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Awarded Grant Programs and Activities



These photos were provided by Chadron State College, which was awarded partial reimbursement of the installation an artificial turf football field. The project was made from 305,000 pounds of recycled tire rubber.



A Message from Director Jim Macy

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy is excited to be located in the Fallbrook area of Lincoln as of the end of December 2020. This location brings NDEE staff together who were formerly working in four Lincoln areas.

We hope you enjoy this report showcasing many of our 2020 grant-funded projects. Despite the impact of COVID-19 this year, many of our household hazardous waste, electronic waste, and scrap tire collection events were very successful. A few organizations were able to reschedule planned activities and events for the fall of 2020.

Thank you for being good stewards of our resources and helping to “Grow Nebraska.”

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Planning and Aid Section

The Land Planning and Aid Section manages the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program, including Scrap Tire Grants and Deconstruction Grants; Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program; Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program; and Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program.

The Section's responsibilities include:

- **Awarding financial aid to public and private partners** – reviews grant submissions; performs compliance inspections; monitors the activities, budgets, and equipment purchases of grantees; and conducts quarterly performance report reviews.
- **Outreach** – promotes the availability of grant funding, coordinates the ranking process, coordinates grant awards, and provides integrated waste management information to the public.

New grant application guidance updates

To address common issues with grant recipients, the division created grant application guidance in 2018 to provide direction and set limits on grant-funded expenses. The purpose is to provide fair and equitable reimbursements, especially when requests exceed the amount of grant funding available. A subcommittee of the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council reviewed the guidance in the fall of 2018 and accepted it at the November 15, 2018, Environmental Quality Council meeting. The guidance affects grant applications received after January 1, 2019. Further updates were made in 2020 to clarify eligible reimbursements for personnel and other expenses.

Alignment of 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 will be 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 are from January 1 through December 31, 2020.

Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy/Nebraska Environmental Trust Partnership

In July 2018, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (now NDEE) 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 who will ensure coordination occurs between the 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 environ-

mental regulatory requirements.

- Meet annually and when critical program or project needs arise for the purpose of discussing issues of mutual concern and opportunities to enhance the partnership.

Nebraska Environmental Quality Council action

The Environmental Quality Council held a hearing on November 7, 2019, to decide the 2020 Litter Percent Allocations. Each year, the Council establishes the percentage of how the funds will be allocated for each grant category. The Department's recommended percentage allocations for 2020 were based on the actual applications received.

Category	2020 Eligible Requests	
Recycling	20.1%	\$367,390
Public Education	75%	\$1,371,100
Cleanup	4.9%	\$89,153
Totals	100%	\$1,827,643

The Department asked for the ability to adjust the percentages by up to 20% for the 2020 grant year, if warranted. The Environmental Quality Council granted this request.

Updated online grant application

In 2020, an updated online application was created for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program and the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program. The updated application provides more instruction on each screen where data is entered to improve the application process.

Expected service life

The Planning and Aid Section grant programs utilize an expected service life procedure for grant-funded equipment. The expected service life determines how long the grantee is responsible for reporting the status of grant-funded equipment to NDEE and how long NDEE maintains a financial 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 grant-funded 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, it is made available for redistribution to other users. One redistribution of equipment was made in 2020.

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 \$500,000 annually.
- Fifty percent of the \$1.25 per ton disposal fee on solid waste disposed of in permitted landfills, which generates approximately \$1.4 million annually for grant awards.
- A \$1 per tire fee on the retail sale of new tires in Nebraska, which generates about \$2.4 million annually.

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 but are not limited to:

- 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 (HHW) programs
- 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.

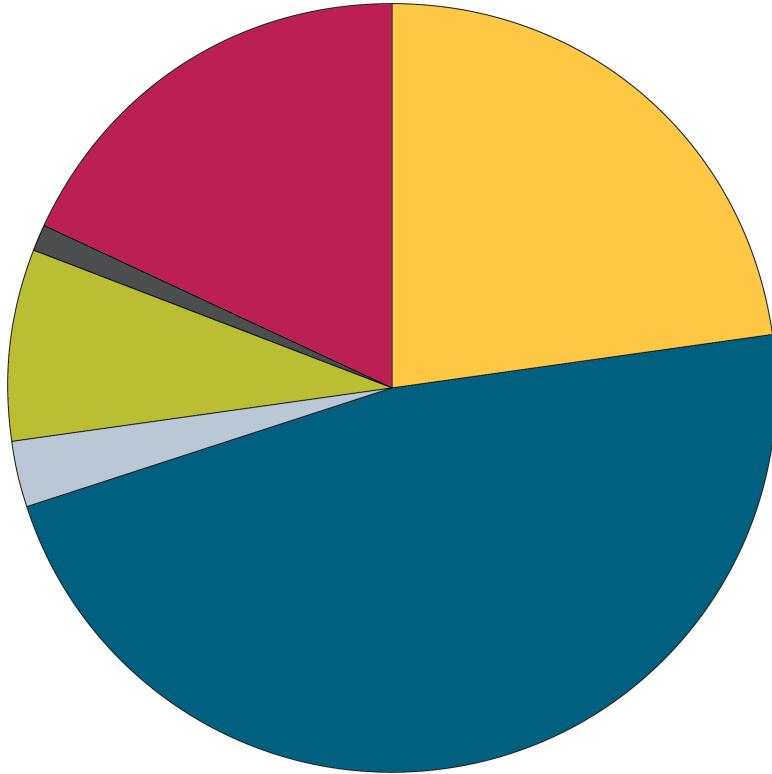
For calendar year 2020, \$4,271,764 was awarded for Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants to 110 projects. There were 18 grants awarded from the Business Fee category (\$828,181), 14 were awarded from the Disposal Fee category (\$1,400,186), one grant was awarded for Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings (\$186,662), and 77 were awarded from the funds prioritized for scrap tire projects (\$1,856,735).

