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Awarded Grant Programs and Activities



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A Message from Director Jim Macy

Through the passage of LB 302, on July 1, 2019, the Nebraska Departments of Environmental Quality and Energy merged into the Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE). The merger will make state government services more efficient, effective, and customer-focused. The two agencies have many common purposes, and we expect to see many positive benefits by combining and unifying our efforts. It also improves the delivery of environmental and energy programs and policies statewide.

For 2020, all grant awards, under the Litter, Waste, and Scrap Tire grant programs, will be awarded on a calendar-year basis. In addition, NDEE's application period will more closely align with a similar grant program administered by the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

We hope you enjoy this report showcasing many of our 2019 grant-funded projects. Thank you for being good stewards of our resources and helping to "Grow Nebraska."

Planning and Aid Section

Land Planning and Aid Section includes the following programs: the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program, including Scrap Tire Grants; the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program; the Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program; and the Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program.

Responsibilities of the Land Planning and Aid Section include:

- Oversight and review – The Section reviews grant submissions; performs compliance inspections; monitors grant activities, budget expenditures, and grantee equipment purchases; and conducts quarterly performance report reviews.
- Outreach – The Section promotes the availability of grant funding, coordinates the ranking process, and coordinates grant awards.

New Grant Application Guidance

Grant application guidance was prepared in 2018 to provide direction and set limits on grant fund expenses. The purpose was to provide fair and equitable reimbursements, especially when requests exceed the amount of grant funding available. The guidance document was discussed by a subcommittee of the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council in the fall of 2018, and accepted at the November 15, 2018 Environmental Quality Council meeting. The guidance affects grant applications received after January 1, 2019.

Alignment of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant Program and Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program Grant Terms to a Calendar Year

Beginning with 2020 awards, the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant term changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year. With this change, both the Litter Reduction and Recycling and Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant programs are on a calendar year. This change will allow our grant programs to more closely align with the grant application period of the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Scrap tire grant applicants wanting to hold a scrap tire collection event, or who plan to do construction projects (artificial turf, running tracks, or playground surfaces) will have notification of their grant award in December, rather than late spring, or early summer. To make the transition to a calendar year, the 2019 awards for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program (which includes Scrap Tire Grants) were awarded for a six-month grant term, from July 1 through December 31, 2019. All 2020 grant terms will be from January 1 through December 31, 2020.

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality/Nebraska Environmental Trust Partnership

In July 2018, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Nebraska Environmental Trust entered into a Partnership to ensure Agency resources are managed in a fiscally responsible manner by agreeing to:

- Participate in the grant review process on those projects where there is a potential for grant awards from both organizations.
- Appoint individuals that will ensure coordination occurs between our organizations.

- Commit to revising the Partnership anytime there is a personnel change, new grant programs are created, or existing programs end or are substantially modified.
- Share information on grant awards and grantees that are non-compliant with award conditions or environmental regulatory requirements.
- Meet annually, and as critical program or project needs arise, discuss issues of mutual concern, as well as opportunities to enhance the Partnership.

Nebraska Environmental Quality Council Action

At the November 15, 2018 meeting of the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council, the following actions were taken in response to Governor Ricketts' Executive Order 17-04:

1. Title 133 – Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program
 - Language that was considered to be advisory on the proper way to prepare information required in the application was removed and will be included in a guidance document.
 - Language in the remaining regulations will require a grant recipient to enter into a grant agreement in order to receive funds. Post-award requirement language was removed from the regulations and will be enforced through the grant agreement.
 - The threshold for requiring cost estimates/bids was reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,000. The purpose is to align the NDEE with standards established by the Department of Administrative Services.
 - Regulatory language that repeats statutory requirements was removed.
2. Title 199 – Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program
 - Language that was considered to be advisory on the proper way to prepare information required in the application was removed and will be included in a guidance document.
 - Language in the remaining regulations will require a grant recipient to enter into a grant agreement in order to receive funds. Post-award requirement language was removed from the regulations and will be enforced through the grant agreement instead.
 - The threshold for requiring cost estimates/bids was increased from \$0 to \$2,000. The purpose is to align the NDEE with standards established by the Department of Administrative Services.
 - Regulatory language that repeats statutory requirements was removed.

The Environmental Quality Council held a hearing on November 15, 2018 to decide the 2019 Litter Percentage Allocation. Each year, the Environmental Quality Council establishes the percentage of how the funds will be allocated for each grant category. The Department's recommended percentage allocations for 2019 were based on the actual applications received:

Category	2019 Eligible Requests	
Recycling	52.50%	\$1,443,698
Public Education	43.60%	\$1,196,857
Cleanup	3.90%	\$106,220
Totals	100%	\$2,746,775

The Department asked for the ability to adjust the percentages by up to 10% for the 2019 grant year, if warranted. The Environmental Quality Council granted the Department the ability to adjust the percentages by up to 20%. Prior to the hearing, the Department received nine letters in support of flexibility from 15% to 18%. One person gave testimony at the hearing, reading one of the letters that had been previously submitted.

Expected Service Life

The Planning and Aid Section grant programs utilizes an expected service life procedure in order to make sure equipment purchased with grant funds is used for its intended purpose. The expected service life determines how long the grantee is responsible for reporting equipment status to NDEE, and how long NDEE maintains an interest in the equipment.

An expected service life is assigned to all equipment purchased with grant funds (in whole or in part) that has a value of \$1,000 or more per item. Equipment costing less than \$1,000 can be assigned an expected service life on a case-by-case basis. Purchase of equipment is documented at the time of purchase. At the end of the grant period, the grantee is provided a sticker to properly identify the equipment and is notified of the length of the expected service life.

Equipment Redistribution

When grant-funded equipment with an existing expected service life is no longer being used, NDEE makes the equipment available for redistribution to other users. One redistribution of equipment and one change in ownership were made in 2019.

Online Grant Application and Reporting

In FY2014, applications for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program and the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program were converted from paper-based to an online process. Applications are now filled out and submitted on NDEE's website. The reporting and reimbursement functions for these two grant programs were converted to an online process in FY2015. As of FY2017, two more applications are available online: 1) Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings, and 2) Costsharing for Civil Engineering Uses of Scrap Tires. These changes have resulted in time and material savings to both NDEE and the grant program recipients. Online information is located on NDEE's web site at <http://dee.ne.gov>. Select the "Land and Waste" tab and then select the "Waste Planning and Aid Programs" tab.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program

In 1990, the Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Bill 163, the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act, which created the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program.

There are three sources of revenue for this program:

- A business fee on sales of tangible personal property, which generates about \$600,000 annually.
- A \$1 per tire fee on the retail sale of new tires in Nebraska, which generates about \$2.2 million annually;
- Fifty percent of the \$1.25 per ton disposal fee on solid waste disposed of in permitted landfills, which generates approximately \$1.2 million annually for grant awards.

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund provides grants to private, non-profit, and government organizations to assist in financing sound integrated waste management programs and projects. These programs and projects may include:

- Recycling systems
- Market development for recyclable materials
- Intermediate processing facilities and facilities using recyclable materials in new products
- Food waste composting

- Yard waste composting and composting with sewage sludge
- Waste reduction and waste exchange
- Household hazardous waste programs (HHW)
- Electronic waste collections
- Pharmaceutical collections
- The consolidation of solid waste disposal facilities and use of transfer stations
- Incineration for energy recovery

A portion of the grant funds are obligated to fund scrap tire recycling and/or reduction projects, and another portion of the grant funds are available to smaller cities and counties for abandoned building deconstruction.



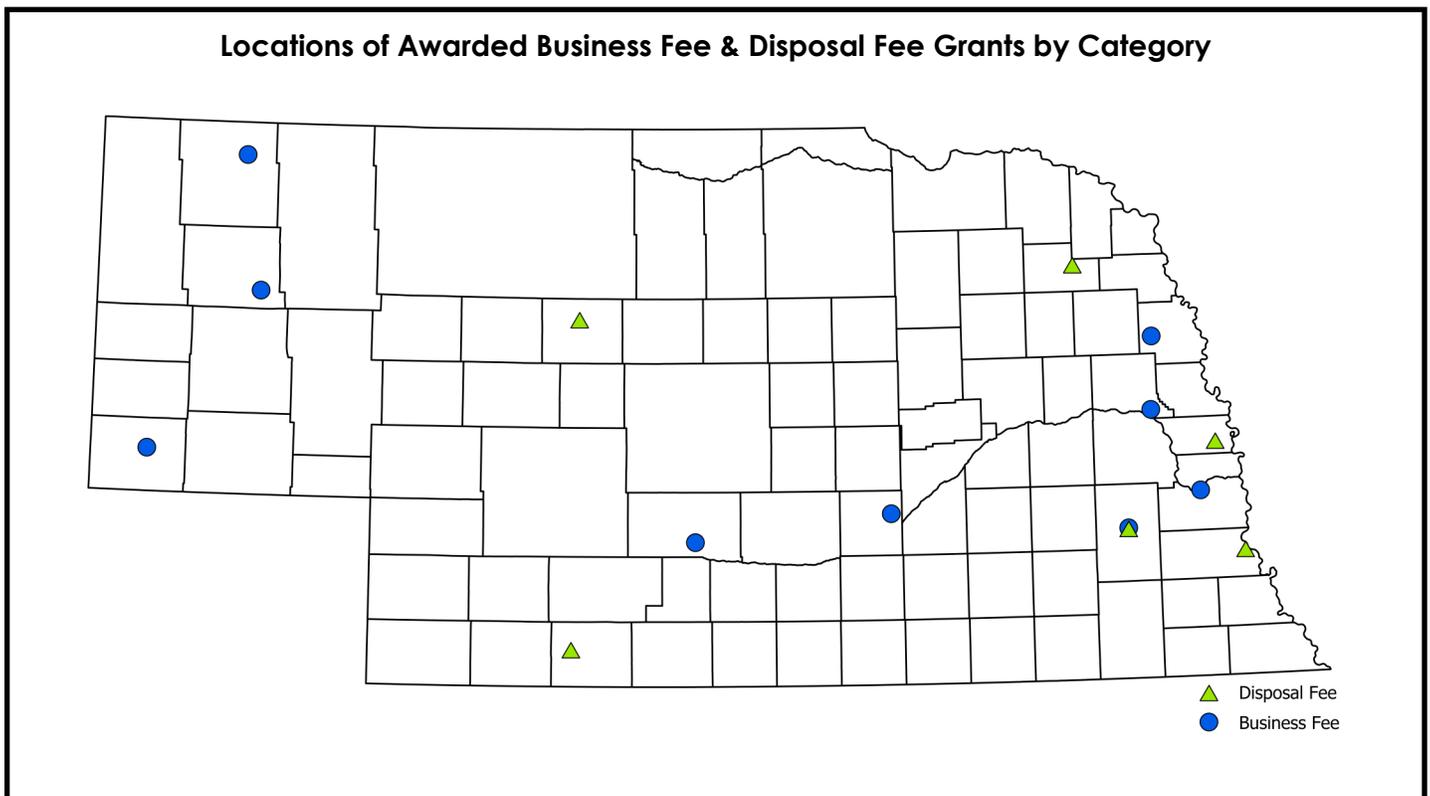
Awarded Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants

In fiscal year 2019, NDEE awarded \$1,729,302 for Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants to 83 projects.

