

is set out and that application will, in my opinion, be better, will receive the better chance of being funded than those that only meet one or two.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So it could be even just a group that could sit down in the community like our community club in northwest Omaha and perhaps develop something that would address those and apply for a grant.

SENATOR VRTISKA: As long as it is in cooperation with other... Just one community, one area could not do it on their own, they would have to be in cooperation and collaboration with other entities within the area that you serve. That's the basic part of the bill is to make sure that there...that's why we call it partnerships, that they're working together with other people, not just independently.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, who would a community club, for example, have to partnership with?

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: In the bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Could be the city, the county, development district, any of those agencies of that kind, chamber of commerce. There are lots of agencies.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR VRTISKA: It could be even a utility company.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Great. Thank you for the information.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I'd like to clarify, certainly commend Senator Vrtiska for all of the work that he has done in this particular area and for nothing more than drawing the attention to the importance of the need of counties and communities and cities and everybody to work together because that's what has proved to be successful in Nebraska. And so as involved as I have been in economic development, I think that this certainly has been a plus. If Senator Vrtiska would yield, I have two more questions I need to