These grants were awarded for a calendar year for the first time. This allows for both the Waste and Litter grants to be on the same grant cycle. For a full list of the locations across Nebraska that received funds in the Business Fee category and the Disposal Fee category, see page 20.

Business Fee

This is a \$25 fee on all retail businesses in Nebraska with sales of at least \$50,000.00 or more. The fee is used for a wide array of integrated solid waste management programs and projects.

Political subdivisions or other entities or organizations, public, private or non-profit are eligible to apply.



Business Fee Awards

All categories · Total \$828,181

- Personnel**
\$386,215 · 47%
- Contractual**
\$190,052 · 23%
- Equipment**
\$152,443 · 18%
- Operation**
\$70,580 · 8%
- Supplies**
\$21,666 · 3%
- Travel**
\$7,225 · 1%

Personnel: All or part of 31 staff

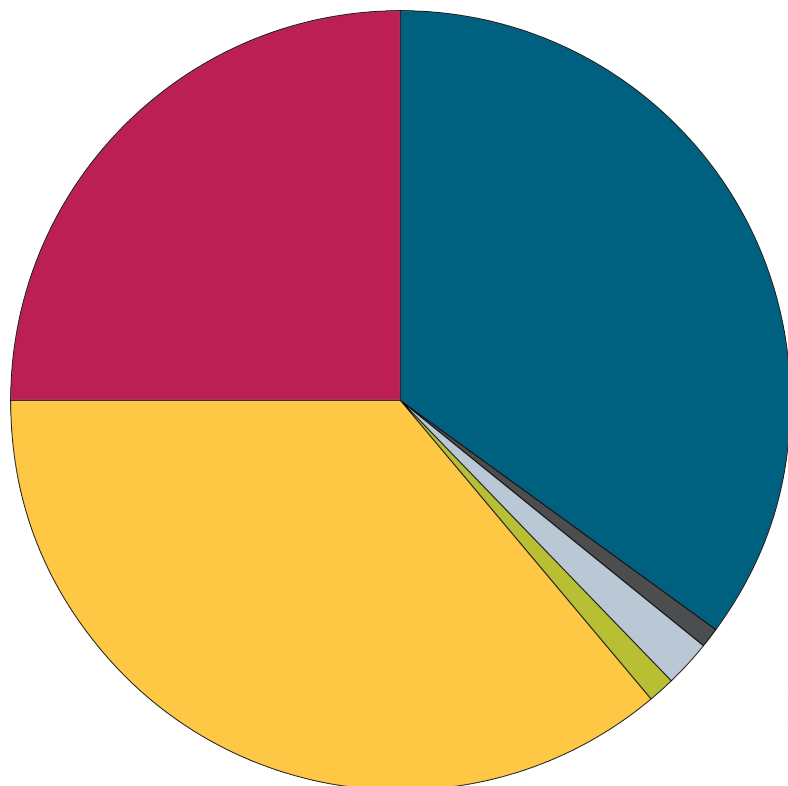
Contractual: Hazardous and electronic waste collection services



This photo was provided by Papio Valley Nursery, which was awarded funds toward a wood grinder to process 55,000-75,000 yards of wood waste annually. The wood chips will be used for a wood burning broiler system for their greenhouses.

Disposal Fee

The Disposal Fee is comprised of a \$1.25 per ton fee assessed for all waste disposed in municipal solid waste landfills. Fifty percent goes to NDEE's Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants Program. Counties, municipalities and agencies are eligible to apply.



Disposal Fee Awards

All categories · Total \$1,400,186

- Personnel**
\$486,575 · 35%
- Equipment**
\$501,084 · 36%
- Contractual**
\$345,000 · 25%
- Supplies**
\$15,750 · 1%
- Operation**
\$34,791 · 2%
- Travel**
\$16,986 · 1%

Personnel: All or part of 12 staff
Contractual: Hazardous and electronic waste collection services, and an education and behavior change study.



These photos were provided by York Public Schools. The school was awarded funds for the proper disposal of school science chemicals at York High School. Some of the chemicals were over 50 years old.

Deconstruction of abandoned buildings

The Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings grant program – part of the Department’s Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive grant program – provides funding to assist in the removal of abandoned structures. Building deconstruction means the physical dismantlement of a building’s components to recover the materials for reuse or recycling. The process decreases the amount of demolition material lawfully disposed of in landfills or improperly disposed of elsewhere. Nebraska cities of the second class, villages, and counties with a population of 5,000 or less are eligible to apply for funding. The buildings selected must not be on, or eligible to be on, the National Register of Historic Places.