These awards represent funding for six months. Beginning in 2020, Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants will be awarded on a calendar year, and funding will be for 12 months. The following lists indicate the locations across Nebraska that received funds.

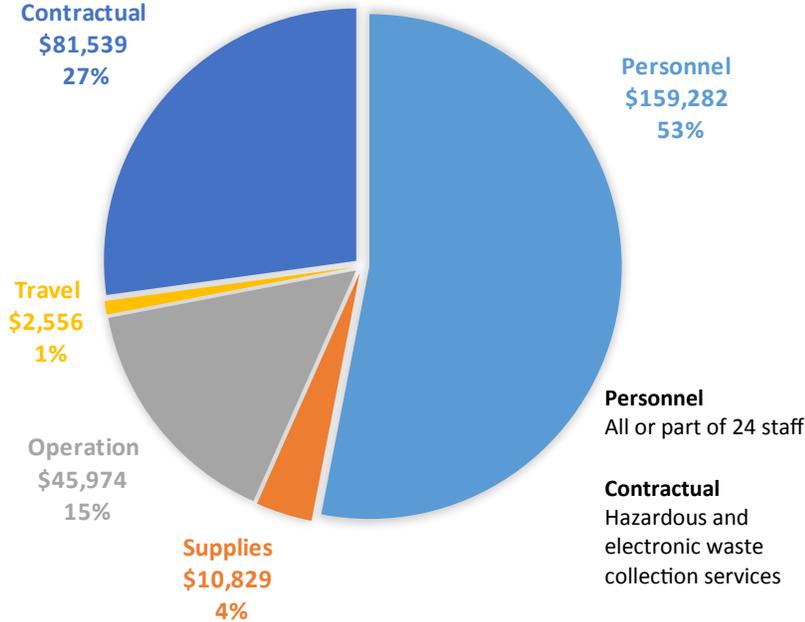
- **Business Fee:** 13 grants, \$300,180 awarded
- **Disposal Fee:** 7 grants, \$461,365 awarded
- **Scrap Tire Grants:** 63 grants, \$967,757 awarded
- **Deconstruction Grants:** There were no grants awarded in fiscal year 2019.

To see the list of the awarded grants go to pages 23 through 30.



BUSINESS FEE

BUSINESS FEE AWARDS JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2019 ALL CATEGORIES - TOTAL AWARDED \$300,180



In fiscal year 2019, 13 grants totaling \$300,180 were awarded under the Business Fee category in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program. Business Fee funds are eligible for distribution to political subdivisions or other entities or organizations, public, private, or non-profit, to apply. The pie chart, to the left, lists the amounts and percentages of requested grant funding awarded by category.

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Photos and information provided by Lincoln Public Schools



In fiscal year 2019, Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) was awarded a Business Fee grant to help continue to establish its recycling and composting programs in Lincoln Schools.

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During the 2019-2020 school year, LPS has 57 cafeterias that are collecting organic materials to be composted. During the 2018-2019 school year, LPS collected nearly 1.27 million pounds of organic materials for composting.

LPS has a “Garbology” science unit that teaches 40 elementary kindergarten classes, across the district, about reducing, reusing, recycling, and composting.

Other activities supported by these grant funds include LPS coordinating waste audits in collaboration with the UNL Environmental Studies 101 students, carrying out its annual Cans4Books aluminum can recycling drive, and sharing waste management related resources and opportunities with schools through various means of communication, including monthly waste reports and newsletters.

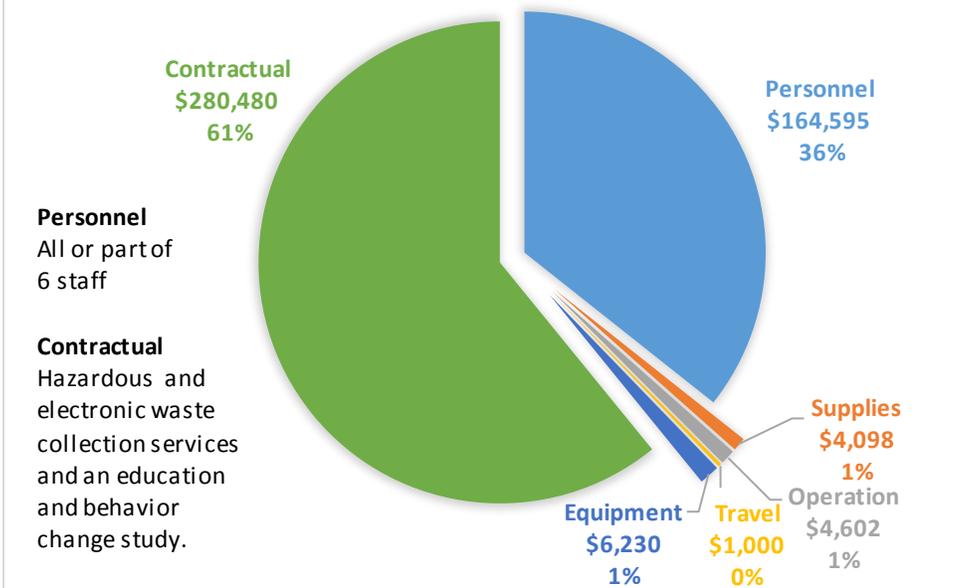
According to LPS:

“The NDEE grant funding is critical for supporting the LPS Sustainability Coordinator position that oversees all of these waste management activities. This grant also provides essential funding for supplies that are necessary for the compost program to function.

While the diversion weights associated with our programs are impressive, I am really thrilled to see so much student and community engagement around our waste management programs. With the growth of the compost program throughout the district we have also seen a revitalized interest in that strategies for collecting recyclables. My favorite feedback is from parents that tell me they started recycling and/or composting at home after their child learned about it at school – I’m excited to see the next generation already serving as leaders to reduce their environmental impact and I hope our programs continue to create that spark for families to have conversations and take action.”

DISPOSAL FEE

DISPOSAL FEE AWARDS JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2019 ALL CATEGORIES - TOTAL AWARDED \$461,365



In fiscal year 2019, 7 grants totaling \$461,365 were awarded under the Disposal Fee category in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program. Disposal Fee funds are eligible for distribution to political subdivisions, such as counties, municipalities and agencies. The pie chart to the left lists the amounts and percentages of requested grant funding awarded, by category.

CITY OF WAYNE



Photos and information provided by the City of Wayne



The City of Wayne was awarded a Disposal Fee grant to hold one electronic waste collection event. The event was on September 14, 2019. Over 110 households and 10 businesses participated.

The City has held an annual electronic waste collection event for the past seven years. These events have diverted over 120,000 pounds of electronics from the landfill. NDEE has provided funding for six out of the seven years.

The City stated:

"[NDEE's] support makes an incredible difference at reducing waste in our rural community."

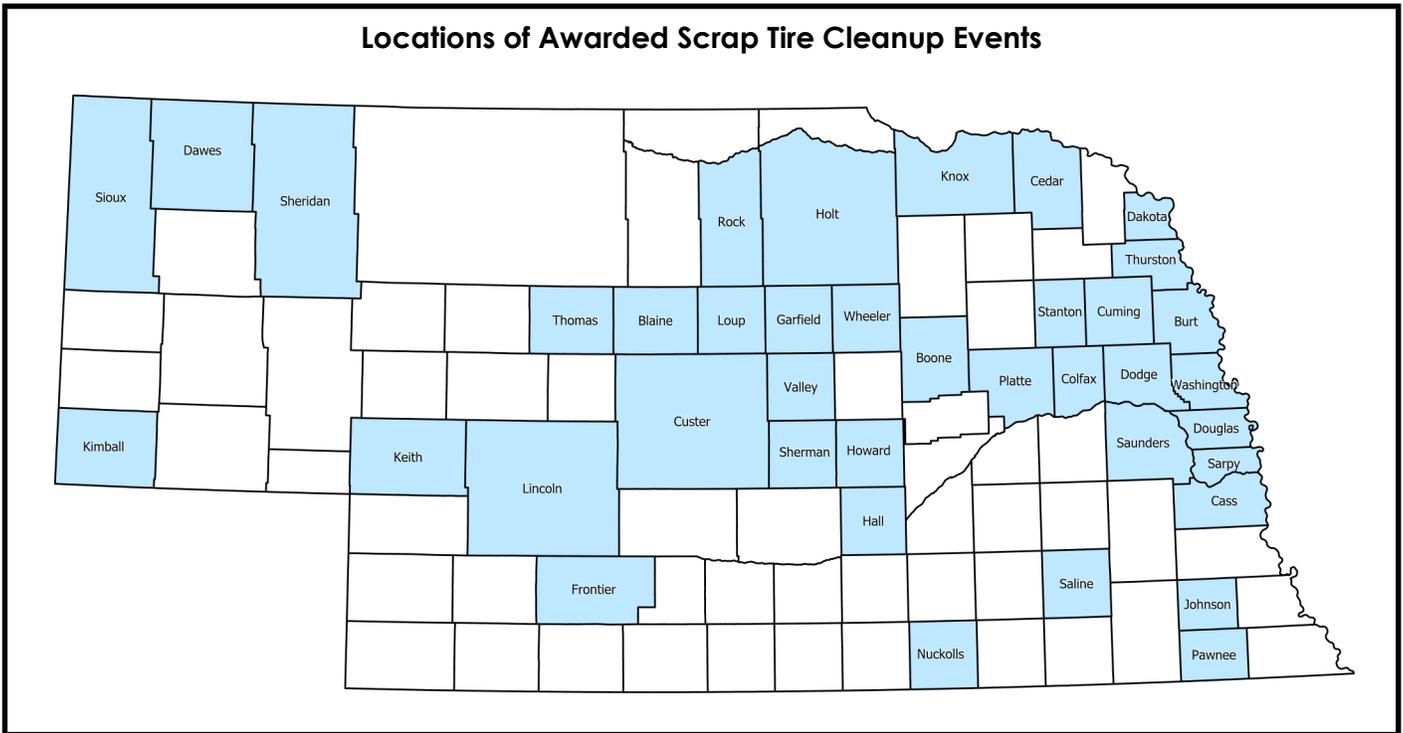
Scrap Tire Grants

The scrap tire grants are funded by the \$1 per tire fee on retail sales of new tires. In fiscal year 2019, \$967,757 was awarded to 63 projects.

