Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Meeting Date**: November 12, 2026**

Agenda Item: **5.4**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Committee: **Chancellor Informational Items**

Information Only: **Grant Applications and Awards (CI)**

Board Policy 6704 requires the reporting of grant awards and applications to the Board as information if they do not have a state maintenance of effort or future fiscal responsibility. For those that do have a maintenance effort or future fiscal impact, the Board is to approve the application in advance when possible. The attached table is a summary of the grant applications that have been reviewed and approved by the Chancellor and have no maintenance of effort, along with the awards received since the last Board meeting.

Informational Item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Grant Applications and Awards - November
- PSC - Ellucian Foundation
- WSC - Nebraska Arts Council
- WSC - First Gen
- WSC - INBRE
- CSC - CDC
- CSC - TRIO

November 2026

Grant Applications

WSC	Nebraska Arts Council	$7,500.00
Total amount requested		**= $7,500.00**

Grant Awarded

College	**Grant Agency and Title**	**Amount Awarded**
PSC	Ellucian Foundation	$10,000.00
Total amount awarded		**= $10,000.00**

CSC	Child Food Service Program- CSC	Cash-in-Lieu Reimbursement based on actual daily counts of meals
CSC	Trio	$297,299.00
Total amount awarded		**= $297,299.00**

WSC	2026 First-generation College Celebration	$5,000.00
WSC	Nebraska Research Network in Functional Genomics	$48,026.00
Total amount awarded		**= $53,026.00**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR, OR TO ACCEPT, AWARDS OF NON-STATE CONTRACTS OR GRANTS

College: Peru State College		Date: June 5, 2026	
Notice of Intent	Application:	Accept Award: Yes	
Name of Program: Ellucian Foundation - PATH Scholarship Grant			
Funding Source: Ellucian Foundation Also indicate if the source is federal, state or private			
Is this grant a **Sub-Award**?		Yes:	No: X
If a sub-award, indicate the agency the sub-award is through:			
Amount Requested: $10,000 - $25,000.00	Amount Awarded: $10,000.00	Funding Period: 2026-2027 Academic School Year	
Closing Date for Application Submission: June 5, 2026			
When reporting Grant Award-- Has Grant Application been approved/reviewed by the Board? Pending		Date Approved/Reviewed: Pending	
Does this grant include **Indirect Cost Funds** for the College's use?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and/or percentage rate allowed:			
Will this grant require **State Matching Funds**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and specific uses of funds (i.e., salaries, honorariums, travel, office supplies, phone, postage, space rental, equipment, etc.):			
Will this grant require **In-Kind Support**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly (i.e., faculty release time, support personnel, use of office space, telephone, office supplies, etc.):			
Is **State Maintenance of Effort** or **Future Fiscal Responsibility** required?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly			
Are there restrictions imposed by regulation on claiming indirect costs?		Yes:	No: X
How many FTE positions will the grant fund?		FTE: 0	
How many of these are new positions?		New FTE: 0	
Briefly describe the purpose(s) of this application/award: PATH provides block grants of $10,000.00, $15,000.00 and $25,000.00 to higher education institutions to support students in financial distress and prevent educational disruptions.			
Is this grant a continuation of a previous/existing grant?		Yes:	No: X
If a continuation grant, describe the previous grant in terms of amount, funding period, and any differences in program:			
Has this grant application been previously denied?		Yes:	No: X
Person responsible for the preparation of the application: Susan Hogg/Denise Lickteig			
Administrator responsible for approving the application: Dr. Robert Mock			

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College: Wayne State College		Date: 09/28/2026	
Notice of Intent:	Application: X	Accept Award:	
Name of Program: Nebraska Arts Council			
Funding Source: Arts Project Grant (Nebraska Arts Council) Also indicate if the source is federal, state or private: State			
Is this grant a **Sub-Award**?		Yes:	No: X
If a sub-award, indicate the agency the sub-award is through:			
Amount Requested: $7,500	Amount Awarded:	Funding Period: 01/01/2027 – 06/30/2027	
Closing Date for Application Submission: 10/01/2026			
When reporting Grant Award-- Has Grant Application been approved/reviewed by the Board? No		Date Approved/Reviewed: N/A	
Does this grant include **Indirect Cost Funds** for the College's use?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and/or percentage rate allowed:			
Will this grant require **State Matching Funds**?		Yes: X	No:
If yes, indicate dollar amount and specific uses of funds (i.e., salaries, honorariums, travel, office supplies, phone, postage, space rental, equipment, etc.): Artist fee of $18,000 for *Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents: World on a String*			
Will this grant require **In-Kind Support**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly (i.e., faculty release time, support personnel, use of office space, telephone, office supplies, etc.):			
Is **State Maintenance of Effort** or **Future Fiscal Responsibility** required?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly			
Are there restrictions imposed by regulation on claiming indirect costs?		Yes:	No: X
How many FTE positions will the grant fund?		FTE: 0	
How many of these are new positions?		New FTE: 0	
Briefly describe the purpose(s) of this application/award: Arts Project Grants support arts programming, productions or events open to the general public. Grant support will help offset the artist expense for *Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents: World on a String* performance at Wayne State.			
Is this grant a continuation of a previous/existing grant?		Yes:	No: X
If a continuation grant, describe the previous grant in terms of amount, funding period, and any differences in program:			
Has this grant application been previously denied?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, please state the reason:			
Person responsible for the preparation of the application: David Bohnert, Dean, School of Arts and Humanities			
Administrator responsible for approving the application: Angela Fredrickson, Vice President of Administration and Finance			