The City of Oshkosh received \$186,662 for deconstruction of the Midwec Building at 602 Main St.



Photo provided by the City of Oshkosh

Grant feature: The Midwec Building

The Midwec Building in Oshkosh (shown above) has been a dance hall, apartment building, implement dealership, roller skating rink and factory. But after falling into disrepair over the past two decades or so, the space will get a new lease on life thanks to the Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings grant.

After the building has been deconstructed, the City will prepare three lots for sale. Although there are no set plans for it yet, some possibilities for the space include new businesses, parking stalls or a small park.

The two-and-a-half story building is mostly concrete, which the contractor will grind into gravel and repurpose for rural road work. There are also some metal materials that can be recycled.

City of Oshkosh Attorney Mary Kay Robinson-Boone said 70% of the project’s costs should be covered if they can repurpose or recycle the majority of their materials.

“This is a small rural community. Our population is under 1,000 in the entire county. When we have a building like this, it becomes a big expense,” she said. “We are delighted to have this grant, it’s going to really help us a great deal.”

Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup

Established in 1997, the Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program 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 5% 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 FY2020, the program provided 24 grants, totaling \$23,016.94, as listed in the following table.

Entity	No. of grants
City of Lincoln	11
City of Omaha	2
Seward County	6
Lincoln/Lancaster County	1
Washington County	3
Clay County	1

Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program

The Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program was created in 1994 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, any municipality or county may apply for a rebate if they have 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 FY2020, the program provided \$102,061 to five counties and six cities participating in the program. All of the 11 participants processed their requests through email. This option helps to meet our agency's goals for waste reduction efforts and process improvement.

The following table lists 2020 landfill disposal rebate recipients.

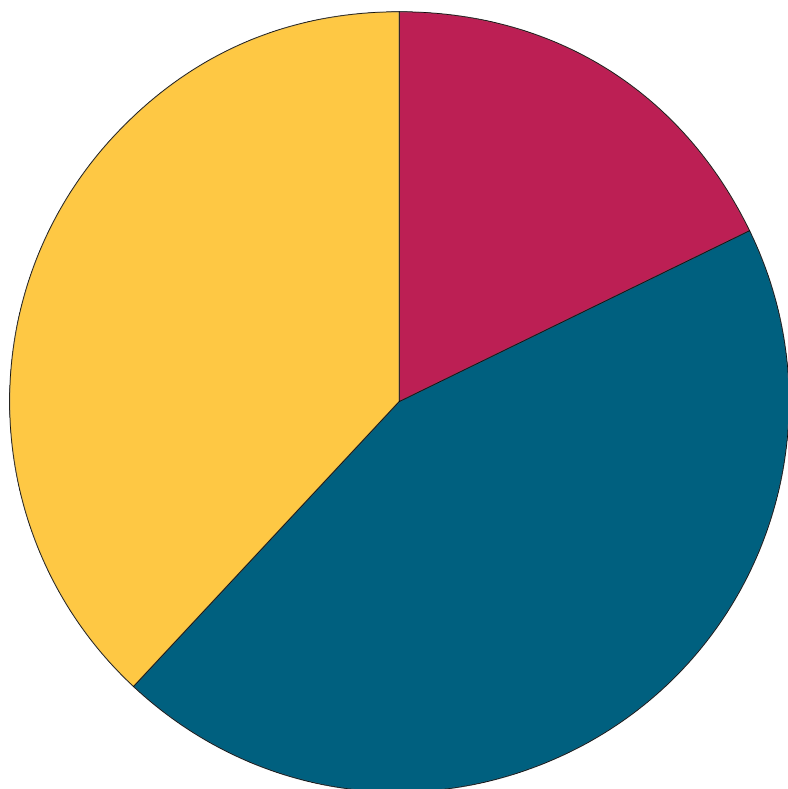
Entity	Amount awarded
Buffalo County	\$6,048
Butler County	\$3,132
City of David City	\$288
City of North Platte	\$3,812
City of Lincoln	\$30,370
Saline County	\$2,713
City of Omaha	\$52,707
South Sioux City	\$596
Jefferson County	\$608
Seward County	\$1,673
City of Grant	\$114

Tire Fee

A fee of \$1 is charged on each new tire sold in Nebraska. NDEE's Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants Program allocates the first \$1.5 million to the Scrap Tire Management Program. The remainder can be used for other Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant projects.

The Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Fund provides grants to assist in financing scrap tire programs and projects. These include, but are not limited to:

- Partial payment for purchase of tire-derived products and/or crumb rubber
 - Loose crumb rubber for manufacturing or playgrounds
 - Loose crumb rubber used as a soil amendment to prevent grass wear
 - Mulch products made from crumb rubber
 - Playground or walkway mats made from crumb rubber
 - Poured-in-place playground surfaces
 - Athletic track surfaces made from crumb rubber
 - Artificial football or soccer fields made from crumb rubber
- Collection site cleanups for political subdivisions, such as scrap tire amnesty day cleanups
- Capital and startup costs for processing, manufacturing, collecting, and transporting
 - Equipment used to shred, grind, and process scrap tires into crumb rubber
 - Equipment to produce rubber-modified asphalt
 - Equipment to collect and haul scrap tires
- Cost sharing for manufacturing, processing and civil engineering applications



Scrap Tire Awards

All categories · Total \$1,856,735

- **Partial Reimbursement**
\$821,107 · 44%
- **Cleanups**
\$698,128 · 38%
- **Equipment**
\$337,500 · 18%

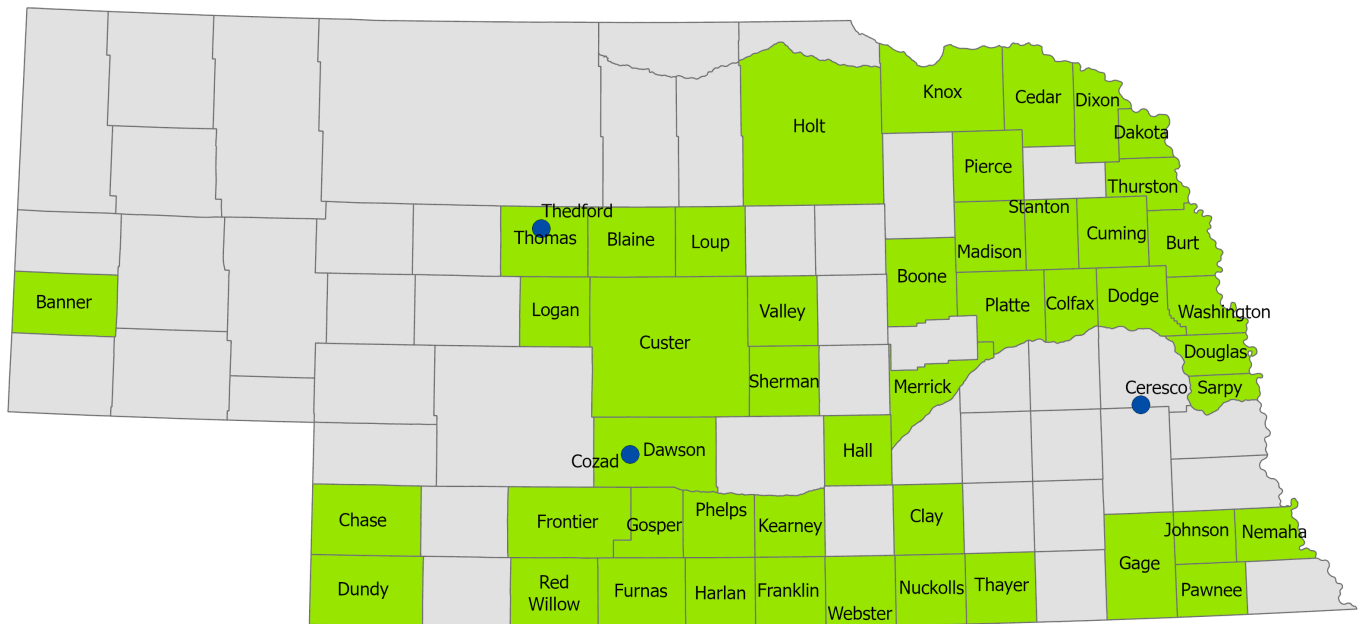
Scrap tire cleanup events

Funding is provided to political subdivisions for tire collection site cleanups. Thirty-three scrap tire cleanup grants were awarded in 2020 to political subdivisions. The grants totaled \$698,127 and proposed to clean up 5,271 tons of scrap tires.



Photo provided by Custer County Recycling, which was awarded a proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Broken Bow for Custer County and portions of the following counties: Blaine, Dawson, Logan, Loup, Sherman, and Valley.

2020 Scrap Tire Cleanup Events

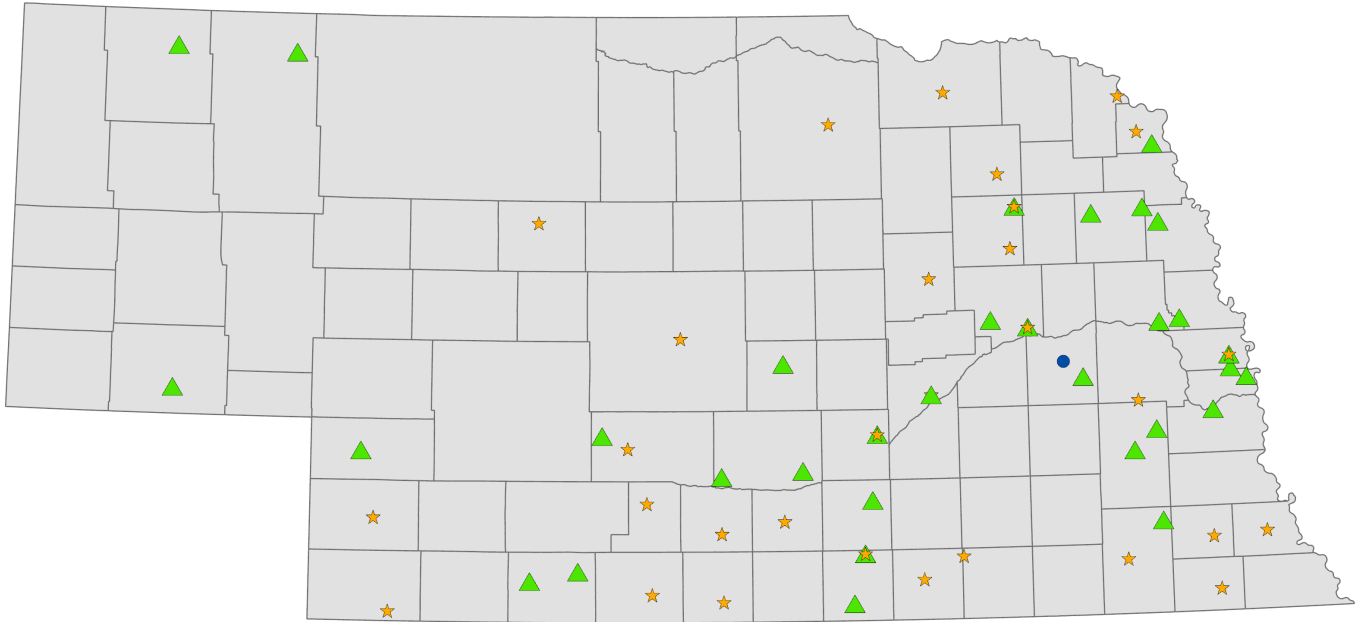


Green counties indicate a county-wide cleanup, while the blue dots indicate a city-wide event.

Scrap tire partial reimbursement for purchase of tire-derived products and/or crumb rubber grants

In 2020, \$821,107 was awarded to 43 projects to partially reimburse the purchase of tire-derived products and/or crumb rubber.

2020 Scrap Tire Partial Reimbursement Grants



Grant Type

- Scrap Tire Equipment Grants
- ★ Scrap Tire Collection Site
- ▲ Scrap Tire Partial Reimbursement for Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber



Photo provided by the City of Louisville, which was awarded partial reimbursement of the installation of a rubber bonded playground surface. The surface was made from 14,977 pounds of recycled tire rubber.

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program

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

Funds from this program are provided 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. Approximately \$2 million is received 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
- Kitchen supplies

Grant allocations: litter reduction and recycling fund

In 2020, \$1,740,176 was awarded to 51 Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant recipients. Grant funding is awarded to several types of programs, including non-profit groups, public and private entities, and over 20 Keep America Beautiful affiliates. Many of these programs utilize the Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program funds to leverage additional dollars for a comprehensive, statewide approach to litter reduction and recycling. The breakdown is as follows:

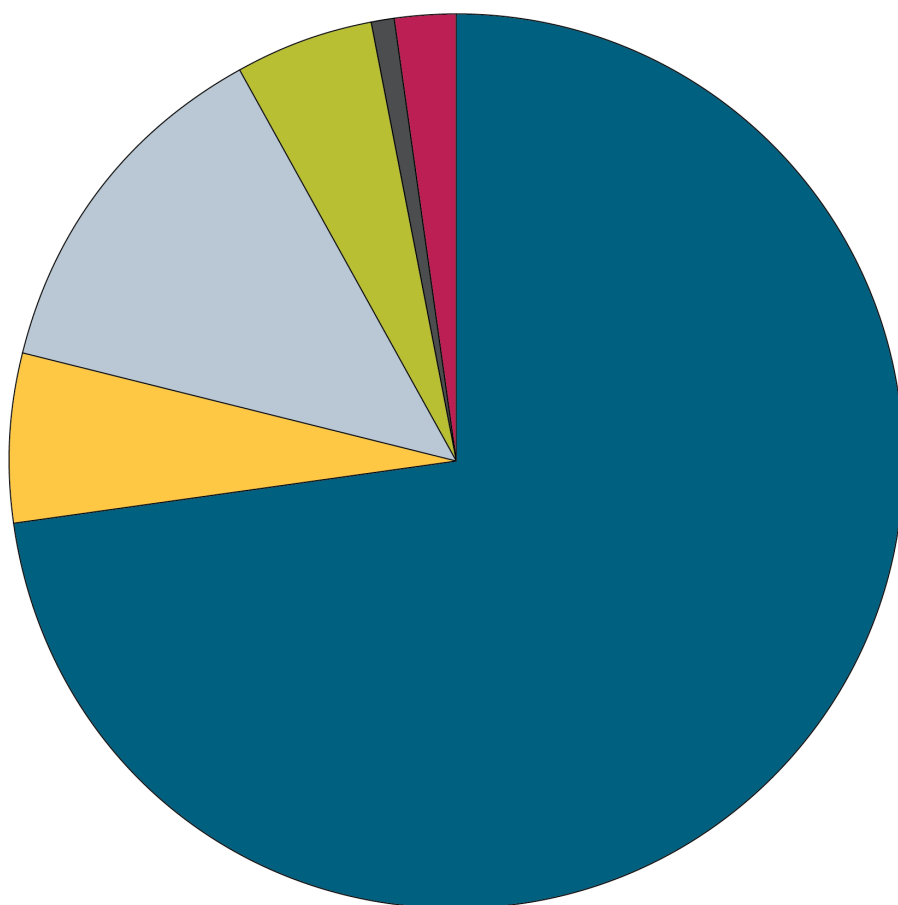
Category	Number of grants	Amount	Percentage
Public Education	27	\$1,325,085	76%
Recycling	13	\$325,938	19%
Cleanup	11	\$89,153	5%
Totals	51	\$1,740,176	100%

The list of awarded grants are on pages 20-30.

