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**Grant applications available to government agencies in Nebraska**

LINCOLN – Secretary of State John Gale, chair of the Nebraska State Records Board, announced that the Board will be awarding \$250,000 in grant money to political subdivisions in 2013.

Grants in the amount of \$25,000 are available to government entities in Nebraska who are looking for ways to improve online access. The application process is now open through Monday, May 6, 2013.

“Last year, we gave grants to 12 government entities,” said Gale. “Most of those grants have been used for the development of geographic information systems (GIS), but we have also given money for counties to launch their own websites, enhancement of library services and a wide variety of other projects.”

“The Nebraska State Records Board has been giving grants to state agencies for these types of projects since 1999,” explained Cathy Danahy, executive director. “Since 2003, we’ve been sponsoring a grant program for county and municipal governments as well for the improvement of electronic access to public records by citizens and businesses.”

Danahy said that since the inception of the grant program, over \$1.5 million dollars has been awarded to state and local government agencies.

Those that wish to apply can find the grant application and additional information online at: [www.staterecordsboard.ne.gov/grantstemp.html](http://www.staterecordsboard.ne.gov/grantstemp.html).

The successful applicants will be presented to the Board for approval on July 31, 2013.

The records board oversees Nebraska.gov, the state's official website. The grant program is funded by a portion of the board's share of fees received from Nebraska.gov, and no state tax funds are used for the grants.

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