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NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION
2012 State COUNTY AID ENHANCEMENT Juvenile Justice Grant Application

Section 1: Applicant Information enhancement

1. Lead County: Must be the county receiving and disbursing grant funds.	Name: Lincoln County	Telephone (308)534 4350 Fax (308)534 3586
2. Applicant Federal Employer ID #: Must be the 9 digit number of the Lead County.	47-6006483	
3. Address of Applicant:	301 N Jeffers St, North Platte NE 69101-3996 (Include last four digits of zip code)	
4. List of Partnering Counties: Refer to – <i>Section 4: Memorandums of Understanding</i>	NA	
5. Title of Project:	Community Connections Lincoln County 2012-2013 County Juvenile Services Aid Enhancement Grant Application	
6. Project Director: (Receives all grant correspondence)	Name: Jayna Schaaf	Telephone(308) 696 3355 Fax (308) 534 1894
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	Address: PO Box 852, North Platte NE 69103-0852 (Include last four digits of zip code)	
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9. Authorized Official: (County Board Chair)	Name: Willis Roethemeyer	Telephone (308) 532 0969 Fax (308) 534 3586
	Title: County Board Chair Email: whitetj@co.lincoln.ne.us	
	Address: 301 N Jeffers St, North Platte NE 69101-3996 (Include last four digits of zip code)	

NEBRASKA CRIME COMMISSION

Section 2: Budget Summary

Category	Requested Amount	Match Share	Total Project Cost
A. Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0
B. Consultants/Contracts	\$31,483	\$0	\$31,483
C. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0
D. Supplies / Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
E. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
F. Other Costs	\$0	\$20,989	\$20,989
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$31,483	\$20,989	\$52,472
% Contribution	60%	40%	100%

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify the information in this application is accurate and, as the Authorized Official for the project, hereby agree to comply with all provisions of the grant program and all other applicable state and federal laws.

(NOTE: The authorized official must be the County Board Chair. If more than one county is participating in the grant application the lead county board chair's signature is required.)

Name of Authorized Official (type or print): Willis Roethemeyer

Title: County Board Chair

Address: 9009 Maloney Dr

City, State, Zip+4: North Platte NE 69101

Telephone: 308 532 0969

Signature of Authorized Official:

Date: January 17, 2012

CATEGORY A – PERSONNEL NARRATIVE:

None.

CATEGORY B – CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS

1. PURPOSE: Midlands Mentoring Partnership Conference, January 2013						
2. TYPE OF CONSULTANT: Non-profit operating mentoring program				<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization	
3. CONSULTANT FEES:						
	Rate	# Hours	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost	
Preparation Fees			\$	\$	\$	
Presentation Fees			\$	\$	\$	
Travel Time Fees			\$	\$	\$	
Total			\$	\$	\$	
4. TRAVEL EXPENSES:						
a. Mileage						
Total Miles	1800 for 3 vehicles	X .555	\$999	\$0	\$999	
b. Air Fare						
From		to		\$	\$	
From		to		\$	\$	
c. Meals						
# of days	3	X\$41/day	12 people	\$1,476	\$0	\$1,476
# of days		X\$		\$	\$	\$
d. Lodging						
# of nights	2	X\$91/night	12 people	\$2,184	\$0	\$2,184
# of nights		X\$		\$	\$	\$
e. Other Costs (Must Also Be Explained in Budget Narrative)						
Registration for 12 people			\$15/person X 12 people	\$180	\$0	\$180
			\$	\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$	\$
CONSULTANT/CONTRACT TOTAL				\$4,839	\$0	\$4,839

CATEGORY B - CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS NARRATIVE:

Midlands Mentoring Partnership Conference, January 2013 (day of the month to be determined)

To date, current mentoring staff have not attended a conference specifically on the topic of mentoring, nor have current mentoring staff been afforded an opportunity to meet mentoring staff from across the state and share ideas and best practices. This type of training would certainly serve as an enhancement and expansion to Community Connections Mentoring. Community Connections mentors serving as volunteers have also never been given the chance to attend a statewide training. Selection of mentors would be based on seniority. In subsequent years, a different group of mentors would be selected to attend if funding is available.

Mileage: 12 people (two staff and 10 mentors) traveling in three personally owned vehicles to Omaha. 600 miles round trip for one vehicle. $3 \times 600 = 1800 \text{ miles} \times .555 = \text{Total } \999

Meals: 12 adults x \$41 per diem x three days = **Total \$1,476**

Lodging: 12 adults x \$91 a night x two nights = **Total \$2,184**

Other Costs: 12 adults x \$15 conference registration = **Total \$180**

Total \$4,839

CATEGORY B – CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS

1. PURPOSE: Transportation Pilot Project		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization
2. TYPE OF CONSULTANT: Non-profit operating mentoring program			
3. CONSULTANT FEES:			