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College: Wayne State College		Date: 10/9/26	
Notice of Intent	Application:	Accept Award: X	
Name of Program: 2026 First-generation College Celebration			
Funding Source: FirstGen Forward/ Council for Opportunity in Education Also indicate if the source is federal, state or private: Federal			
Is this grant a **Sub-Award**?		Yes:	No: X
If a sub-award, indicate the agency the sub-award is through:			
Amount Requested: $4,645	Amount Awarded: $5,000	Funding Period: 9/9/26-6/30/27	
Closing Date for Application Submission:			
When reporting Grant Award-- Has Grant Application been approved/reviewed by the Board? Yes		Date Approved/Reviewed: 9/9/26	
Does this grant include **Indirect Cost Funds** for the College's use?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and/or percentage rate allowed:			
Will this grant require **State Matching Funds**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and specific uses of funds (i.e., salaries, honorariums, travel, office supplies, phone, postage, space rental, equipment, etc.):			
Will this grant require **In-Kind Support**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly (i.e., faculty release time, support personnel, use of office space, telephone, office supplies, etc.):			
Is **State Maintenance of Effort** or **Future Fiscal Responsibility** required?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly:			
Are there restrictions imposed by regulation on claiming indirect costs?		Yes:	No: X
How many FTE positions will the grant fund?		FTE: 0	
How many of these are new positions?		New FTE: 0	
Briefly describe the purpose(s) of this application/award: To put on a multi-day event to recognize first generation college students, which make up 45% of Wayne State students.			
Is this grant a continuation of a previous/existing grant?		Yes:	No: X
If a continuation grant, describe the previous grant in terms of amount, funding period, and any differences in program:			
Has this grant application been previously denied?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, please state the reason:			
Person responsible for the preparation of the application: Liesel Myrsny, TRIO Director			
Administrator responsible for approving the application: CD Douglas, Vice President for Student Affairs			

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College: Wayne State College		Date: 10/09/2026	
Notice of Intent:	Application:	Accept Award: X	
Name of Program: Nebraska Research Network In Functional Genomics			
Funding Source: National Institute of Health Also indicate if the source is federal, state or private: Federal			
Is this grant a **Sub-Award**?		Yes: X	No:
If a sub-award, indicate the agency the sub-award is through: University of Nebraska Medical Center			
Amount Requested: $48,026.00	Amount Awarded: $48,026.00 Funding for award period: 6/17/2026 to 4/30/2027	Funding Period: 5/1/2026 to 4/30/2027	
Closing Date for Application Submission:			
When reporting Grant Award-- Has Grant Application been approved/reviewed by the Board? Yes		Date Approved/Reviewed: 1/15/2019	
Does this grant include **Indirect Cost Funds** for the College's use?		Yes: X	No:
If yes, indicate dollar amount and/or percentage rate allowed: 40% of direct salaries and wages including all fringe benefits			
Will this grant require **State Matching Funds**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and specific uses of funds (i.e., salaries, honorariums, travel, office supplies, phone, postage, space rental, equipment, etc.):			
Will this grant require **In-Kind Support**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly (i.e., faculty release time, support personnel, use of office space, telephone, office supplies, etc.):			
Is **State Maintenance of Effort** or **Future Fiscal Responsibility** required?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly			
Are there restrictions imposed by regulation on claiming indirect costs?		Yes: X	No:
How many FTE positions will the grant fund?		FTE: 0.48	
How many of these are new positions?		New FTE: 0.48	
Briefly describe the purpose(s) of this application/award: This first year by UNMC for the Nebraska INBRE Project, of which Wayne State College is a participant, is designed to train undergraduate students in research during the academic year. It provides funding for student wages as well as basic laboratory supplies. It also funds a 0.9 academic month a year salary and benefits for two faculty members to coordinate budget, communication and administrative tasks with UNMC, oversee the student scholars at WSC and serve on the statewide INBRE Senior Executive Committee. The project goal is to enhance the competitive biomedical research capability throughout the State of Nebraska through collaboration among the state's institutions of higher education.			
Is this grant a continuation of a previous/existing grant?		Yes:	No: X
If a continuation grant, describe the previous grant in terms of amount, funding period, and any differences in program: While not technically a continuation, this subaward funds an additional year phase of the IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) grants awarded for the periods 11/25-04/26, 05/20-04/25, 07/15-04/20, 05/09-05/14 and 09/04-04/09 and the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) grant from 09/01-09/04.			
Has this grant application been previously denied?		Yes:	No: X
Person responsible for the preparation of the application: Dr. Shawn Pearcy, Professor, Life Sciences Department			
Administrator responsible for approving the application: Marysz Rames, WSC President			