- Scrap tire cleanup events: 21 grants, \$513,626 awarded
- Completed projects for the partial reimbursement of the purchase of tire-derived products and/or crumb rubber: 40 grants, \$450,816 awarded
- Proposed projects for the partial reimbursement for the purchase of tire-derived products and/or crumb rubber: 2 grants, \$3,315

Scrap Tire Cleanup Events

Funding for tire collection site cleanups are for political subdivisions. Twenty-one scrap tire cleanup grants were awarded in fiscal year 2019 to political subdivisions. The grants totaled \$513,626 and proposed to clean up 4,125 tons of scrap tires.



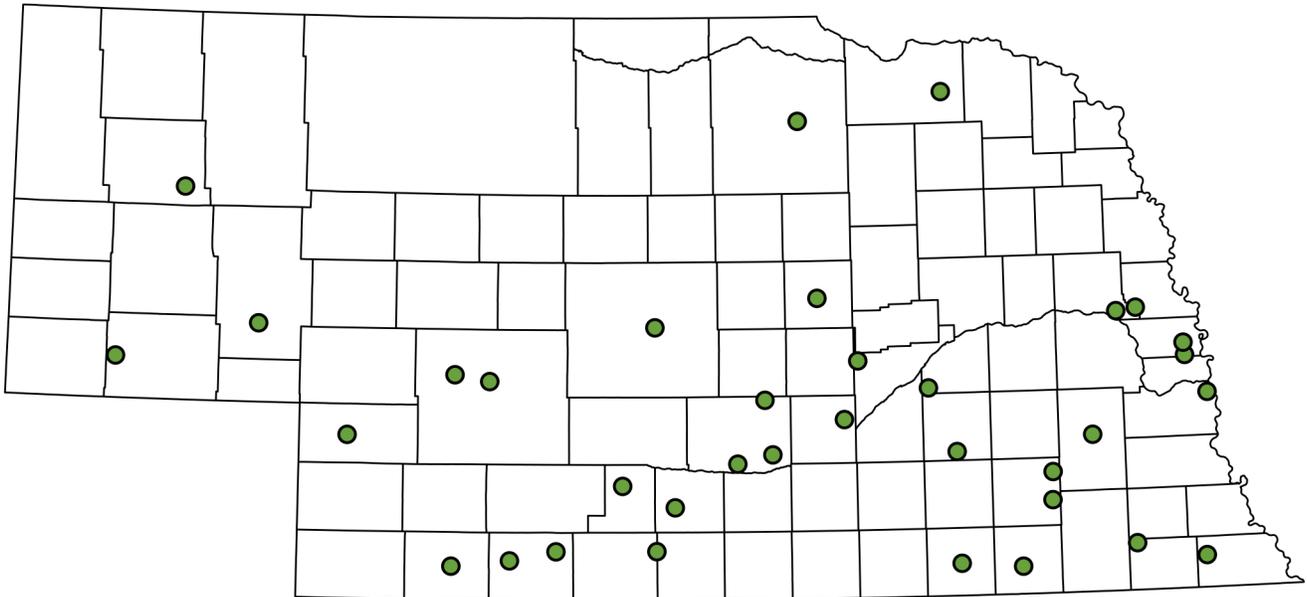
Photos provided by the Cass County Department of Roads

The Cass County Department of Roads held a scrap tire cleanup August 27 through 29, 2019, in Weeping Water. The event was open to all Cass County residents. A total of 236.88 tons was collected.

Scrap Tire Partial Reimbursement for Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber

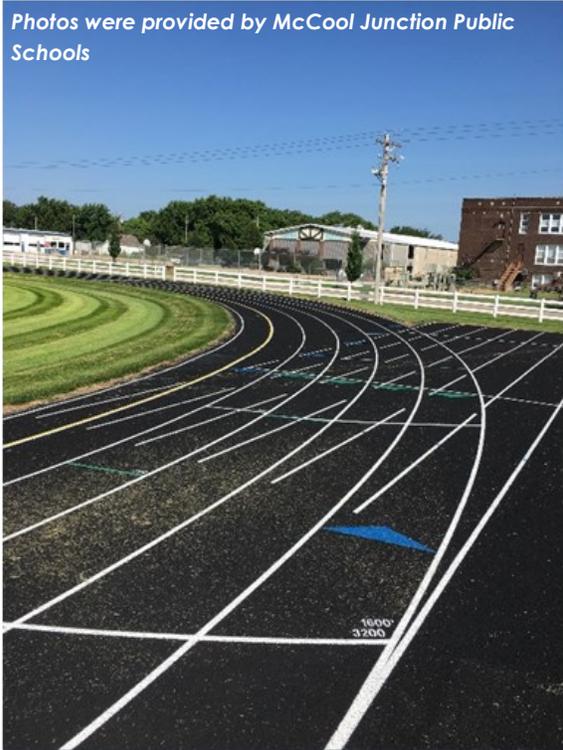
In fiscal year 2019, NDEE awarded \$454,131 to 42 projects, to partially reimburse the purchase of tire-derived products and/or crumb rubber. Of the completed projects, 1,801,856 pounds of Nebraska recycled tire rubber were used, representing over 120,000 passenger tires.

Locations of Awarded Scrap Tire Partial Reimbursement for Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber



Photos were provided by Perkins County Schools

Perkins County Schools was awarded partial reimbursement for the purchase of 118,950 pounds of rubber playground mulch and 23 swing mats made from 1,730 pounds of recycled tire rubber for the elementary school playground. That equals over 8,000 passenger tires.



McCool Junction Public Schools was awarded partial reimbursement for the installation of an athletic track base mat at the high school, which was made from 56,000 pounds of recycled Nebraska tire rubber. That equals over 3,700 passenger tires.

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program

The Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program has been in existence since 1979. Its purpose is to provide funds to support programs to reduce litter, provide education, and promote recycling in Nebraska.

NDEE provides funds for this program from an annual fee assessed to manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers having gross receipts of at least \$100,000, on products that commonly contribute to litter. For manufacturers, the annual litter fee is \$175 for each million dollars of products manufactured. The annual litter fee for wholesalers and retailers is \$175 for each million dollars of sales made in the state. NDEE receives approximately \$2 million annually.

The annual litter fee is imposed on products in the following categories:

- Food for human consumption, beverages, soft drinks, carbonated water, liquor, wine, beer and other malt beverages, unless sold by retailers solely for consumption indoors on the retailer's premises;
- Food for pet consumption;
- Cigarettes and other tobacco products;
- Household paper and household paper products;
- Cleaning agents; and
- Kitchen supplies

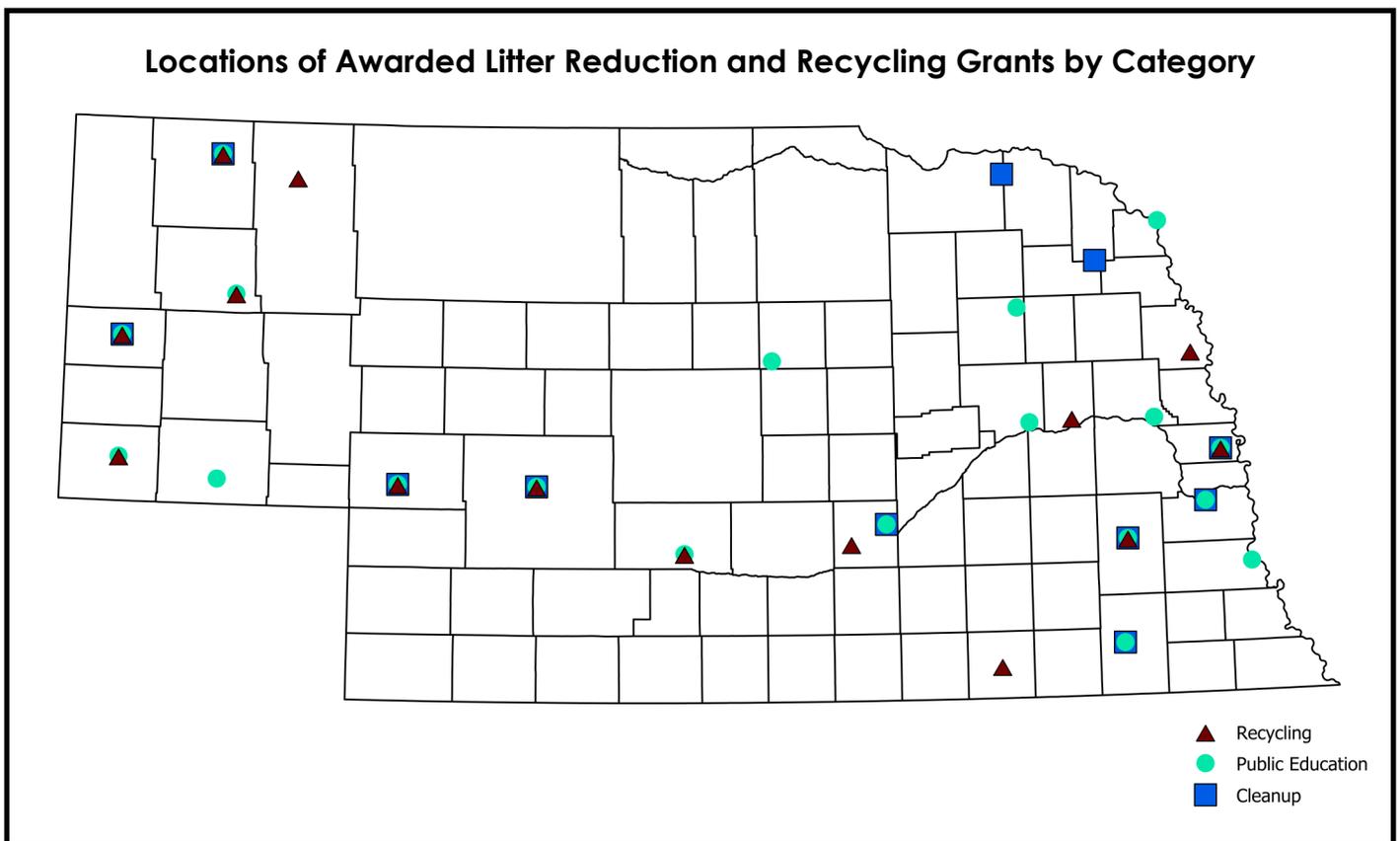


Awarded Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants

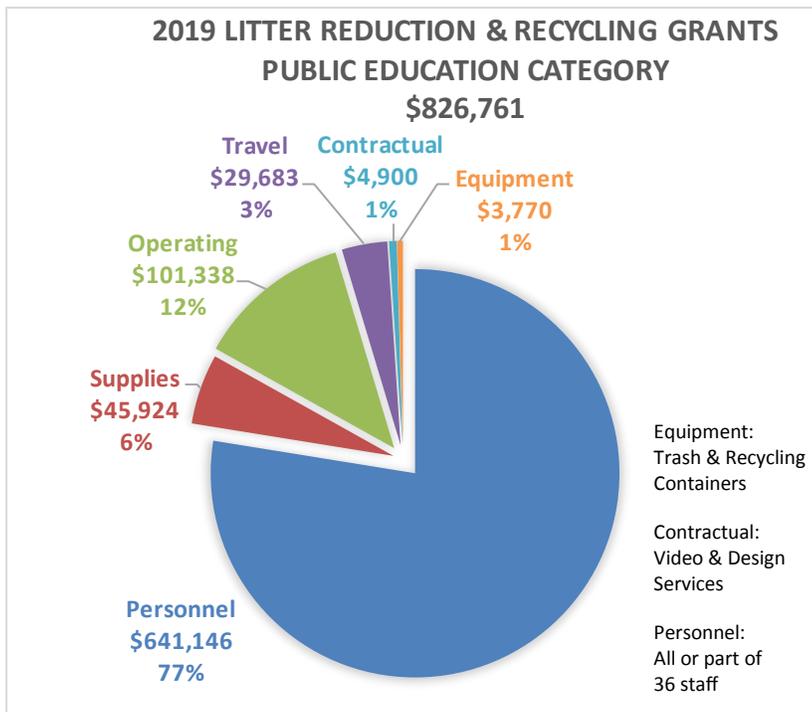
In 2019, NDEE awarded \$1.3 million to 49 Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant recipients. Grant funding is available to several types of programs, including non-profit groups, public and private entities, and to Keep America Beautiful affiliates. Many of these programs use Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program funds to leverage additional dollars for a comprehensive, statewide approach to litter reduction and recycling.

- **Public Education:** 21 grants, \$826,761 awarded
- **Cleanup:** 11 grants, \$49,716 awarded
- **Recycling:** 17 grants, \$423,523 awarded

To see the list of the awarded grants, go to page 23 through 30.



PUBLIC EDUCATION



In fiscal year 2019, 21 grants totaling \$826,761 were awarded under the category of Public Education. Public Education programs educate citizens in the areas of litter reduction, cleanup, and recycling through a variety of individual and community activities. The pie chart to the left lists the amounts and percentages of grant funding awarded by category.



KEEP FREMONT BEAUTIFUL



Photos were provided by Keep Fremont Beautiful

Keep Fremont Beautiful (KFB) was awarded a public education grant to promote public education on proper waste handling practices, to sponsor material collection events, and for a local campaign to reduce litter and increase recycling.

Of the 30 ongoing education projects, one project was the 24th annual Eco-Fair for fourth grade students (pictured on the left). There were 425 students in attendance. Each student had the opportunity to visit 25 educational booths detailing important environmental issues. Over 60 volunteers participated in the event.

KFB also does classroom presentations on litter reduction and recycling for kindergarten and second grade classrooms (pictured on the right). KFB stated:

“Funding through the NDEE allows us to plan, implement and make necessary revisions to our programs. Having the ability to update programming for relevance and effectiveness helps us to keep litter reduction and recycling at the forefront of community awareness.”

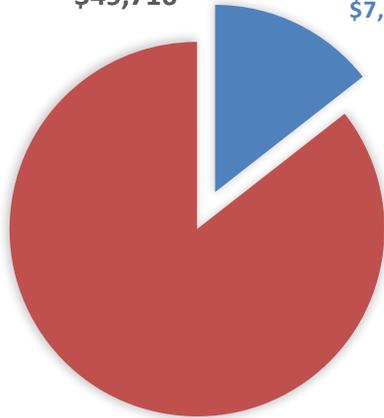
CLEANUP

2019 LITTER REDUCTION & RECYCLING GRANTS

CLEANUP CATEGORY
\$49,716

Supplies
\$7,176

Cleanups
\$42,540
715 Miles
679 Acres



In fiscal year 2019, 11 grants totaling \$49,716 were awarded under the category of Cleanup. Cleanup programs utilize Nebraska residents of all ages to pick up litter and debris along Nebraska's highways, waterways, recreation lands, urban areas, and other public-use areas within the state. Cleanup grants will clean up litter from 715 road-side miles and 679 acres of public areas. The pie chart to the left lists the amounts and percentages of requested grant funding awarded by category.

KEEP CHADRON BEAUTIFUL



Photos were provided by Keep Chadron Beautiful



Keep Chadron Beautiful was awarded a grant to clean up 100 miles in Dawes County.

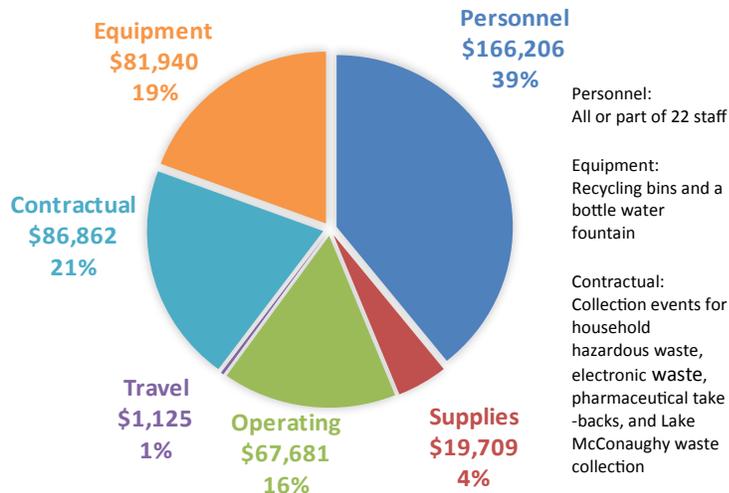
Keep Chadron Beautiful stated:

"The cleanup grants not only keep our scenic rural roadways clean, but educate the volunteers on taking individual responsibility for their environment and community.

A perfect example is a comment made by a seven-year-old girl who said, "If everybody had to pick up trash like we do, no one would throw it on the ground anymore."

RECYCLING

2019 LITTER REDUCTION & RECYCLING RECYCLING CATEGORY \$423,523



In fiscal year 2019, 17 grants totaling \$423,523 were awarded under the category of Recycling. Recycling programs provide an alternative to the disposal of solid waste in Nebraska's landfills. The programs recycle more than just aluminum, paper, glass, and plastic. Materials such as electronic computer components, paint, aerosol cans, fertilizer, pesticides, and household hazardous waste are collected. Materials are either reprocessed to be used again or are disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner. The pie chart to the left lists the amounts and percentages of requested grant funding awarded by category.

KEEP SCHUYLER BEAUTIFUL

Keep Schuyler Beautiful received a recycling grant for operating expenses for the Colfax County Recycling Facility, which is operated by Keep Schuyler Beautiful's board of directors.

The facility has been active for 18 years and is open three days out of the week.

During 2018, 247.3 tons of materials was recycled at the facility. Between January 2019 through June 2019, approximately 3,528 vehicles dropped off recyclables.



Photos were provided by Keep Schuyler Beautiful



Keep Schuyler Beautiful stated:

"The grant funding enables the recycling center to operate, combined with the dollars received for materials sold. Without NDEE funding, the operation of the recycling center would not be possible. We are a grassroots operation and we are very frugal in our expenditures. Local governments support the facility, however they are also short of revenues for funding civic programs."

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL NEBRASKA

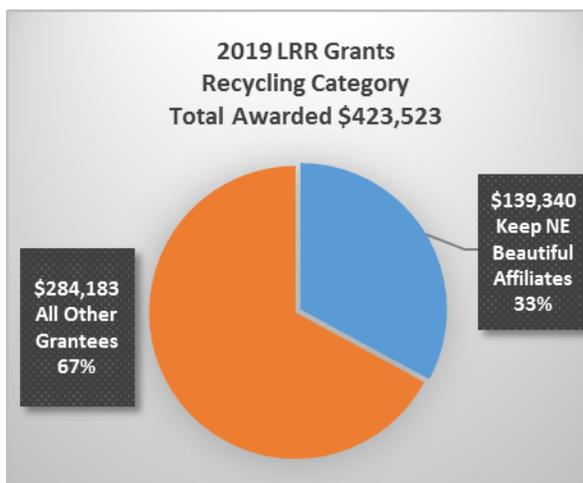
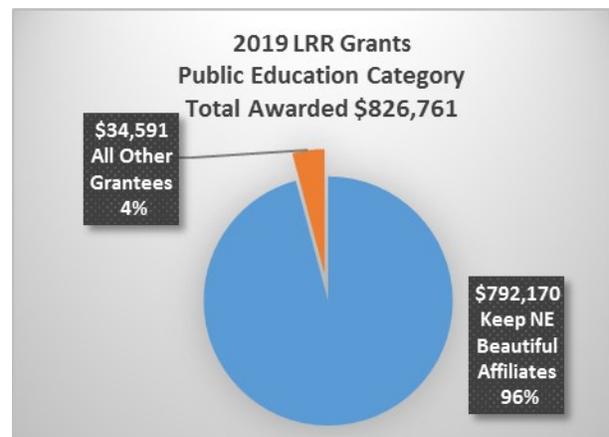
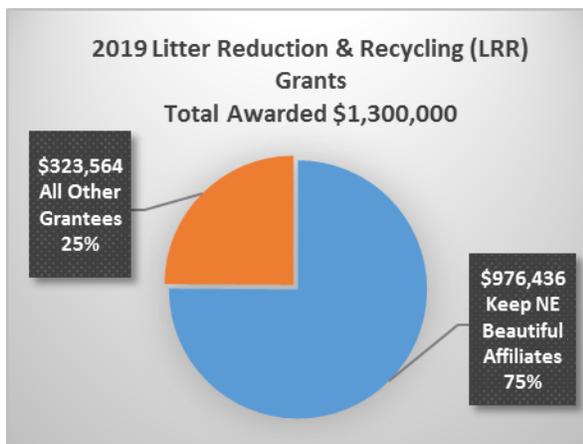
AFFILIATE FUNDING

Keep America Beautiful (KAB) is a national non-profit public education organization. Keep Nebraska Beautiful is a statewide affiliate of KAB. There are 20 local KAB affiliate communities in Nebraska.