	Rate	# Hours	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost
Preparation Fees			\$	\$	\$
Presentation Fees			\$	\$	\$
Travel Time Fees			\$	\$	\$
Total			\$	\$	\$

4. TRAVEL EXPENSES:

a. Mileage						
Total Miles		X .555		\$	\$	\$
b. Air Fare						
From		to		\$	\$	\$
From		to		\$	\$	\$
c. Meals						
# of days		X\$		\$	\$	\$
# of days		X\$		\$	\$	\$
d. Lodging						
# of nights		X\$		\$	\$	\$
# of nights		X\$		\$	\$	\$
e. Other Costs (Must Also Be Explained in Budget Narrative)						
City Transit System Fees for 12 months	\$120/month x 12 months	\$1,440	\$0	\$	\$	\$1,440
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CONSULTANT/CONTRACT TOTAL			\$1,440	\$0	\$	\$1,440

CATEGORY B - CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS NARRATIVE:

Transportation Pilot Project

\$120 a month for 12 months (average of 20 youth per activity/2 activities per month). \$1.50 per youth for a one way ride. The City of North Platte has 13 vans available for transportation. This project will allow Community Connections Mentoring to utilize the City Transit system to provide transportation to community service projects throughout North Platte for sixth and seventh grade students from Madison Middle School. Students would ride the City Transit van from Madison Middle School to the community service project.

Community service projects include (but are not limited to):

- face painting at the Children's Fun Fest during Nebraskaland Days (July 2012);
- walking shelter dogs (August 2012);
- various Red Ribbon Week promotions at Madison School (October 2012);
- Make a Difference Day service project at the senior center (October 2012);
- Clean up at the North Platte Children's Museum (December 2012);
- Shopping with Linden Estates resident at Walmart. Mentees will be paired with a senior to assist them with their shopping needs (January 2013);
- Helping fill and deliver balloons for Rape and Domestic Abuse fundraiser (February 2013);
- Trash walk at Cody Park (March 2013);
- Celebrate Earth Day by planting trees and flowers (April 2013);
- Assist with national Hershey track meet. Encourage our mentees to participate in the events so we can cheer them on (May 2013);
- Help with Heritage Festival at the North Platte Historical Museum (June 2013).

Total \$1,440

CATEGORY B – CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS

1. PURPOSE: Miles For Mentoring Project					
2. TYPE OF CONSULTANT: Non-profit operating mentoring program				<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization
3. CONSULTANT FEES:					
	Rate	# Hours	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost
Preparation Fees			\$	\$	\$
Presentation Fees			\$	\$	\$
Travel Time Fees			\$	\$	\$
Total			\$	\$	\$

4. TRAVEL EXPENSES:						
a. Mileage						
Total Miles		X .555	\$	\$	\$	
b. Air Fare						
From		to	\$	\$	\$	
From		to	\$	\$	\$	
c. Meals						
# of days		X\$	\$	\$	\$	
# of days		X\$	\$	\$	\$	
d. Lodging						
# of nights		X\$	\$	\$	\$	
# of nights		X\$	\$	\$	\$	
e. Other Costs (Must Also Be Explained in Budget Narrative)						
Promotional Materials			\$800	\$0	\$800	
Advertising			\$700	\$0	\$700	
			\$	\$	\$	
CONSULTANT/CONTRACT TOTAL			\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	

CATEGORY B - CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS NARRATIVE:

Miles For Mentoring Project

Promotional materials: Materials would be used to advertise Miles for Mentoring and encourage the community to get involved in mentoring through physical fitness. Items would include water bottles and t-shirts as incentives. Water bottles: $100 \times \$2.50$ each = \$250. T shirts $50 \times \$11.00$ = \$550.

Advertising: Radio ads \$450 over one month's time. Two newspaper ads $\$125 \times 2$ = \$250

Total \$1,500

CATEGORY B – CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS

1. PURPOSE: Digital Billboard Advertising for Mentoring					
2. TYPE OF CONSULTANT: Non-profit operating mentoring program				<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization
3. CONSULTANT FEES:					
	Rate	# Hours	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost
Preparation Fees			\$	\$	\$
Presentation Fees			\$	\$	\$
Travel Time Fees			\$	\$	\$
Total			\$	\$	\$
4. TRAVEL EXPENSES:					
a. Mileage					
Total Miles		X .555	\$	\$	\$
b. Air Fare					
From		to	\$	\$	\$
From		to	\$	\$	\$
c. Meals					
# of days		X\$	\$	\$	\$
# of days		X\$	\$	\$	\$
d. Lodging					
# of nights		X\$	\$	\$	\$
# of nights		X\$	\$	\$	\$
e. Other Costs (Must Also Be Explained in Budget Narrative)					
30-day run on digital billboard 4 times a year			\$900/month x 4 months	\$3,600	\$0
			\$	\$	\$
			\$	\$	\$
CONSULTANT/CONTRACT TOTAL				\$3,600	\$0
					\$3,600

CATEGORY B - CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS NARRATIVE:

Digital Billboard Advertising for Mentoring

Digital Billboard: LAMAR advertising lists digital billboard at \$900 for one month x 4 months a year to total \$3,600. At this point, only one digital billboard exists in Lincoln County.

Total: \$3,600

CATEGORY B – CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS

1. PURPOSE: Lincoln County CASA		<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization
2. TYPE OF CONSULTANT: Non-profit operating CASA program			
3. CONSULTANT FEES:			

	Rate	# Hours	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost
Director	\$15	25 hours/week	\$11,700	\$0	\$11,700
FICA	.08	25 hours/week	\$ 936	\$0	\$936
Liability Insurance			\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Travel Expenses		National CASA	\$1,030	\$0	\$1,030
Mileage	.55	1000 miles	\$550	\$0	\$550
Supplies		Stamps, paper	\$1,588	\$0	\$1,588
Advertising	\$200	6 media outlets	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
Other	\$20	30 background	\$600	\$0	\$600
Training, awards			\$500		\$500

4. TRAVEL EXPENSES:

a. Mileage						
Total Miles		X .555				
b. Air Fare						
From		to		\$	\$	\$
From		to		\$	\$	\$
c. Meals						
# of days		X\$		\$	\$	\$
# of days		X\$		\$	\$	\$
d. Lodging						
# of nights		X\$		\$	\$	\$
# of nights		X\$		\$	\$	\$
e. Other Costs (Must Also Be Explained in Budget Narrative)						
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
CONSULTANT/CONTRACT TOTAL			\$20,104	\$0		\$20,104

CATEGORY B - CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTS NARRATIVE:

Personnel: A reasonable salary in our community would be \$15.00/hour. Lincoln County CASA will be hiring someone for 10 hours/week. We would like to enhance this to 25 hours/week beginning for the 2012-2013 fiscal year with the additional 15 hours/week funded with the Enhancement Grant. A full time director is required by Nebraska CASA once there are 30 CASA Volunteers trained. We hope to reach this goal in April 2013. FICA is estimated at \$936. Liability insurance = \$2000. Total \$14,636

Travel: 2013 National CASA Conference TBA. This will help our Executive Director learn from top-notch faculty so that he/she will be able to strengthen volunteer voices, develop inclusive practices, build leadership skills and renew their commitment to Lincoln County CASA. We are requesting \$1,030 for airfare (\$360), room (\$170 a night for 3 nights = \$510), and meals (\$40/day x 4 days = \$160). Total \$1,030

Mileage: There may be some mileage expense for volunteers to attend training in Lexington, Omaha or Lincoln during the year (approximately 50 miles/month at .555/mile = \$330). Dollars are budgeted to reimburse 30 new CASA volunteers and the director for their mileage (approximately 100 miles a quarter at .555/mile = \$220). Total \$550

Supplies: Suggestions from CASA to include in this category include pens that can be used for advertising and to start a conversation about CASA. As our program begins to grow, we would like to send out newsletters quarterly or every other month so we will need stationary, envelopes, labels, and stamps in the amount of \$650.

200 pens at .79 = \$158
Letterhead/stationary = \$125
1000 "I am for the child" brochures = \$210
Envelopes and labels = \$95
500 stamps = \$220

The additional 30 volunteers trained during the 2012-2013 year require training manuals \$26/person = \$780 Total \$1,588

Advertising: Increase our advertising in the local media; 2 newspapers, TV, and several local radio stations. To date CASA has only advertised for a director position. Lincoln County CASA would like to spend an equal amount in these areas. \$200 x 6 media = Total \$1,200

Other Expenses: Training for the 30 added volunteers throughout the year and celebrate their successes along the way: \$500. Background checks for the additional 30 volunteers at \$20 each = \$600. Total \$1100

Total: \$20,104

CATEGORY C - TRAVEL EXPENSES NARRATIVE:

None.

CATEGORY D - SUPPLIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES NARRATIVE:

None.

CATEGORY E – EQUIPMENT NARRATIVE:

None.

CATEGORY F – OTHER COSTS

Description			
Item	Amount Requested	Applicant's Match	Total Cost
Lincoln County Matching Funds (Juvenile Facility Expenditures AND Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem expenses)	\$0	\$20,989	\$20,989
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
OTHER TOTAL	\$	\$20,989	\$20,989

CATEGORY F - OTHER COSTS NARRATIVE:

Lincoln County provides matching funds through juvenile facilities and attorney /guardian ad litem expenses. These costs are incurred by the applicant, Lincoln County. **Total: \$20,989.**

Section 3: Proposed Project

Midlands Mentoring Partnership Conference, January 2013

1. **Project Period:** (funds available July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)
From: January 1, 2013 To: January 31, 2013

Is the project only for the purchase of equipment? Yes No

If yes, only complete Category E – Equipment budget sheet and narrative providing detailed justification for the equipment needed. If no, complete the following questions.

2. Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence based, or promising practice program?
 Yes No

What evidence exists that the proposed program is evidence based and/effective?

According to the National Mentoring Partnership, mentor training is a vital component of any successful mentoring program. In their “Essential Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring,” the National Mentoring Partnership states; “Mentor training is particularly important because it has documented implications for mentors’ perceptions about the mentor-mentee relationship, including their feelings of closeness, support, satisfaction and effectiveness as a mentor. Further, these perceptions of the mentor-mentee relationship are thought to influence the positive outcomes and continuation of the mentor-mentee relationship, suggesting the lasting importance of mentor training for youth outcomes.” The National Mentoring Partnership has found that mentors who have less training spend less time with their mentee and are less likely to continue their relationship into a second year than mentors who receive more training.

3. Is this project an enhancement? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

Each year, the Midlands Mentoring Partnership in Omaha, Neb., hosts a two-day conference to raise awareness for the need for more mentors, share best practices, and honor existing mentors and their efforts in the community. The conference features breakout sessions led by nationally renowned mentoring experts as well as a luncheon to honor the Mentor of the Year and Business Advocate of the year. The training provided at this conference is invaluable and a huge step above anything we are able to provide our mentors and staff on a local level. This conference would give our staff an opportunity to network with other program directors throughout the state. In addition, it would give our mentors a chance to share their ideas and experiences with others and allow them to see that they are part of a much larger movement. Neither staff nor volunteer mentors have previously been afforded a statewide mentoring training.

4. Is this project an expansion? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

We currently provide one hour of training each quarter to our mentors. However, we have a difficult time finding local experts who are willing or available to assist with these trainings. In addition, it is cost prohibitive to bring in state or national experts for a group of 50-75 people. As a result, we must rely on opportunities such as the Midlands Mentoring Partnership’s annual conference to provide the high level of evidence-based training needed to foster successful mentoring relationships. Therefore, we would like to send two of our staff members and 10 mentors from our program to this conference in January of 2013. Selection of mentors would be based on seniority. In subsequent years, a different group of mentors would be selected to attend if funding is available.

5. **How many youth will be served:** It is anticipated Community Connections Mentoring will serve 100 youth in the 2012-2013 FY. Staff will use the lessons learned to build an enhanced and expanded program that continually monitors and employs best practices, therefore all youth participating in the mentoring program will be served by the training.

6. Explain how the program or activities will benefit current juvenile services within the county.

Following the conference, our staff will take the information they receive and share it through a series of articles in our monthly newsletter. In addition, those mentors who attend will be encouraged to share what they learned with the other mentors in our program during group activities and other events where the mentors have an opportunity to interact. Where appropriate, the information will be modified and used to help shape our future local mentor trainings, with our participating mentors assisting in the training by sharing what they learned at the conference.

7. Provide a brief description of the program or activities the project will provide.

Each year, the Midlands Mentoring Partnership in Omaha, Neb., hosts a two-day conference to raise awareness for the need for more mentors, share best practices, and honor existing mentors and their efforts in the community. The conference features breakout sessions led by nationally renowned mentoring experts as well as a luncheon to honor the Mentor of the Year and Business Advocate of the year. The training provided at this conference is invaluable and a huge step above anything we are able to provide our mentors and staff on a local level. This conference would give our staff an opportunity to network with other program directors throughout the state. In addition, it would give our mentors a chance to share their ideas and experiences with others and allow them to see that they are part of a much larger movement.

**Section 3: Proposed Project
Transportation Pilot Project**

1. Project Period: (funds available July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)
From: July 1, 2012 To: June 30, 2013

Is the project only for the purchase of equipment? Yes No

If yes, only complete Category E – Equipment budget sheet and narrative providing detailed justification for the equipment needed. If no, complete the following questions.

2. Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence based, or promising practice program?
 Yes No

What evidence exists that the proposed program is evidence based and/effective?

Community service is a required component of Across Ages, and Across Ages is a Community Connections Mentoring program. Across Ages is listed on the SAMHSA National Registry for Evidence Based Programs and Practices.

Campbell & Stanley, 1969 conducted pre and post testing to compare youth receiving no intervention with those that were exposed to a mixture of an asset building curriculum and community service projects. The results of this evaluation clearly showed that those youth receiving intervention had:

- Significant improvement in knowledge about and reactions to drug use;
- Significant decrease in substance use (e.g. alcohol and tobacco);
- Significant improvement in school-related behavior as measured by increased school attendance, decreased suspensions from school and improved grades;
- Significant improvement in attitudes toward school and the future;
- Significant improvement in attitudes toward adults in general and older adults in particular; as well as improvement in well-being

In addition, an awareness of community services and expanded community networks are created.