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College: Chadron State College			Date: November 12, 2026	
Notice of Intent	Application: X		Accept Award: X	
Name of Program: Child Food Service Program – CDC				
Funding Source: Nebraska Dept of Education Also indicate if the source is federal, state or private: State				
Is this grant a **Sub-Award**?			Yes: X	No:
If a sub-award, indicate the agency the sub-award is through: U.S. Dept of Ag				
Amount Requested:	Amount Awarded: Cash-in-Lieu Reimbursement based on actual daily counts of meals	Funding Period: Please indicate specific dates for the grant. 10/01/2026 - 09/30/2027		
Closing Date for Application Submission: N/A				
When reporting Grant Award-- Has Grant Application been approved/reviewed by the Board? No		Date Approved/Reviewed:		
Does this grant include **Indirect Cost Funds** for the College's use?			Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and/or percentage rate allowed:				
Will this grant require **State Matching Funds**?			Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and specific uses of funds (i.e., salaries, honorariums, travel, office supplies, phone, postage, space rental, equipment, etc.):				
Will this grant require **In-Kind Support**?			Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly (i.e., faculty release time, support personnel, use of office space, telephone, office supplies, etc.):				
Is **State Maintenance of Effort** or **Future Fiscal Responsibility** required?			Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly				
Are there restrictions imposed by regulation on claiming indirect costs? N/A			Yes:	No:
How many FTE positions will the grant fund?			FTE: 0	
How many of these are new positions?			New FTE: 0	
Briefly describe the purpose(s) of this application/award: This award provides reimbursement for daily meals provided by the Child Development Center. The CDC Laboratory serves as an educational opportunity for CSC students in early childhood education.				
Is this grant a continuation of a previous/existing grant?			Yes: X	No:
If a continuation grant, describe the previous grant in terms of amount, funding period, and any differences in program: Program the same as prior years and funding similar.				
Has this grant application been previously denied?			Yes:	No: X
If yes, please state the reason:				
Person responsible for the preparation of the application: Keri Norman, Interim Director				
Administrator responsible for approving the application: Dr. Paddock – O'Reilly				

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College: Chadron State College		Date: Nov 12, 2026	
Notice of Intent	Application:	Accept Award: X	
Name of Program: TRIO – Student Support Services			
Funding Source: U.S. Department of Education Also indicate if the source is federal, state or private: Federal			
Is this grant a **Sub-Award**?		Yes:	No: X
If a sub-award, indicate the agency the sub-award is through:			
Amount Requested:	Amount Awarded: $297,299.00 (Year two of five-year grant)	Funding Period: Please indicate specific dates for the grant. 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2030	
Closing Date for Application Submission: Continuation of a five-year grant (09/01/2025 – 08/31/2030)			
When reporting Grant Award-- Has Grant Application been approved/reviewed by the Board? Yes		Date Approved/Reviewed: November 20, 2020	
Does this grant include **Indirect Cost Funds** for the College's use?		Yes: X	No:
If yes, indicate dollar amount and/or percentage rate allowed: 8%			
Will this grant require **State Matching Funds**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, indicate dollar amount and specific uses of funds (i.e., salaries, honorariums, travel, office supplies, phone, postage, space rental, equipment, etc.):			
Will this grant require **In-Kind Support**?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly (i.e., faculty release time, support personnel, use of office space, telephone, office supplies, etc.):			
Is **State Maintenance of Effort** or **Future Fiscal Responsibility** required?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, describe briefly			
Are there restrictions imposed by regulation on claiming indirect costs?		Yes:	No: X
How many FTE positions will the grant fund?		FTE: 3.26	
How many of these are new positions?		New FTE: 0	
Briefly describe the purpose(s) of this application/award: The grant award is a continuation of the TRIO – Student Support Services program for Chadron State College. 160 students who are first-generation; low-income; and/or disabled will be served annually. The objective is to increase academic success, retention, and graduation rates.			
Is this grant a continuation of a previous/existing grant?		Yes: X	No:
If a continuation grant, describe the previous grant in terms of amount, funding period, and any differences in program: The program remains the same. This is year two of a five-year cycle. Total accumulation of $1,486,495.00.			
Has this grant application been previously denied?		Yes:	No: X
If yes, please state the reason:			
Person responsible for the preparation of the application: Jennifer Schaer			
Administrator responsible for approving the application: Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly			