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ABSTRACT

How do you bring to life a **College's mission** that includes helping the **community solve important problems**?

TWO ENTITIES = ONE PARTNERSHIP



Nebraska State
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Lab



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NEBRASKA STATE & LOCAL FINANCE LAB

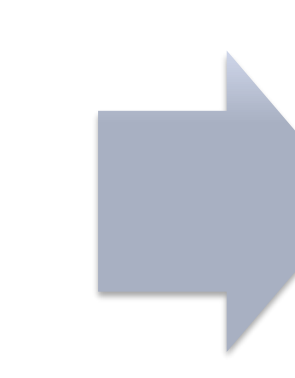
- Provides **new opportunities** for other skilled researchers to **engage** in Nebraska public finance and economic development projects.
- Serves as a conduit for **developing relationships** with state authorities.

CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH (CPAR)

- Serves as a **research and community outreach** unit.
- Excites **collaboration** between state and local government throughout the region.
- Helps economic development groups or nonprofit organizations better **analyze its data**.

THE COLLABORATION

Finance Lab
established
in 2015,
funded by
Dean, CPACS



Lab received
an Urban
Research
Grant from
CPACS

The Lab obtained
local finance data
and worked with
CPAR on
supplementing
those data with
U.S. Census data.

COLLABORATION OUTCOMES

- The Lab has produced **3 reports** and **1 academic publication** (under review).
- Information shared with organizations in **Nebraska counties, municipalities and single-purpose districts**.
- Has been **contacted by local media** to comment on budgeting matters.
- Recent meeting with the **Director of the Nebraska Counties Association** for outreach/training efforts.
- Presented to the **Nebraska State Legislative Planning Committee**.
- Working with **CPAR Partners** on **data visualization** projects.