3. Is this project an enhancement? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

The Across Ages program is a mentoring strategy consisting of: one on one mentoring, community service projects, life skills/social competence training, and monthly group activities. The life skills/social competence training piece of Across Ages currently in place at Madison Middle School where approximately 25 sixth and seventh graders participate on a weekly basis in the Second Steps (life skills) curriculum after school. Across Ages participants also are eligible and encouraged to participate in all monthly group activities and community service. Over 90% of the youth in this program are not matched with mentors and lack of transportation to the community service projects results in limited participation by this group of students in this component of Across Ages.

The ability to provide transportation to and from Madison Middle School for community service projects will allow 100% participation, and build on the positive outcomes of the community service component of the project. In addition, the City Transit System is ADA compliant, and all drivers are certified in CPR and safety regulations. The system is available for Community Connections Mentoring to use from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

4. Is this project an expansion? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

While all of the Across Ages participants are eligible to participate in community service activities, the transportation issues prevent most youth from participating. If funded, this project will significantly increase

the participation rate to encompass all youth enrolled in the program, by eliminating the barrier preventing their participation. To date, we average only 1-2 youth from Madison Middle School participating in our community service projects due to issues with finding suitable transportation. This project will allow 100% participation.

5. How many youth will be served: A minimum of 20-25 youth per community service project.

6. Explain how the program or activities will benefit current juvenile services within the county.

Volunteering helps youth develop these basic needs at a young age:

- To belong
- To express oneself
- To love and have concern for others
- To be loved and accepted as they are
- To lead and do significant things
- To like themselves and learn about themselves

When children are involved in community service projects, they feel as if they are part of something significant and gain awareness of the needs of others. They develop personal leadership skills, and develop a spirit of involving themselves in the community.

Volunteering is an essential tool for positive youth development. According to a survey for the Prudential Insurance Co., 95 percent of youth believe it is very or somewhat important for youth to learn the value of community service. When children are empowered to improve the well-being of their community, it can be the beginning of a lifetime of philanthropy.

Various studies have linked self esteem to criminal behaviors, including substance abuse and crime and violence. The ability to engage more youth in regular, organized opportunities for community service projects will help develop those important self-esteem needs. As stated previously, evidence shows that community service is an essential component to help develop the assets needed to decrease risky behaviors.

7. Provide a brief description of the program or activities the project will provide.

This project will allow us to utilize the City Transit System to provide transportation from Madison Middle School to community service projects throughout North Platte for sixth and seventh grade students from Madison Middle School.

The North Platte Transit charges a fee of \$3.00 (\$1.50 one way) per student to provide round trip transportation anywhere within the city. Our intent is to provide a minimum of one community service project per month, with an average of 20 youth participating at each event.

Currently, the North Platte schools have a 1:30 dismissal every Wednesday. If the funds become available to utilize the City Transit System, we will arrange for the City Transit System to pick up the students at 1:30 on Wednesdays at Madison Middle School, take them to the community service project and then returned to school upon completion of the project.

This provides us the opportunity to keep middle school students engaged in productive activities, rather than potentially dangerous, unsupervised situations on those afternoons when school is dismissed early.

On occasion, depending on the project, we will utilize the transit system for community service projects scheduled on school holidays or at the normal dismissal time of 3:25. Community service projects include (but are not limited to):

- face painting at the Children's Fun Fest during Nebraskaland Days (July 2012);
- walking shelter dogs (August 2012);
- various Red Ribbon Week promotions at Madison School (October 2012);
- Make a Difference Day service project at the senior center (October 2012);

- Clean up at the North Platte Children's Museum (December 2012);
- Shopping with Linden Estates resident at Walmart. Mentees will be paired with a senior to assist them with their shopping needs (January 2013);
- Helping fill and deliver balloons for Rape and Domestic Abuse Fundraiser (February 2013);
- Trash walk at Cody Park (March 2013);
- Celebrate Earth Day by planting trees and flowers (April 2013);
- Assist with national Hershey track meet. Encourage our mentees to participate in the events so we can cheer them on (May 2013);
- Help with Heritage Festival at the North Platte Historical Museum (June 2013).

The use of public transportation will not only allow the opportunity for all of our Life Skills students to participate in our community service activities, but also educate these students in the availability and use of public transportation, which is currently under-utilized by the youth in our community.

If the project is successful, our intent is to seek private donors to continue the program after the first year.

Section 3: Proposed Project
Miles For Mentoring Project

1. **Project Period:** (funds available July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)
From: July 1, 2012 To: June 30, 2013

Is the project only for the purchase of equipment? Yes No

If yes, only complete Category E – Equipment budget sheet and narrative providing detailed justification for the equipment needed. If no, complete the following questions.

2. Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence based, or promising practice program?
 Yes No

What evidence exists that the proposed program is evidence based and/effective?

Although this particular project is not an evidence based strategy, the Center for Disease Control acknowledges the dietary and physical activity behaviors of children and adolescents are influenced by many sectors of society. We feel that adult mentors comprise one of these sectors. As such, we feel they can have a significant influence on children by modeling healthy behaviors and participating in physical activities with their mentee.

3. Is this project an enhancement? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

We would like to continue the Miles for Mentoring program beyond what our current resources can provide. To do this, additional incentives and prizes would be needed to motivate new mentees to participate. In addition, we would like to purchase promotional materials and advertising to encourage community involvement and maintain a high level of excitement for the program among the mentors and mentees in our program. To date, no funds are available to promote Miles for Mentoring in an attempt to attract new mentors.

4. Is this project an expansion? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

Miles for Mentoring would expand on the number of mentors we are able to recruit therefore expanding the number of youth to be served.

5. **How many youth will be served:** It is anticipated Community Connections Mentoring will serve 100 youth in the 2012-2013 FY. Our goal for the enhancement and expansion of Miles for Mentoring is to attract and retain 10% more mentors (for a total of ten new mentors) for the fiscal year.

6. **Explain how the program or activities will benefit current juvenile services within the county.**
According to the CDC, childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years leading to an increase in risk factors for cardiovascular diseases such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure. The CDC acknowledges that healthy lifestyle habits such as healthy eating and physical activity can lower these risks among children. In addition, they note that the dietary and physical activity behaviors of children and adolescents are influenced by many sectors of society. We feel that adult mentors comprise one of these sectors. As such, we feel they can have a significant influence on children by modeling healthy behaviors and participating in physical activities with their mentee. Additionally, our experience has taught us that many adults who would otherwise be wonderful mentors do not volunteer to mentor because they lack ideas about what to do with a youth once matched. If adults with an interest in physical activity or fitness understand that they would be matched with a youth of the same interest, a new mentor may be created by this awareness.

7. Provide a brief description of the program or activities the project will provide.

This year, Community Connections Mentoring initiated a new six-month fitness challenge called Miles for Mentoring. The program is designed to encourage our mentoring pairs to be active while spending time together. We were able to purchase several pedometers as well as prizes and incentives that will be used for this program. Students will use the pedometers to track their steps during mentoring activities, which will be tracked online. Fitness-related prizes for those with the most miles are being offered as an incentive to get students to participate. Additional incentives (water bottles, t-shirts, backpacks, etc.) will be offered to current mentors on an ongoing basis after the challenge has ended to reward students for hitting pre-determined benchmarks (i.e. 50 miles, 100 miles, 500 miles, etc.)

To help students track their progress, Community Connections Mentoring has set up a free account through the “Log It” website—an online physical activity tracking program created by P.E. Central that allows individual participants to track their progress. In addition to recording their steps or miles, students can participate in a virtual hike across the USA with their group, set daily goals, view their own personal step log, and compare their steps with other kids of the same age and gender.

We would like to enhance the Miles for Mentoring program beyond what our current resources can provide. To do this, additional incentives and prizes would be needed to motivate new mentees to participate. In addition, we would like to purchase promotional materials to entice new mentors and advertising to encourage community involvement and maintain a high level of excitement for the program among the mentors and mentees in our program.

Section 3: Proposed Project
Digital Billboard Advertising for Mentoring

1. Project Period: (funds available July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013)
From: July 1, 2012 To: June 30, 2013

Is the project only for the purchase of equipment? Yes No

If yes, only complete Category E – Equipment budget sheet and narrative providing detailed justification for the equipment needed. If no, complete the following questions.

2. Is the proposed program a model, best-practice, evidence based, or promising practice program?
 Yes No

What evidence exists that the proposed program is evidence based and/effective?

3. Is this project an enhancement? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

One of the biggest challenges mentoring programs face is the recruitment of new mentors. Currently, we take every available opportunity to talk to service organizations and individuals who are potential mentor recruits. We also use earned media coverage of our group activities and service projects to inform the public of our need for new mentors. One avenue we have not been able to explore due to a lack of funds is advertising.

4. Is this project an expansion? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

Print, radio and television advertising can be cost prohibitive for nonprofit organizations, and there is no guarantee that the advertisement will be seen or heard by the people we are attempting to reach. Therefore, we would like to create a billboard advertisement to promote our mentoring program and inform the public of our need for volunteers. This type of outdoor advertising provides a message that is visible 24 hours a day and is seen by a greater number of people within our local community. Perhaps the only negative aspect of outdoor advertising is that selection and placement is limited by availability as billboards are rented for months at a time by organizations with much larger budgets.

5. How many youth will be served: The number of youth served will be equal to the number of mentors recruited and retained. Our goal is to recruit and retain 20 new mentors as a result of the billboard as paid advertising four times in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

6. Explain how the program or activities will benefit current juvenile services within the county.

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7. Provide a brief description of the program or activities the project will provide.

Lamar advertising, which owns most of the billboards in North Platte, recently installed a digital billboard along North Platte's main traffic thoroughfare in town. This provides organizations such as ours an opportunity to obtain greater visibility at a reasonable cost. It also gives us greater flexibility on when the advertisement is displayed so that we can target specific times of the year when our need for mentors is greatest.

