

**Grant Title:** IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY: STATE GRANTS PROGRAM

**Area of Research:** Professional development in core academic subjects

**Release and Expiration:** Release May 28, 2008; No expiration date given

**Application Deadline:** November 3, 2008

**Amount:** The Coordinating Commission expects to have approximately \$375,000 to award in grants during the 2008-2009 competition. Although no minimum or maximum has been set for each award, funding typically ranges from \$20,000 to \$60,000.

**Length of Support:** One to three years.

**Eligible Applicants:** All public and non-profit private institutions of higher education and high-need local educational agencies based in Nebraska may form a partnership and apply for grants. See section IV. for partnership requirements.

**Agency/Department:** Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

**Summary:** The purpose of this program is to increase student academic achievement by helping to ensure that highly qualified teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals have access to sustained and intensive high quality professional development in core academic subjects. The program provides grants to partnerships comprised of Nebraska institutions of higher education and high-need local educational agencies for projects to improve the skills of teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals.

**Detailed Information:** <http://www.ccpe.state.ne.us/PublicDoc/CCPE/ITQ/default.asp>