Public Education

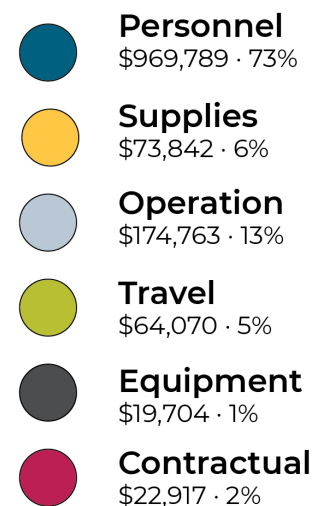


Keep Norfolk Beautiful (KNB) was awarded a public education grant to promote litter prevention, encourage recycling, and instill proper waste handling habits. KNB works with local schools and community organizations. This photo shows KNB's "Waste in Place – Garbage Pizza" activity at the Lower Elkhorn NRD's H2O Daze event. This was a hands-on activity lesson for 84 fifth-grade students. Participants were educated about ways to reduce or end littering, the importance of extending landfill life by diverting materials, and ways to increase recycling.



Public Education Awards

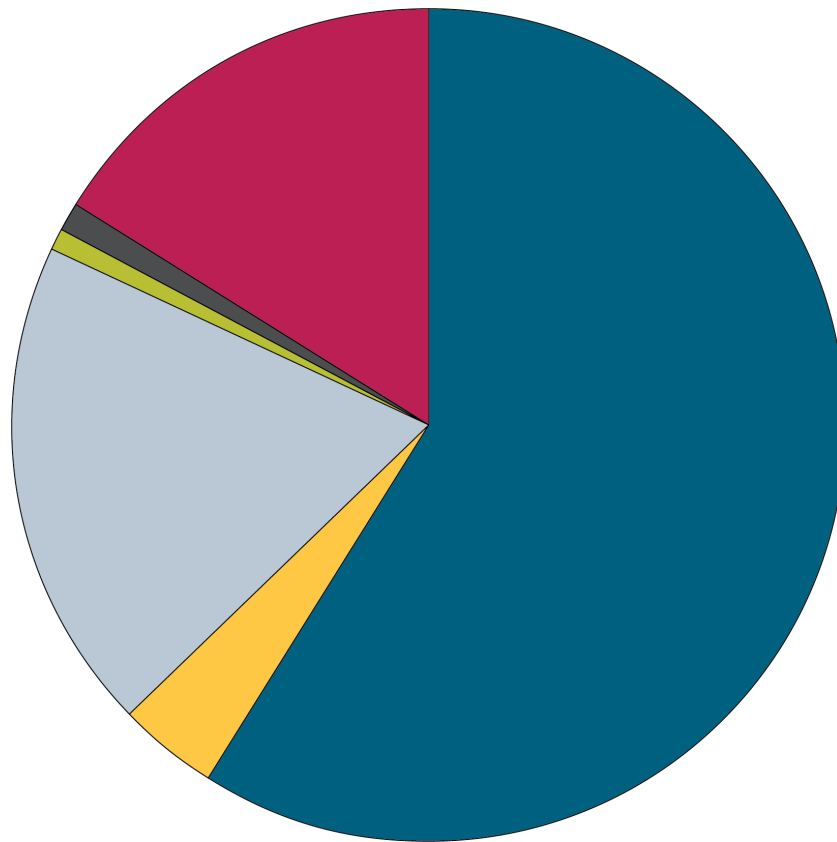
All categories · Total \$1,325,085



NDEE awarded 27 grants totaling \$1,325,085 under the category of Public Education in 2020. The Public Education programs educate citizens in the areas of litter reduction, cleanup and recycling through a variety of individual and community activities.

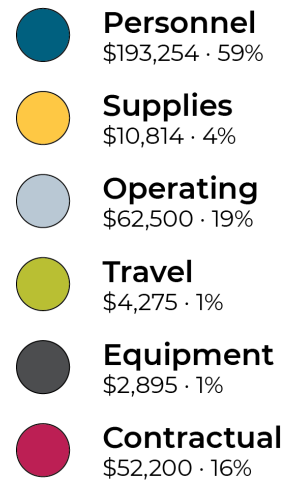
Recycling

NDEE awarded 13 grants totaling \$325,938 under the category of Recycling in 2020. The 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.

