

Leadership

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The Nebraska Leadership Development Application

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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

PART I: Community Information

Community: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Main Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

PART II: Community Needs, Capacity, and Outcomes

1. Please describe the current level of citizen participation and involvement in your community.
2. Please describe the current leadership in your community. How do you think the Leadership Development Challenge will increase the leadership capacity of your community?
3. Please describe the current planning process in your community. How do you think the current community planning process can benefit from the Leadership Development Challenge?
4. What will be the measurable outcome for your community if chosen to take the Leadership Development Challenge? Please explain how you determined that your community needs the Leadership Development Challenge and how this will produce observable positive change in your community.
5. Has your community undertaken a similar effort or project in the past? If yes, please describe successes and lessons learned. If not, please explain what factors in your community indicate that your community would have the capacity to successfully complete this process.
6. In order to ensure adequate participation, please provide a list of individuals in your community that will participate in the challenge.

Application Deadlines

The application cycle is open and applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Completed applications should be sent to:

Christina Bartels, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666 or christina.bartels@nebraska.gov.

Application Evaluation

Applications for the Nebraska Community Improvement Program (NCIP) Leadership Development Challenge will be evaluated based on the following three criteria:

1. **Need:** Communities will be evaluated based upon needs identified in the application.
2. **Competitiveness of Communities and Businesses in a Global Economy:** The proposed results of the Leadership Development Challenge support the mission of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to allow communities and businesses to compete and succeed in a global economy.
3. **Community Capacity to Complete the Leadership Development Challenge and Achieve Proposed Results:** Communities will be evaluated based upon evidence of their ability to complete the Challenge and achieve the results as outlined in the application. Communities will be selected based on the above criteria. Finalist communities for the NCIP Leadership Development Challenge will be recommended to the Director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for final approval and selection.

Program Information

The NCIP Leadership Development Challenge consists of curriculum designed to help communities foster leadership and volunteerism. In addition to the curriculum, selected communities will receive research from the Department of Economic Development that compares and contrasts the community to similar communities. Selected communities also receive the help and support of the Department of Economic Development staff throughout the process. Department staff will attend the kick-off meetings for selected communities and will attend other meetings as requested by the selected communities in order to help the community through the curriculum. The curriculum consists of four parts: a community-based leadership module; a community analysis/planning module; case studies focused on economic development, housing, health, education, and government issues; and a capstone project that is submitted to the Department of Economic Development. Capstone projects submitted from selected communities will be evaluated for potential funding sources to implement the capstone project. Submitted projects will also be featured on the Department of Economic Development website and other Department materials.

For more information, please contact:

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