R&D Phase II

Description

This program offers Nebraska businesses a matching competitive grant for research and development activities done in conjunction with a Nebraska college or university. This application must have been preceded by a successful Phase I project.

Cash Match: 50% of project costs. 20% for Value-added agriculture projects.

Awarding Agency Name

Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Agency Contact Name

Brad Kulwicki

Agency Contact Phone

402-480-9380

Agency Contact Email

bradley.kulwicki@nebraska.gov

Manager

Brad Kulwicki

Additional Users

Public Link

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/877eb7b1-0a83-49b3-8f37-78a925602db9>

Is Published

Yes

Funding Information

Opportunity Funding

\$1,000,000.00

Funding Sources

State

Award Information

Award Range

\$400,000.00 Ceiling

Award Type

Competitive

Capital Grant

No

Matching Requirement

Yes

Other Funding Requirement

Submission Information

Submission Window

06/17/2024 12:00 AM - 06/30/2025 11:55 PM

Submission Timeline Type

One Time

Submission Timeline Additional Information

Applications are accepted on a fiscal year basis from July 1st through June 30th or until funds are exhausted.

Applications are reviewed every other week by DED staff. Under normal timelines, responses can be expected within 2-5 weeks.

Other Submission Requirements

Program Guidelines:

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/program/nebraska-academic-research-and-development-grant/>

Question Submission Information

Question Submission Additional Information

Questions may be directed to:

Additional information: <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/bia>

Eligibility Information

Additional Eligibility Information

Applicants for the Academic R&D program must be a private business operating in Nebraska that is either a) commissioning an applied R&D project to be conducted by a Nebraska institution of higher education or b) licensing a technology from a Nebraska institution of higher education and working on applied R&D to commercialize said technology.

Additional Information

Additional Information URL

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/amplifund/>

Additional Information URL Description

Resources:

General and Program specific Amplifund user guides and videos can be found at

<https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/amplifund/>.

Statewide Relay System:

Individuals, who are hearing and/or speech impaired and have a TTY, may contact the Department through the Statewide Relay System by calling (800) 833-7352 (TTY) or (800) 833-0920 (voice).

The relay operator should be asked to call DED at (800) 426-6505 or (402) 471-3111.

Project Information

Application Information

Application Name

Award Requested

Cash Match Requirement

\$0.00

Cash Match Contributions

\$0.00

Total Award Budget

\$0.00

Primary Contact Information

Name

Email Address

Address

Phone Number

Project Description

Academic R&D Phase II Grant Application

Please complete the following questions. You may save and continue at a later date, but answers will not be saved unless the "Save" button is used. When the form is complete, please click the "Mark as Complete" button.

Applicant Company Information

**The Applicant Primary Contact Information is on the previous page, Project Information section.*

Business Legal Name

Doing Business As Name (DBA)

Enter the Applicant Business's phone number below.

Applicant - Phone Number (0000000000)

Applicant - Extension

Management Contact

Management - First Name

Management - Last Name

Management - Title

Primary Business Address

Physical mailing address where you are residing and doing work at.

Applicant - Address Line 1

Applicant - Address Line 2

Applicant - City

Applicant - State

Select an item... ▾

Applicant - Postal Code

Business Information

Is the business registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State as a domestic or foreign business?

- ☐ Yes, registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State
- ☐ Registered in a state other than Nebraska
- ☐ Not currently registered with any state

Secretary of State Account Number

State of Incorporation

Select an item... ▼

In order to receive an award from DED, applicants must be registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State and in good standing. Applications can be processed for consideration, but an award cannot be issued until the business is registered with the Nebraska Secretary of State.

Federal Tax ID (000000000)

Date Established

Type of Entity

- ☐ Sole Proprietorship
- ☐ LLC
- ☐ Partnership
- ☐ C Corporation
- ☐ S Corporation
- ☐ Corporation (Not Including C Corps or S Corps)
- ☐ Other

Type of Entity: please specify...

Employment

Number of Full Time Employees

0

Current Average Salary of Employees (\$)

\$0.00

Revenue

Annual Revenue Last Year

\$0.00

Anticipated Annual Revenue This Year

\$0.00

Industry

Primary Industry

- ☐ Agriculture (NAICS 11)
- ☐ Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)
- ☐ Bio Science (NAICS 54)
- ☐ Software as a Service (NAICS 54)
- ☐ Other

Please indicate which industry best describes your company

Select an item...

Preparer Information

**The Applicant Primary Contact Information is on the previous page, Project Information section.*

Is the Preparer organization different from the Applicant organization?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Applicant Preparer Information

Application Preparer - Organization Name

Application Preparer - First Name

Application Preparer - Last Name

Application Preparer - Email Address

Application Preparer - Phone Number (0000000000)

Application Preparer - Extension

Project Summary

Nebraska College or University

College/University

Department/Lab Name

Principal Investigator

First Name

Last Name

Title

Email Address

Phone Number (0000000000)

Projected Project Dates

Start Date

End Date

R&D Grant Funding Request

Describe the applied research and development project that your company is working on in conjunction with a Nebraska university or college.

Describe the benefit this project will bring to a Nebraska-based business.

What is the disruptive market need for the product or process being developed in this project?

Summarize the work that was completed during the Phase I project.

Identify any previous state or federal grant awards that support the goals and scope of work contemplated by this project.

Describe the work to be completed directly by the Nebraska university or college.

Has the business received any state-funded grants from DED in the past AND/OR is the business currently in consideration for state-funded grant assistance? (e.g. Small Business Assistance Act (through Grow Nebraska), InternNE, other Business Innovation Act awards, etc.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please describe all grant assistance the business has received in the past AND/OR is currently in consideration for including grant names, amounts, and contract numbers (if available).

Matching Funds & Source

Describe where you plan to source the matching funds (ie: cash on hand, investors, bank loan, etc).

Matching funds of at least 100% of total funds requested required, except for value added-agriculture projects

which require at least 25% matching funds.

Source of Funds

Amount of Funds

\$0.00

Uploads

Statement of Work or Sponsored Research Agreement

Provide a copy of the statement of work from the Nebraska college or university that will be working on this R&D project.

This can be a sponsored research agreement, work for hire agreement, licensing agreement, or detailed scope of work with budget. If the agreement is not ready, please detail the scope of work on the budget and/or project plan section and provide the information at a later date.

The research agreement or other documentation with the college/university does not need to be executed. As DED cannot guarantee funding for any project, it is advised that a business does not execute the research agreement prior to review and notification of a funding decision by DED.

College/University Statement of Work

- ☐ Upload
- ☐ Will Provide Later

UPLOAD: Contract or Terms Nebraska College or University

Evidence of Matching Funds

Please provide some evidence of the ability to fund the matching component of the grant such as a bank statement, documentation of a loan, or a letter from an investor.

UPLOAD: Evidence of Matching Funds

Supplemental Materials

Supplemental materials can be submitted for consideration.

UPLOAD: Supplemental Materials

Scope of Work

Please upload all pertinent scope of work documentation to support the submitted budget not covered by the

university or college Statement of Work

UPLOAD: Scope of Work

Budget

Proposed Budget Summary

Expense Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Contract Development			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employee Wages			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Materials & Supplies			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University/College: Direct Costs			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
University/College: Facilities and Administration; Fee (10% Max)			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Revenue Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Grant Funding			
Award Requested	\$0.00		\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00		\$0.00
Non-Grant Funding			
Cash Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Proposed Budget Detail

Proposed Budget Narrative

Contract Development

Eligible Projects Costs: Enter the total amount in the "Direct Cost" field. If this Line Item has Match, change "Non-Grant Funded" to "Yes". Enter in your Match Dollar Amount or Match Percentage. After saving your line item, verify that the "Grant Funded", "Non-Grant Funded" and "Total Budgeted" columns are correct. Do not enter Ineligible Project Costs in this category.

Employee Wages

Eligible Projects Costs: Enter the total amount in the "Direct Cost" field. If this Line Item has Match, change "Non-Grant Funded" to "Yes". Enter in your Match Dollar Amount or Match Percentage. After saving your line item, verify that the "Grant Funded", "Non-Grant Funded" and "Total Budgeted" columns are correct. Do not enter Ineligible Project Costs in this category.

Materials & Supplies

Eligible Projects Costs: Enter the total amount in the "Direct Cost" field. If this Line Item has Match, change "Non-Grant Funded" to "Yes". Enter in your Match Dollar Amount or Match Percentage. After saving your line item, verify that the "Grant Funded", "Non-Grant Funded" and "Total Budgeted" columns are correct. Do not enter Ineligible Project Costs in this category.

Other

Eligible Projects Costs: Enter the total amount in the "Direct Cost" field. If this Line Item has Match, change "Non-Grant Funded" to "Yes". Enter in your Match Dollar Amount or Match Percentage. After saving your line item, verify that the "Grant Funded", "Non-Grant Funded" and "Total Budgeted" columns are correct. Do not enter Ineligible Project Costs in this category.

University/College: Direct Costs

Eligible Projects Costs: Enter the total amount in the "Direct Cost" field. If this Line Item has Match, change "Non-Grant Funded" to "Yes". Enter in your Match Dollar Amount or Match Percentage. After saving your line item, verify that the "Grant Funded", "Non-Grant Funded" and "Total Budgeted" columns are correct. Do not enter Ineligible Project Costs in this category.

University/College: Facilities and Administration; Fee (10% Max)

Per program guidelines, DED will reimburse up to a 10% F&A fee. Eligible Projects Costs: Enter the total amount in the "Direct Cost" field. If this Line Item has Match, change "Non-Grant Funded" to "Yes". Enter in your Match Dollar Amount or Match Percentage. After saving your line item, verify that the "Grant Funded", "Non-Grant Funded" and "Total Budgeted" columns are correct. Do not enter Ineligible Project Costs in this category.

Performance Plan

Proposed Performance Plan

Milestone

Goal Name	Goal Type	Goal Details
	Narrative	Narrative
	Numeric	Number to be Achieved
	Percentage Achieved	Desired Percentage
	Percentage Change	Desired Percentage Current Percentage

Overall Goals of Project

Goal Name	Goal Type	Goal Details
	Narrative	Narrative

Proposed Performance Narrative

Milestone

Describe the research and development activities that will be undertaken by the Nebraska university or college researchers, the approximate time needed to complete each milestone, what will be accomplished in each milestone, what kind of support the business will be providing in cooperation with the Nebraska college, and what will be provided by other contractors or consultants over the time period covered by the activities taking place in each milestone. If an award is made, milestones will be transferred to the contract between DED and the business and will dictate the success of the project. Please provide at least one milestone for the project. Each milestone should be a single task in support of the entire project; most projects average 3-7 milestones. Milestones should be concise, quantifiable, define a specific goal, and if possible, include a rough timeline. In most cases, Milestones do not need to be longer than a few sentences.

Overall Goals of Project

What outcome(s) would determine if this R&D project is a success? Please supply at least one.