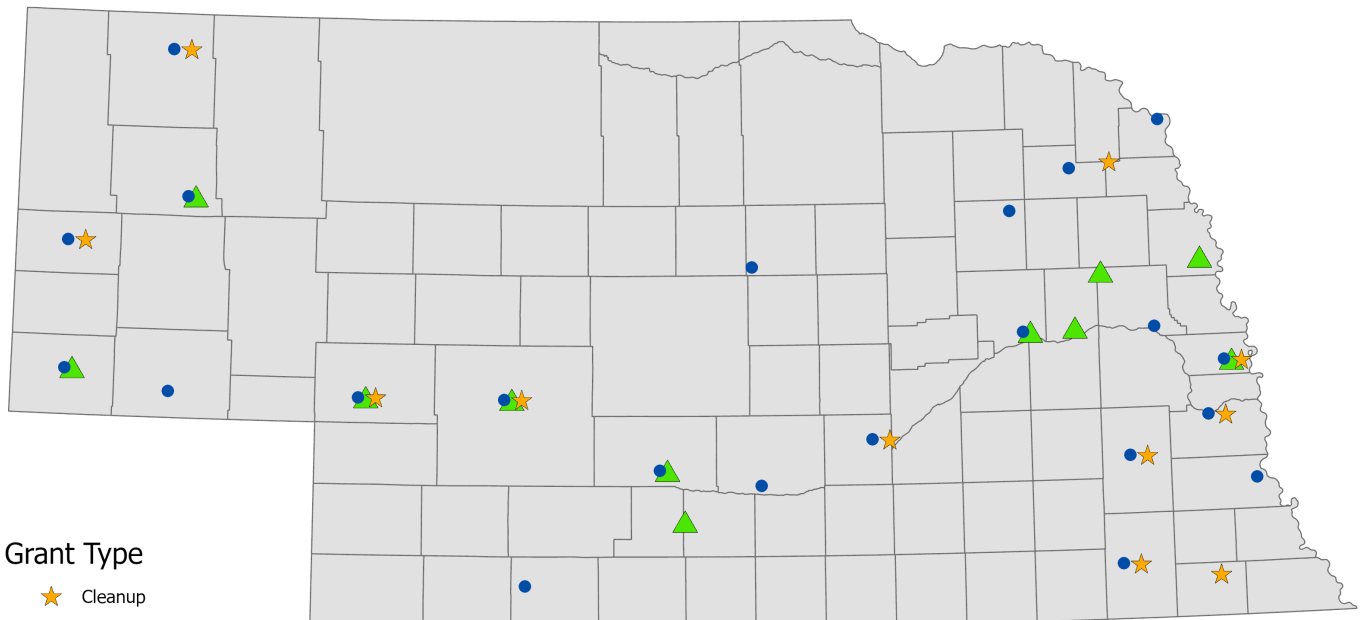


Recycling Awards

All categories · Total \$325,938

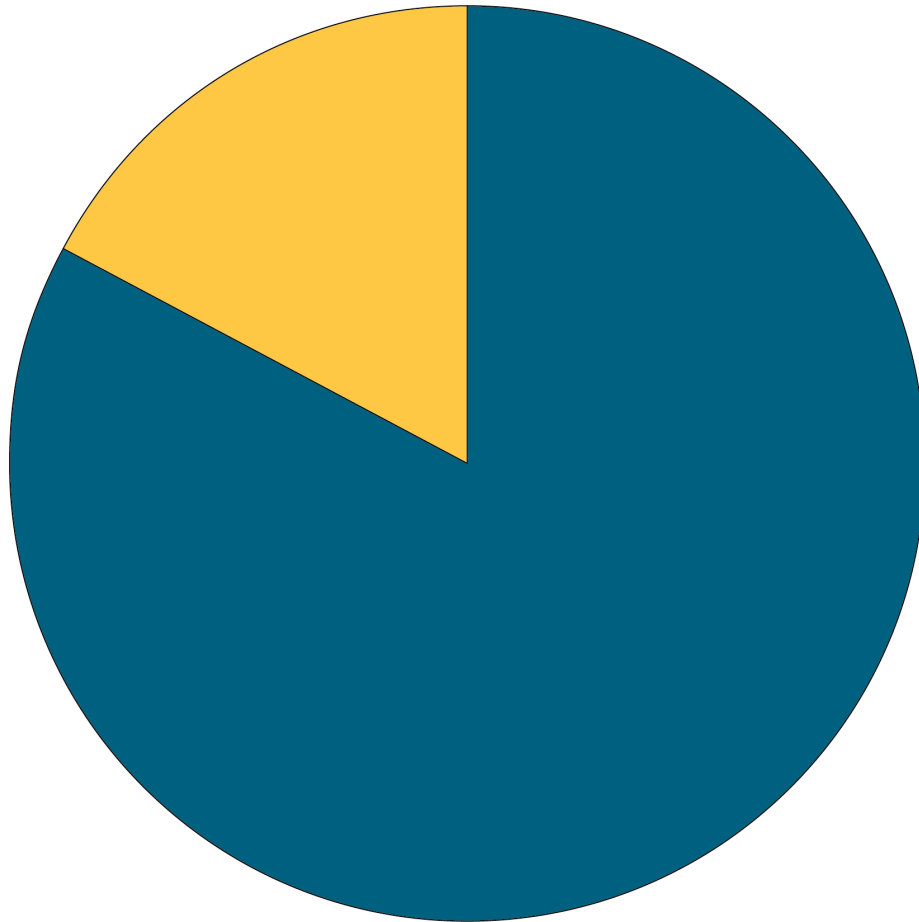


2020 Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants Awarded



Cleanup

NDEE awarded 11 grants totaling \$89,153 under the category of Cleanup in 2020. The 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. The awarded Cleanup grants propose to clean up litter from 1,083 road-side miles and 2,370 acres of public areas.