Many KAB affiliates receive grant funding from the Litter Reduction and Recycling grant program under the public education category to cover personnel and operating expenses. The affiliates teach the importance of reuse, recycling, and reducing waste and litter through school and community-wide education programs.

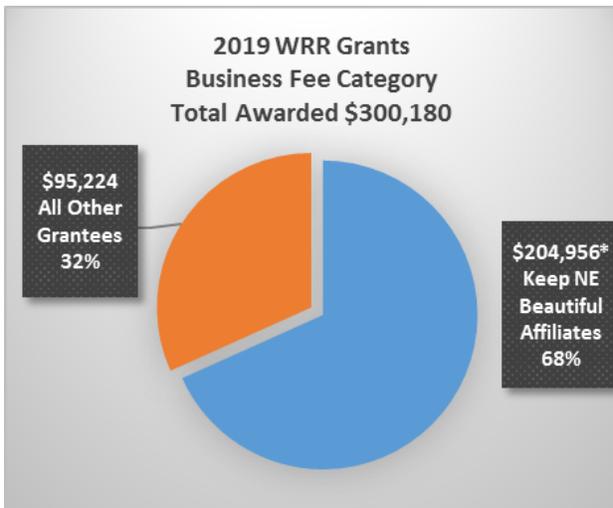
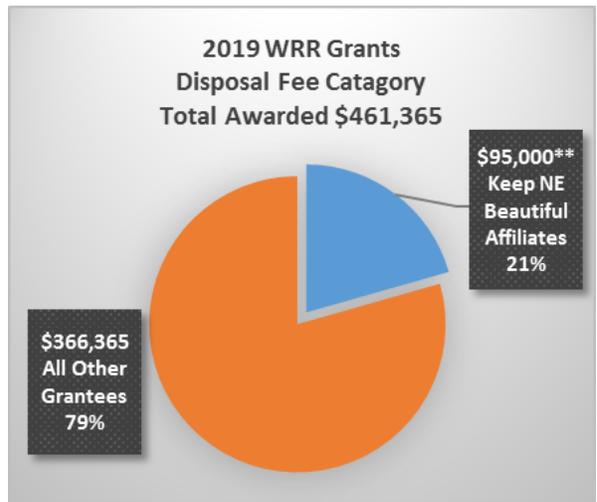
The Litter grant program also includes the cleanup category, which covers expenses to pick up litter along roadways and in public areas. Recycling is the third category under the Litter grant program, and is similar to the Business Fee category of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant Program. Through these categories, the KAB affiliates have received funding to operate recycling facilities and household hazardous waste (HHW) facilities. They have also held HHW, electronic waste, and pharmaceutical collections. These events are important because they make sure the materials collected are managed and/or disposed of properly. Although they are not eligible for direct grant funding, some KAB affiliates have worked with local political subdivisions (cities and counties) to organize scrap tire cleanup events.

The charts below are the amounts and percentages awarded to KAB affiliates in each program.



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL NEBRASKA AFFILIATE FUNDING

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* The Business Fee Category award included a \$61,562 grant to the Grand Island Clean Community System to operate the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Grand Island.

** The Disposal Fee Category amount included a \$95,000 grant to the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department to operate the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Lincoln.

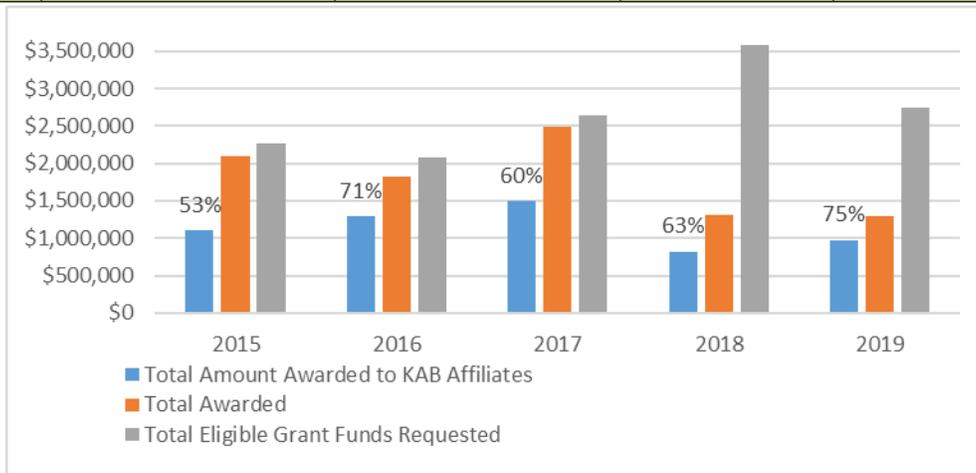


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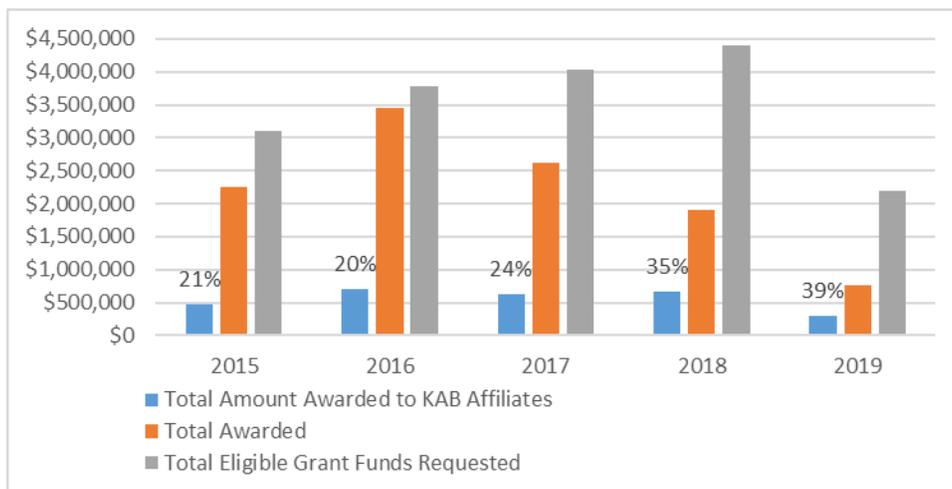
2015-2019 Awarded Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants to Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Nebraska Affiliates

Grant Year	Total Amount Awarded to KAB Affiliates	Percent Awarded to KAB Affiliates	Total Awarded	Total Eligible Grant Funds Requested
2015	\$1,106,901	53%	\$2,095,864	\$2,266,267
2016	\$1,294,329	71%	\$1,821,055	\$2,079,033
2017	\$1,499,123	60%	\$2,491,087	\$2,644,088
2018	\$823,506	63%	\$1,306,370	\$3,571,584
2019	\$976,436	75%	\$1,300,000	\$2,746,775



2015-2019 Awarded Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants to Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Nebraska Affiliates

Grant Year	Total Amount Awarded to KAB Affiliates	Percent Awarded to KAB Affiliates	Total Awarded	Total Eligible Grant Funds Requested
2015	\$466,234	21%	\$2,257,791	\$3,101,500
2016	\$696,947	20%	\$3,454,825	\$3,781,465
2017	\$627,484	24%	\$2,623,217	\$4,036,801
2018	\$668,415	35%	\$1,900,000	\$4,402,481
2019	\$299,956	39%	\$761,545	\$2,188,344



ILLEGAL DUMPSITE CLEANUP PROGRAM

The Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program, established in 1997, provides funding assistance to political subdivisions for the cleanup of solid waste disposed of along public roadways or ditches. Through this program, household waste, white goods, construction and demolition waste, tires, furniture, yard waste, and some hazardous wastes are removed from the illegal site and disposed in a permitted facility or recycled.

Funding for this program is limited to five percent of the total revenue from the disposal fee collected from landfills in the preceding fiscal year. NDEE encourages municipalities, counties and other political subdivisions to submit applications for the reimbursement of cleanup efforts. In FY2019, the program provided 21 grants, totaling \$14,935.74. In FY2019, funds were provided to:

Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Awards		
City of Lincoln—11	City of Omaha— 3	Seward County—3
Red Willow—1	Washington County—3	

LANDFILL DISPOSAL FEE REBATE PROGRAM

The Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program was created as an incentive to political subdivisions to support and encourage the purchasing of products, materials, or supplies that are manufactured or produced from recycled material. Funding for the program is from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund.

Under the program, which was created in 1994, any municipality or county may apply for a rebate if it has a written purchasing policy requiring a preference for purchasing products, materials, or supplies that are manufactured or produced from recycled material. If the policy is approved by NDEE, the applicant may receive a 10-cent rebate from the \$1.25 per ton disposal fee. Rebates are provided no more than quarterly and no less than annually.

In FY2019, the program provided \$91,630 to five counties and six cities participating in the program. Eight of the eleven participants processed their requests through email. This option helps to meet our agency's goals for waste reduction efforts and process improvement.