7. Provide a brief description of the program or activities the project will provide.

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. Each child that comes through the court system because of abuse or neglect would be appointed a volunteer. These volunteers are trained to build a relationship with the child and to complete a report for the court to advocate where the child should be placed.

Executive Director Roles:

1. To provide professional support to CASA volunteers ensuring that children involved with CASA receive sound advocacy and early permanency planning.
2. To manage the agency and its operations.

Responsibilities:

1. To coordinate the recruiting, screening, interviewing and training of new volunteers.
2. To review new cases and assign appropriate volunteers.
3. To prepare and distribute assignment documentation.
4. To maintain case files in the CASA office.
5. To attend court hearings and track court dates.
6. To keep Juvenile Court and Child Protective Service apprised of directives and activities.
7. To provide assistance and consultation for volunteers as needed.
8. To conduct volunteer evaluations.
9. To maintain a tracking system for volunteers and caseload files.
10. To prepare quarterly reports.
11. To organize and prepare in-service training.
12. To assist in volunteer appreciation events.
13. To attend conferences, seminars, and meetings related to the CASA program.
14. To participate in performance evaluation of this position.

Section 4: Memorandums of Understanding

Counties applying as a group must submit a **current** copy of a MOU signed by each participating county's board chair confirming their commitment to the proposed joint project(s) in this application.

Section 5: Required Forms

(Attached as pages 18 - 21)

Include ALL required forms (Budget Summary, Certified Assurances, Drug Free Workplace, Debarment, and Lobbying) with appropriate signatures in the original application only – **these forms may be omitted from the 2 copies of the application to conserve resources.**

CERTIFIED ASSURANCES

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Grant Funds

- (e) THE HATCH ACT: Federal law prohibits certain partisan political activity by an officer or employee of the state or local agency if his or her principal employment is in connection with an activity which is financed in whole or part by loans or grants made by the United States or a federal agency. The law is enforced by the United States Civil Service Commission.
- (f) UNIFORM RELOCATION: Pursuant to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policy Act of 1970, P.L. 91-646, 84 Stat. 1984, and Guideline G 4061.1A, as amended any program which uses federal financial assistance to pay all or part of the cost of any program or project which will result in the displacement of any person shall provide that:
 - a. Fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance shall be provided to or for displaced persons as are required in such regulations as are issued by the U.S. Attorney General.
 - b. Relocation or assistance programs shall be provided for such persons in accordance with such regulations issued by the U.S. Attorney General.
 - c. Within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, decent, safe and sanitary replacement must be available to the displaced person in accordance with such regulations as issued by the U.S. Attorney General.
- (g) ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT: No portion of any grant which might have an effect on the environment will be approved until an environmental evaluation form has been submitted and a determination made that the project will not have an adverse effect on the environment. An environmental evaluation will be required with the grant application if the applicant's project involves any of the following:
 - a. New construction projects;
 - b. The renovation or modification of a facility which leads to an occupancy of more than 25 persons;
 - c. The implementation of programs involving the use of pesticides or other harmful chemicals.
 - d. The implementation of programs involving the use of microwaves or radiation.
 - e. Research and technology whose anticipated or intended future application could be expected to have a potential effect on the environment.
 - f. Other actions which require the substantial commitment of resources or trigger such a substantial commitment by another as determined by the responsible federal official to possibly have a significant effect on the quality of the environment.
- (h) PROCUREMENT OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: The Juvenile Justice Advisory Group expects that the subgrantee will procure such special equipment being purchased in whole or in part with grant funds by that method, authorized by state law or local ordinance, which results in the lowest price for goods of the kinds or type required.
- (i) NON-SUPPLANTING REQUIREMENT: The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act contains a non-supplanting requirement. This requirement stipulates that federal funds under Title II may not be used to supplant state and local funds that would have been available in the absence of federal aid. In complying with this requirement, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice will rely on written certification by state agencies and local government units to the effect that federal funds have been used to increase state or local funds available for law enforcement.
- (j) BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY AND USE BY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED: Any construction, design or alteration of a building or facility which will be used by the public or which may result in the employment or residence of physically handicapped persons shall provide for accessibility and use to physically handicapped persons through appropriate items such as ramps, handrails, guardrails as required by 42 U.S.C. 4152 1970 and 34 Fed. Ref. 12828 1969.
- (k) CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Requests for proposals or invitations for bid issued by the grantee or subgrantee to implement the grant or subgrant project are to provide notice to prospective bidders that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention organizational conflict of interest provision is applicable in that contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work and/or RFP's for a proposed procurement, shall be excluded from bidding or submitting a proposal to compete for the award of such procurement.
- (l) ACCOUNTING: The applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring, and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary will be maintained to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of received funds.
- (m) RECORD KEEPING: The applicant assures that it shall maintain required data and information and shall submit required reports deemed necessary by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.
- (n) CERTIFICATION: The applicant certifies that the programs contained in its application meet all the requirements, that all the information is correct, that there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies, and that the applicant will comply with all provisions of applicable federal and state laws.
- (o) COMPLIANCE: The applicant assures that it will comply and all of its contractors will comply, with the non-discrimination requirements of the Juvenile Services Act; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and the Department of Justice Non-Discrimination Regulations 28 CFR Part 42, Subparts C, D, E, and G and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (p) REPORTING OF LEGAL ACTION: The applicant assures that in the event a federal or state court, or federal or state administrative agency makes a finding of discrimination after a due process hearing on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin or sex against a recipient of funds, the recipient will forward a copy of the finding to the Crime Commission and the Office of Civil Rights Compliance (OCRC) of the Office of Justice Programs.
- (q) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT: The applicant assures that, if required, it will formulate an equal employment opportunity program (EEO) in accordance with 28 CFR 42.301 et.seq., and submit a certification to the state that it has a current EEO on file which meets the requirements therein.
- (r) SINGLE AUDIT REQUIREMENT: Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, AAudits of state and Local Governments: and A-133, APrivate Non-Profit@ agencies, each applicant must comply with the Single Audit Act. A copy of the audit is to be submitted to the Crime Commission.
- (s) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION: No recipient of monies under the Juvenile Services Act shall use or reveal any research or statistical information or other type of information acquired or furnished under this program by any person/juvenile and identifiable to any specific private person/juvenile for any purpose other than the purpose for which such information was obtained in accordance with the Act.
- (t) FINANCIAL REPORTING: The applicant agrees to submit financial reports and progress reports indicating activities undertaken, expenditures, and general progress of the project. A final report (using the same report forms) is required to be submitted at the end of the project period. The final report will include data necessary to verify the success or failure of the project.