Landfill Disposal Rebate Recipients & Totals for FY2019					
Buffalo County	\$ 5,482	Butler County	\$ 3,317	City of David City	\$ 240
City of North Platte	\$ 3,683	City of Lincoln	\$26,142	Saline County	\$ 2,861
City of Omaha	\$ 47,291	South Sioux City	\$ 615	Jefferson County	\$ 554
Seward County	\$ 1,335	City of Grant	\$ 110		

10 YEAR GRANT HISTORY OF AWARDED AND REQUESTED AMOUNTS



AMOUNTS AWARDED AND REQUESTED FOR LITTER REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT (LRR) CATEGORIES

Grant Year	Awarded Recycling	Awarded Public Education	Awarded Cleanup	Total Awarded (All LRR Categories)	Total Eligible Grant Funds Requested (All LRR Categories)
2010	\$1,269,074	\$547,595	\$76,575	\$1,893,244	\$3,317,183*
2011	\$1,125,000	\$323,789	\$60,000	\$1,508,789	\$3,730,926*
2012	\$852,500	\$620,003	\$81,675	\$1,554,178	\$2,044,451*
2013	\$821,092	\$751,559	\$109,937	\$1,682,588	\$2,499,447*
2014	\$1,052,402	\$887,141	\$67,164	\$2,006,707	\$3,083,431*
2015	\$1,176,580	\$821,346	\$97,938	\$2,095,864	\$2,266,267*
2016	\$892,975	\$819,597	\$108,483	\$1,821,055	\$2,079,033*
2017	\$1,326,206	\$1,037,895	\$126,986	\$2,491,087	\$2,644,088
2018	\$603,867	\$651,968	\$50,569	\$1,306,404	\$3,571,584
2019	\$423,523	\$826,761	\$49,716	\$1,300,000	\$2,746,775
Total Amounts				\$17,659,916	\$27,983,185*

*Estimate



AMOUNTS AWARDED AND REQUESTED FOR WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING INCENTIVE GRANT (WRR) CATEGORIES

Grant Year	Awarded Disposal Fee	Awarded Business Fee	Total Awarded (Both WRR Categories)	Total Eligible Grant Funds Requested (Both WRR Categories)
2010	\$1,019,827	\$423,075	\$1,442,902	\$4,473,857*
2011	\$791,488	\$349,395	\$1,140,883	\$2,446,958*
2012	\$916,461	\$774,715	\$1,691,176	\$2,387,797*
2013	\$816,990	\$549,524	\$1,366,514	\$2,388,515*
2014	\$1,012,371	\$1,107,888	\$2,120,259	\$3,083,431*
2015	\$1,435,558	\$822,233	\$2,257,791	\$3,101,500*
2016	\$2,116,399	\$1,338,426	\$3,454,825	\$3,781,465
2017	\$1,789,483	\$833,734	\$2,623,217	\$4,036,801
2018	\$964,113	\$935,887	\$1,900,000	\$4,402,481
**2019	\$461,365	\$300,180	\$761,545	\$2,188,344
Total Amounts			\$18,759,112	\$32,291,149

*Estimate

** FY2019 Grant awards were for a 6-month grant term.



AMOUNTS AWARDED FOR DECONSTRUCTION, ILLEGAL DUMPSITE, AND LANDFILL DISPOSAL REBATE

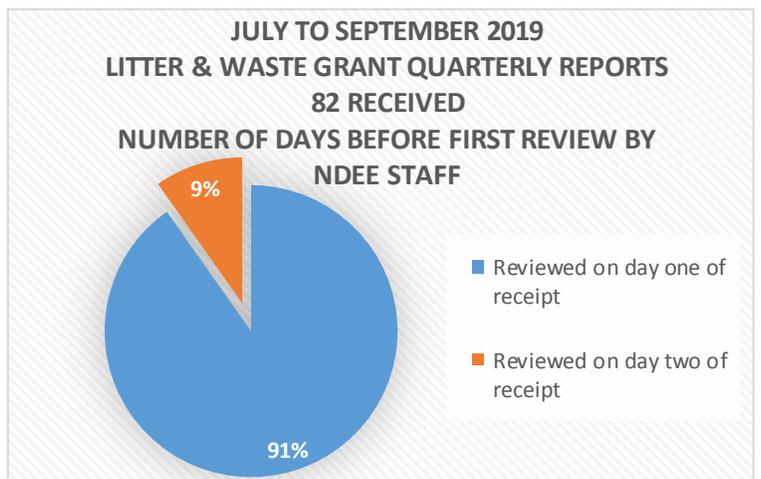
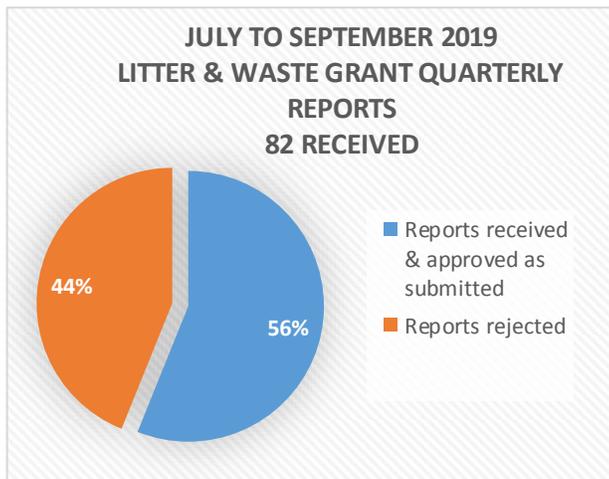
Grant Year	Awarded Deconstruction Grants	Awarded Illegal Dumpsite	Awarded Landfill Disposal Rebate
2010	\$58,800	\$60,065	\$74,017
2011	\$10,080	\$83,533	\$82,653
2012	\$291,500	\$42,468	\$118,662
2013		\$44,841	\$108,674
2014		\$49,792	\$101,810
2015		\$28,058	\$94,859
2016		\$162,536	\$80,872
2017		\$75,599	\$100,892
2018		\$40,433	\$99,341
2019		\$14,935	\$91,630
Total	\$360,380	\$602,260	\$953,410

GRANT QUARTERLY REPORTING

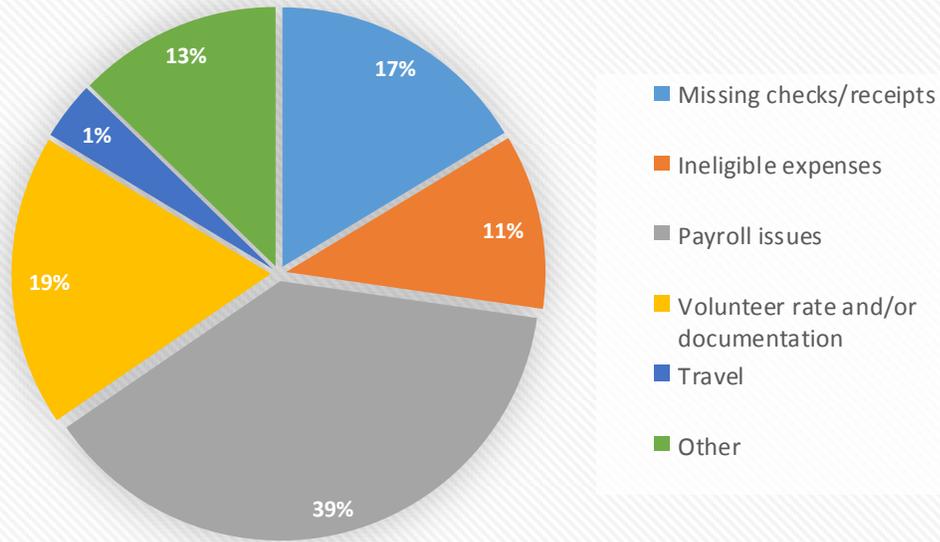
NDEE distributes grant funds through reimbursement of actual expenses. Each grantee is required to submit quarterly performance reports, with proper documentation, in accordance with their grant agreement.

When a report is submitted, two employees of the NDEE’s Land Planning and Aid section review the report. If the report has all required documentation, it is sent to NDEE’s Fiscal Department to process the payment. If the report is missing documentation, it is sent back to the grantee with instructions on how to fix the issue. Once the report is sent back into NDEE, the report is again reviewed by two employees. After all issues are resolved, the report is sent on to NDEE’s Fiscal Department to process the payment.

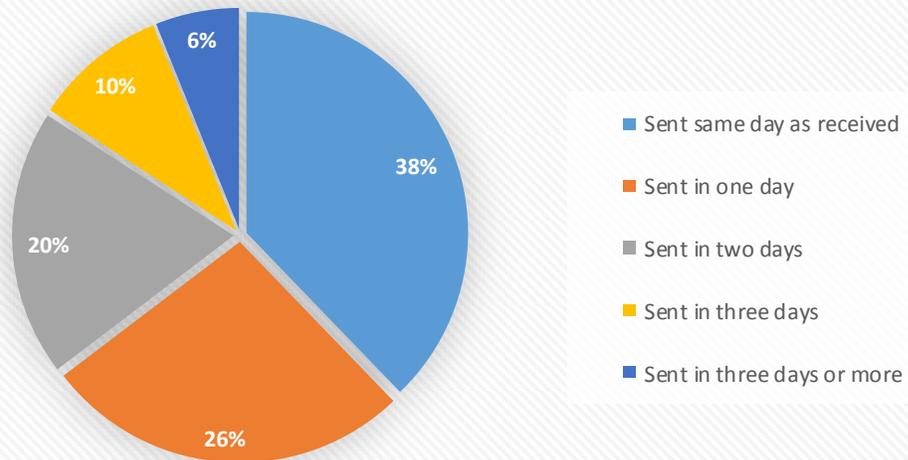
It is the Land Planning and Aid section’s goal to review each report within one day of submittal. The pie charts listed below, and on page 22, show an example of a one-quarter reporting period. Of 82 reports received, 91% of them were reviewed on day one of receipt and 9% were reviewed within two days. 44% of the reports were sent back to the grantee (rejected) for further documentation. **See page 22 for more.**



**JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019
LITTER & WASTE GRANT QUARTERLY REPORTS
REJECTION REASONS**



**JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2019
LITTER & WASTE GRANT QUARTERLY REPORTS
NUMBER OF REVIEW DAYS AT NDEE BEFORE SENDING TO
FISCAL FOR PAYMENT**



LIST OF 2019 GRANTS AWARDED BY CATEGORY



WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING INCENTIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

Disposal Fee: \$461,365 for 7 grants

Lincoln	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department	\$95,000	Funds to operate Lincoln's household hazardous waste facility, the HazToGo marketing plan, and toxics reduction education (including a green cleaning kit project) for residents of Lancaster County.
Lincoln	City of Lincoln – Solid Waste Management Division	\$93,965	Funding for year three of the public education Recycling Right program for proper disposal of cardboard and recyclables.
McCook	Red Willow County	\$80,000	Hold a minimum of 21 collection events and 10 pick-ups/disposals to collect and properly dispose of \$125,000 pounds of household hazardous waste.
Nebraska City	City of Nebraska City	\$7,500	Funds to rent a tree grinder to process trees, brush, and yard waste. Mulch will be used at the Arbor Day Farm, local orchards, and city parks.
Omaha	City of Omaha – UnderTheSink HHW Facility	\$171,875	Year four of a five-year grant for Omaha's UnderTheSink household hazardous waste facility serving Douglas and Sarpy counties.
Theftord	Upper Loup Natural Resources District	\$6,230	Funds to purchase a recycle trailer to be kept in the Village of Purdum. Will transport paper and cardboard monthly to Theftord, and then on to Broken Bow. Residents are currently burning these materials or sending them to the landfill.
Wayne	City of Wayne	\$6,795	Hold one electronic waste collection event to clean up approximately 20,000 pounds of electronic waste from Wayne and surrounding areas.

Business Fee: \$300,180 for 13 grants

Alliance	Keep Alliance Beautiful	\$61,006	Funds to operate the Alliance recycling center and provide waste reduction and recycling education programs for residents of Alliance, Box Butte County, and the surrounding area.
Chadron	Keep Chadron Beautiful	\$3,186	Funds toward a one-day electronic waste recycling event for residents of Chadron and surrounding communities.
Chadron	Keep Chadron Beautiful	\$25,877	Funding to collect recyclable office paper and cardboard from offices, businesses, and individuals in Chadron. Nearly 94 tons of cardboard and paper were diverted from the landfill last year.
Fremont	Keep Fremont Beautiful, Inc.	\$20,225	Hold a one-day household hazardous waste collection event, one all metals market drop-site collection event, and provide recycling opportunities at public events for Fremont and Dodge County.
Grand Island	Grand Island Area Clean Community System	\$61,562	Funds to operate the Betty Curtis Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Grand Island, serving Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Merrick, and Adams Counties.
Kimball	Keep Kimball Beautiful	\$10,212	Funds to increase recycling by providing collection services to rural residents and businesses. Also provide residential alley recycling collection and recycling trailers for local towns and events.
Lexington	Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency	\$16,964	Hold three household hazardous waste collection events within a 10-county area in central Nebraska.

Business Fee Continued

Lincoln	Keep Nebraska Beautiful	\$21,882	Funding for three statewide programs: 1) Nebraska Materials Exchange – saved landfill space by recycling nearly 5,500 tons of materials last year; 2) Nebraska Food Waste Reduction Program – encourage diversion of food from landfills through composting; and 3) Nebraska Waste Oil Collection Program – collected over 92,000 gallons of oil in 2018.
Lincoln	Lincoln Public Schools	\$17,051	Continue established recycling and composting programs in Lincoln schools. Expect to divert 700,000 pounds of recyclables and 720,000 pounds of cafeteria waste during the six-month period while expanding composting programs to more schools.
Lincoln	Nebraska Recycling Council	\$40,000	Create an online recycling community tool kit for elected leaders, solid waste management professionals, and environmental advocates in rural communities to achieve better recycling outcomes. Continue Hub & Spoke work in northeast and north central Nebraska.
Louisville	Keep Cass County Beautiful	\$1,006	Advertising, educational materials, personnel, and travel expenses for two electronic waste recycling events in Cass County.
Oakland	Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D	\$6,500	Hold an electronic waste collection event in Homer for residents of Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Dakota, Thurston, and Washington counties. Expect to collect 16,000 pounds of electronic waste.
Oakland	Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D	\$14,709	Hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events in Wisner, Oakland, and Dakota City to serve Burt, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Thurston, and Washington counties. Expect to collect 27,500 pounds of HHW.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Events: 21 grants, \$513,626 awarded

Atkinson	City of Atkinson	\$23,662	Proposed 200-ton scrap tire cleanup near Atkinson for Holt County.
Center	Knox County	\$12,538	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Center for Knox County.
Chadron	Solid Waste Agency of Northwest Nebraska	\$15,716	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup for Dawes, Sioux, and Sheridan counties.
Columbus	City of Columbus	\$26,352	Proposed 250-ton scrap tire cleanup in Columbus for Platte County.
Curtis	Frontier County	\$12,891	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup near Eustis for Frontier County.
Fremont	City of Fremont	\$33,132	Proposed 400-ton scrap tire cleanup in Fremont for Dodge and parts of Saunders, Douglas, and Washington counties.
Grand Island	Hall County Highway Department	\$18,404	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Grand Island for Hall County.
Hartington	Cedar County	\$32,521	Proposed 275-ton scrap tire cleanup in Hartington for Cedar County
Hubbard	Dakota County Road Department	\$10,377	Proposed 80-ton scrap tire cleanup in Hubbard for Dakota County.
Kimball	City of Kimball	\$19,108	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Kimball for Kimball County.
Nelson	Nuckolls County	\$14,700	Proposed 120-ton scrap tire cleanup in Nelson for Nuckolls County.
North Platte	City of North Platte	\$12,778	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in North Platte for Lincoln County.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Events Continued

Ogallala	Keith County	\$32,000	Proposed 250-ton scrap tire cleanup in Ogallala for Keith County and the surrounding area.
Omaha	City of Omaha	\$61,264	Proposed 300-ton scrap tire cleanup in Omaha for Douglas County.
Ord	Lower Loup Natural Resources District	\$42,804	Proposed 350-ton scrap tire cleanup in Burwell for 13 counties: Blaine, Boone, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Holt, Howard, Loup, Rock, Sherman, Thomas, Valley, and Wheeler.
Pawnee City	Pawnee County	\$6,426	Proposed 75-ton scrap tire cleanup in Pawnee City for Pawnee County.
Tecumseh	Johnson County	\$7,027	Proposed 75-ton scrap tire cleanup in Tecumseh for Johnson County.
Tekamah	Papio Missouri River NRD	\$84,800	Proposed 600-ton cleanup in Arlington for 10 counties: Burt, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Stanton, Thurston, and Washington.
Wahoo	Saunders County Highway Dept	\$15,026	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Wahoo for Saunders County.
Weeping Water	Cass County Department of Roads	\$15,690	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Weeping Water for Cass County.
Wilber	Saline County	\$16,410	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup near Dorchester for Saline County.

Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber-Completed Projects: 40 grants, \$450,816 awarded

Alliance	Keep Alliance Beautiful	\$6,473	50% reimbursement for 39,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for Box Butte County residents and businesses.
Arlington	Arlington Public Schools	\$10,788	25% reimbursement for 3,000 sq. ft. of bonded rubber playground surfacing made from 39,000 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Bartley	Southwest Public Schools	\$393	25% reimbursement for 5,850 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground at Southwest Elementary School in Indianola, NE.
Bloomfield	Bloomfield, City of	\$11,084	50% reimbursement for 52,267 lbs. of rubber mulch and 25% reimbursement of 6 picnic tables made from 810 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Broken Bow	Broken Bow Schools	\$4,462	50% reimbursement for 33,150 lbs. of rubber mulch for playgrounds at Custer and North Park Elementary Schools.
Crete	Doane University	\$60,137	25% reimbursement for an athletic track surface using 26,000 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Elkhorn	Lord of Life Lutheran Church	\$3,396	25% reimbursement for 1,512 sq. ft. of rubber tiles for the playground made from 8,278 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Elwood	Hope Lutheran Church	\$2,200	50% reimbursement for 15,600 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground at Hope Lutheran Church in Smithfield, NE.
Fairbury	Fairbury, City of	\$2,875	50% reimbursement for 19,500 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground in McNish Park.
Fairbury	Faith Lutheran Church	\$4,125	50% reimbursement for 38,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground.
Fremont	Fremont Public Schools	\$4,237	50% reimbursement for 34,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for the Bell Field Elementary School playground.
Gibbon	Gibbon Baptist Church	\$1,575	50% reimbursement for 11,700 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground.
Grand Island	Cedar Hollow School Parent Teacher Organization	\$2,887	50% reimbursement for 21,450 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground at Cedar Hollow School.
Grant	Perkins County Schools	\$13,069	50% reimbursement for part of 118,950 lbs. of rubber mulch and 25% reimbursement of 23 swing mats made from 1,730 lbs. of recycled tire rubber for the elementary playground.

Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber- Completed Projects Continued

Greeley	Central Valley Public School	\$7,672	50% reimbursement for 56,500 lbs. of rubber mulch and 25% reimbursement of 12 swing mats made from 902 lbs. of recycled tire rubber for playgrounds in Wolbach and Scotia.
Hebron	Hebron, City of	\$12,535	50% reimbursement for 85,000 lbs. of rubber mulch and 25% reimbursement of 7 swing mats made from 525 lbs. of recycled tire rubber for the playground.
Hershey	Hershey Public Schools	\$3,412	50% reimbursement for 25,350 lbs. of rubber mulch for the K-3 playground.
Humboldt	Humboldt, City of	\$9,400	50% reimbursement for 64,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for a city playground.
Kearney	Bowman, Mary	\$562	50% reimbursement for 3,900 lbs. of rubber mulch for a playground.
Kearney	First Baptist Preschool	\$18,007	25% reimbursement for 4,890 sq. ft. of rubber playground tiles for the playground, made from 37,907 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Kearney	Timm Grandview, LLC	\$5,250	50% reimbursement for 39,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for a playground.
Lewiston	Lewiston Consolidated Schools	\$3,200	50% reimbursement for part for 46,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for a playground. Expenses were partially reimbursed in 2018.
Lincoln	Lincoln Christian School	\$11,348	25% reimbursement for an athletic track maintenance coating system, using 6,000 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Lincoln	Loving Hearts Child Development Center	\$3,172	25% reimbursement for 1,340 sq. ft. of bonded rubber playground surfacing made from 6,500 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Lincoln	University of Nebraska Athletics	\$89,700	25% reimbursement for artificial turf for the Gass practice field, using 223,432 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Loomis	Loomis High School	\$12,075	50% reimbursement for 89,700 lbs. of rubber mulch for the elementary playground.
McCook	McCook Elementary School	\$652	50% reimbursement for 3,900 lbs. of rubber mulch for the school playground.
McCool Junction	McCool Junction Public School	\$19,002	25% reimbursement for an athletic track base mat at the high school, made from 56,000 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
North Platte	North Platte Public School District	\$2,100	50% reimbursement for 15,600 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground at Lincoln Elementary School.
Omaha	College of St. Mary	\$67,782	25% reimbursement for an artificial turf soccer field, using 262,000 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
O'Neill	St. Mary's Catholic School	\$17,183	50% reimbursement for 122,835 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground.
Oshkosh	Garden County Schools	\$1,969	50% reimbursement for 13,650 lbs. of rubber mulch for the elementary playground in Oshkosh, NE.
Oxford	Southern Valley Schools	\$2,300	50% reimbursement for 10,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for the elementary playground.
Palmer	Palmer Public School	\$1,125	50% reimbursement for 7,800 lbs. of rubber mulch for the preschool playground.
Plattsmouth	Beaver Lake Association	\$3,750	50% reimbursement for 23,880 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground.
Polk	High Plains Community Schools	\$1,734	50% reimbursement for 11,700 lbs. of rubber mulch for the elementary playground in Clarks, NE.

Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber-Completed Projects Continued

Ralston	St. Gerald Catholic School	\$6,650	50% reimbursement for 44,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground.
Ravenna	Ravenna Public Schools	\$21,346	25% reimbursement for an athletic track surface, using 78,000 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Trenton	Hitchcock County Agriculture Society	\$799	25% reimbursement for four picnic tables made from 540 lbs. of recycled tire rubber for the fairgrounds in Culbertson, NE.
Wilber	Gingerbread House, The	\$390	50% reimbursement for 1,950 lbs. of rubber mulch for the playground.

Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber-Proposed Projects: 2 projects, \$3,315 Awarded

Omaha	Faith Westwood United Methodist Church	\$765	Proposed 50% reimbursement for 3,900 lbs. of rubber mulch for the Love and Learn Child Development Center playground.
Potter	Potter, Village of	\$2,550	Proposed 50% reimbursement for 17,550 lbs. of rubber mulch for the Railroad Park playground.



LITTER REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM

Public Education: \$826,761 for 21 grants

Alliance	Keep Alliance Beautiful	\$62,404	Provide litter/waste reduction and recycling education for elementary and middle schools in Box Butte County.
Beatrice	Keep Beatrice Beautiful	\$40,805	Partner with local government and organizations to educate on what and where to recycle, and the importance of buying recycled content products. Promote "Use Less Stuff" in schools. Coordinate litter-free events.
Burwell	Loup Basin RC & D/ Keep Loup Basin Beautiful	\$46,706	Public education program for youth and adults in central and north central Nebraska on recycling, litter prevention, and proper waste disposal.
Chadron	Keep Chadron Beautiful	\$49,773	Public education to establish new attitudes and behaviors toward litter reduction and recycling. Present information to public and home schools, local clubs, and civic organizations.
Columbus	Keep Columbus Beautiful	\$33,543	Provide public education for increasing recycling and to raise awareness for litter prevention in Columbus and Platte County.
Fremont	Keep Fremont Beautiful	\$58,467	Public education on proper waste handling practices. Sponsor material collection events and a local campaign to reduce litter and increase recycling. Respond to population/demographic changes that may occur with construction of new area poultry plant.
Grand Island	Grand Island Area Clean Community System	\$38,728	Provide education to schools and at public events on how to recycle, reuse/ repurpose. Education on proper disposal and alternatives to home chemicals. Provide recycling containers at local events.
Grand Island	Literacy Council of Grand Island, Inc	\$26,850	Implement an environmental literacy project with 600 English learning students and the greater community. Coordinate an Earth Day Festival and conduct a public education campaign about composting and recycling.
Kimball	Keep Kimball Beautiful	\$21,360	Provide environmental education for Kimball and the surrounding area on litter prevention and waste management. Work with Kimball Public Schools to educate on waste diversion and how a landfill works.

Public Education Continued

Lexington	Keep Lexington Beautiful	\$15,703	Provide recycling and litter education to one middle and four elementary schools, two nursing homes, and two assisted living facilities. Provide recycling trailers for local community events.
Lincoln	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department	\$75,021	Education program to promote litter reduction and an increase in recycling. Purchase nine ashtray receptacles.
Lincoln	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$7,741	Increase recycling education at UNL. Purchase 30 recycling containers for outdoor events. Volunteers will hand out recycling bags to tailgaters and return to pick up the bags to put in recycling containers.
Louisville	Keep Cass County Beautiful	\$40,710	Promote waste reduction, the importance of litter prevention and of reducing, reusing, repurposing, and recycling in Cass County. Will provide recycling bins and cigarette receptacles at local community events.
Nebraska City	Keep Nebraska City Beautiful	\$22,019	Educational program for students and adults on the harmful effect of litter in the community. Provide waste reduction tips, including food waste and the importance of recycling.
Norfolk	Keep Norfolk Beautiful	\$17,683	Public education to promote litter reduction and recycling through school and community presentations. Provide recycling containers at public events and organize litter-free events and cleanups.
North Platte	Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	\$62,194	Public education program to encourage waste reduction and a litter-free environment. Help non-recyclers to recycle and seek out environmental stewards and passionate volunteers to make the community a cleaner place with less waste going to the landfill.
Ogallala	Keep Keith County Beautiful	\$51,494	Public education program including source reduction, recycling right, food waste elimination, and sustainable waste management, for residents and visitors in six counties. The mission is to eliminate litter and increase recycling.
Omaha	Keep Omaha Beautiful	\$73,344	Environmental education on litter prevention, waste reduction, and recycling. Conduct activities at local schools and events. Mark storm drains with "No Dumping" decals. Coordinate a "Recycle Right" campaign.
Scottsbluff	Keep Scottsbluff Gering Beautiful	\$28,816	Provide public education on waste reduction, litter prevention, and recycling. Partner with NRD's, local govt., the Nat'l Park Serv., and schools to promote a litter-free community and reduce materials going to the landfill. Host household hazardous waste and pharmaceutical take-back events.
Sidney	Keep Sidney Beautiful	\$13,983	Partner with business and community members to provide public education on recycling and waste reduction. The goal is to keep the community clean for prospective businesses to come to the city.
South Sioux City	Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful	\$39,417	Educational programs to students, businesses, and residents of an 11-county area. Stress the importance of litter reduction and participating in recycling and cleanup programs, including the annual Missouri River cleanup for area school children.

Cleanup: \$49,716 for 11 grants

Beatrice	Keep Beatrice Beautiful	\$6,000	Clean up 100 roadside miles and 60 acres in Gage County.
Chadron	Keep Chadron Beautiful	\$5,060	Clean up 100 roadside miles in Dawes County through a mini-grant program.
Crofton	City of Crofton	\$790	Clean up 9 roadside miles and 34 acres in Crofton.
Grand Island	Grand Island Area Clean Community System	\$6,000	Clean up 95 roadside miles and 75 acres in Hall, Hamilton, and Merrick counties through a mini-grant program.
Lincoln	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department	\$6,000	Clean up 100 roadside miles and 100 acres in Lancaster County. Some cleanup will be done by Lancaster Co. Corrections inmates; other projects include mini-grants done through high school litter projects.

Cleanup Continued

Louisville	Keep Cass County Beautiful	\$1,600	Clean up 16 roadside miles and 80 acres in Cass County through a mini-grant program.
North Platte	Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	\$6,000	Clean up 120 roadside miles in Lincoln County through a mini-grant program.
Ogallala	Keep Keith County Beautiful	\$2,800	Clean up 50 roadside miles and 30 acres in Keith County through a mini-grant program.
Omaha	Keep Omaha Beautiful	\$6,000	Clean up five roadside miles and assist in 475 cleanup events and programs.
Scottsbluff	Keep Scottsbluff Gering Beautiful	\$5,466	Clean up 100 roadside miles in Scotts Bluff County through an adopt-a-spot mini grant program, including trails along the Scotts Bluff National Monument.
Wakefield	Education Service Unit #1	\$4,000	Clean up 20 miles and 300 acres in Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Knox, Thurston, and Wayne counties. Work will be done by special education students from 24 school districts.

Recycling: \$423,523 for 17 grants

Alliance	Keep Alliance Beautiful	\$37,922	Funds to operate the recycling center in Alliance serving Box Butte County and surrounding area.
Chadron	Keep Chadron Beautiful	\$4,539	Hold a one-day electronic recycling event for Chadron residents. An estimated 15,000 lbs. of electronic waste will be collected.
Hebron	Trailblazer Resource Conservation and Development	\$12,481	Hold four household hazardous waste collections for Clay, Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster, Franklin, Fillmore, and Harlan County residents.
Kimball	Keep Kimball Beautiful	\$27,689	Funds to operate the Kimball Recycling Center, the only recycling option for households within a 50-mile radius. Have diverted 250 tons of material from the landfill in the past two years.
Lexington	Keep Lexington Beautiful	\$2,972	Purchase four replacement bins for Lexington's recycling trailers and perform recycling trailer maintenance.
Lincoln	Nebraska Recycling Council	\$43,595	Provide waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs for communities, recyclers, processors, and individuals across Nebraska. Provide zero waste training and consultation, offer live educational webinars on current topics, and maintain the Nebraska Recycling Guide.
Lincoln	City of Lincoln	\$77,353	Purchase thirteen food and beverage replacement recycling containers for Lincoln and the surrounding area.
North Platte	Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	\$18,139	Work on drop-off, residential curbside, school, and business recycling program to reduce waste generated and increase recyclables collected through reputable end-markets.
Ogallala	Keep Keith County Beautiful	\$6,324	Funds to collect and process materials from 10 recycling containers located around Lake McConaughy during the summer. Over the 2018 Fourth of July weekend, 30 tons of recyclables and 70 tons of trash were collected at the lake, representing a 30% recycling rate.
Ogallala	Western Resources Group	\$43,622	Maintain and expand recycling programs in Keith County. Make and sell animal bedding made from recycled cardboard and newspaper. 500 tons of cardboard sold yearly.
Omaha	Angels on Wheels, Inc dba Cross Training Center	\$48,597	Hold 10 electronic collection events at Omaha-area schools. Distribute printed classroom curriculum to teachers on how to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Recycling Continued

Omaha	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha	\$4,022	Purchase 7,000 reusable tote bags to give to customers at the two Habitat ReStore outlets in Omaha. The totes will reduce litter produced by one-time plastic bags. The stores in Omaha sell over 300,000 items to 15,000 consumers annually.
Rushville	City of Rushville	\$38,518	Funds to crush up to 9,000 tons of concrete and use it for maintenance of Rushville's gravel roads, parking lots, and alleys.
Schuyler	Keep Schuyler Beautiful	\$23,884	Operating expenses for the Colfax County recycling facility. The facility accepts materials from Schuyler and Colfax counties, and parts of Butler, Platte, and Dodge counties.
Scottsbluff	Keep Scottsbluff Gering Beautiful	\$17,871	Hold a pharmaceutical collection event, Earth Day celebration, "Recycle your Cycles," and Christmas tree recycling to promote proper disposal, recycling, and reuse of unwanted materials.
Tekamah	Papio Missouri River NRD	\$13,080	Conduct four electronic waste collections in Washington, Burt, Thurston & Dakota Counties to collect an estimated 65,000 lbs. of e-waste. Over 95% of materials will be recycled or reused. Collection promotions will educate the public about the benefits of recycling and hazards of improper disposal.
Wood River	Crane Trust	\$2,915	Purchase a bottle filling station to reduce disposable plastic and encourage use of reusable bottles. Also buy two hand dryers for the restrooms to reduce paper towel waste. 35,000 visitors during the spring migration now produce four bags of trash/day.

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