- (u) ADHERENCE TO LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS: The applicant also understands and agrees: (1) that funds received are to be expended only for the purposes and activities covered by the applicant's approved application and budget, (2) that the grant may be terminated by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice if the applicant fails to comply with the provisions of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and all amendments thereto, any of the certified assurances listed above, or any other requirements of the Crime Commission.
- (v) OTHER CONDITIONS: The applicant also understands and agrees: (1) that any grant received as a result of this application shall be subject to the grant conditions and other policies, regulations, and rules issued by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the administration of grant projects under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and any other applicable Federal Acts, Executive Orders, and Guidelines; (2) that funds awarded are to be expended only for the purposes and activities covered by the applicant's approved application and budget; (3) that the grant may be terminated in whole or in part by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at any time that the Commission finds a substantial failure to comply with the provisions of the Act or regulations promulgated there under including these grant conditions, or plan or application obligations but only after notice and hearing and pursuant to Juvenile Justice Advisory Group and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention procedures; (4) that appropriate grant records and accounts will be maintained and made available for audit as prescribed by the Commission; and (5) that the appropriate share of the total costs of this project shall be contributed by the Applicant from non-federal funds which are not being used in connection with any other program which is receiving federal financial assistance.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read and reviewed the above assurances and the applicant will comply with all provisions and requirements of the Crime Commission, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (as amended) and all other applicable federal and state laws.

(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL)	
January 17, 2012	
(DATE)	
Willis Roethemeyer, County Board Chair	
(TYPED NAME)	(TITLE)
308 532 0969	
(TELEPHONE NUMBER)	

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING LOBBYING; DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTER; AND DRUG-FREE WORPLACE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature of this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 28 CFR Part 69, "New Restrictions on Lobbying" and 28 CFR Part 67, "Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Justice determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

1. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 69, for persons entering into a grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 28 CFR Part 69, the applicant certifies that:

- (a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;
- (b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form – LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions;
- (c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants, contracts under grants and cooperative agreements, and subcontracts) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

2. DEPARTMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS (DIRECT RECIPIENT)

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 28 CFR Part 67, for prospective participants in primary covered transaction, as defined at 28 CFR Part 67, Section 67.510-

- A. The applicant certifies that it and its principals:
 - (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of Federal benefits by a State or Federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department of agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default; and
- B. Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, he or she shall attach an explanation to this application.

3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE (GRANTEES OTHER THAN INDIVIDUALS)

The applicant certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- A. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition:
- B. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees about—
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace;
- C. Notifying the employee in the statement that the employee will:
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such convictions;

The subgrantee shall notify the Crime Commission in writing of any conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction.

The subgrantee certifies that it will take one or more of the following actions within 30 calendar days of receiving notice of the conviction:

- A. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
- B. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purpose by a Federal, State or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

The subgrantee certifies that it will make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace.

Lincoln County, 301 North Jeffers Street, North Platte, NE 69101

Organization Name and Address:

Willis Roethemeyer, County Board Chair

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature January 17, 2012
Date