Cleanup Awards

All categories · Total \$89,153

-  **Cleanups**
\$73,600 · 83%
-  **Supplies**
\$15,553 · 17%



These photos were provided by Lincoln and Lancaster County Health Department, which was awarded funding to clean up a proposed 276 roadside miles and 1,880 acres in Lancaster County. Despite issues with Covid-19, as of September 1, 2020, the department cleaned 73 miles of roadway and over 840 acres of open space with the help of 500 volunteers contributing 1,200 hours of service. They collected about 3,000 lbs. of litter and 930 lbs. of recyclable material.



Grant Reporting

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

When a grantee submits a report, two employees of 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 to NDEE, the report is again reviewed by two employees. After all issues are resolved, the report is sent onto NDEE’s Fiscal Department to process the payment.

For this reporting period, there were 56 quarterly grant reports rejected and 41 quarterly grant reports received and approved as submitted. The most common reasons for report rejection include:

- Payroll, benefits, and/or taxes incorrect
- Missing invoices or other documents
- Volunteer calculation missing or incorrect
- Travel missing documentation
- Requesting ineligible expenses

Ten-Year Grant History of Amounts Awarded and Requested

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
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
2020	\$325,938	\$1,325,085	\$89,153	\$1,740,176	\$1,827,643
Totals	--	--	--	\$17,506,848	\$26,493,645*

*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
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
2020	\$1,400,186	\$828,181	\$2,228,367	\$2,481,692
Totals	--	--	\$19,544,577	\$30,298,984*

*Estimate

**FY2019 grant awards were for a six-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
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
2020	\$186,662	\$23,016	\$102,061
Totals	488,242	\$565,211	\$981,454

2020 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 of the KAB affiliates receive grant funding from the Litter Reduction and Recycling grant program under the public education category to cover expenses such as 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 last two 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.

Grant type	Keep Neb. Beautiful Affiliates	KNB %	All other grantees	Other %	Total
2020 Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants	\$1,415,978	81%	\$324,198	19%	\$1,740,176
Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants, recycling category	\$192,413	59%	\$133,525	41%	\$325,938
Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants, public education category	\$1,138,956	86%	\$186,129	14%	\$1,325,085
Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants, cleanup category	\$84,609	95%	\$4,544	5%	\$89,153
Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants	\$689,675	31%	\$1,538,692	69%	\$2,228,367
Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants, disposal fee category	\$188,137	13%	\$1,212,049	87%	\$1,400,186
Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants, business fee category	\$501,538	61%	\$326,643	39%	\$828,181
2020 Waste and Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants	\$2,105,653	53%	\$1,862,890	47%	\$3,968,543

**Awarded Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants to Keep America Beautiful (KAB)
Nebraska Affiliates, 2016-2020**

Grant year	Total amount awarded to KAB affiliates	% awarded to KAB affiliates	Total awarded	Total eligible grant funds requested
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
2020	\$1,415,978	81%	\$1,740,176	\$1,827,643

**Awarded Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants to Keep America Beautiful (KAB)
Nebraska Affiliates, 2016-2020**

Grant year	Total amount awarded to KAB affiliates	% awarded to KAB affiliates	Total awarded	Total eligible grant funds requested
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
2020	\$689,675	31%	\$2,228,367	\$2,481,692



This photo was provided by Keep Columbus Beautiful (KCB), which was awarded funding to hire a recycling coordinator to transport recyclables from two trailer locations in Columbus to the recycling center in Schuyler. KCB's goal is to provide free public recycling options to Platte County residents as well as be able to provide recycling options that are not currently available to their community.

List of 2020 Grants Awarded by Category

Charts are organized alphabetically by city name.

Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants

Business Fee · \$828,181 awarded for 18 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Keep Alliance Beautiful	Alliance	\$98,746	Funds for the recycling center operations for Box Butte Co. and surrounding area, and waste reduction & recycling education programs.
Keep Chadron Beautiful	Chadron	\$61,976	Funds to continue the paper and cardboard recycling program for the city of Chadron.
Keep Columbus Beautiful	Columbus	\$625	Advertising expenses for an electronic waste collection event in Columbus for Platte County residents.
Keep Columbus Beautiful	Columbus	\$24,141	Funds to hold a household hazardous waste collection event in Columbus for Platte County residents. Anticipate collecting 15,000 lbs. of waste.
Keep Fremont Beautiful, Inc.	Fremont	\$21,302	Funds to hold a household hazardous waste collection event for residents in Fremont and Dodge County. Also provide recycling opportunities at public events and maintain an ongoing program to promote waste reduction and improve recycling efforts.
Grand Island Area Clean Community System	Grand Island	\$143,562	Funds to operate the Betty Curtis HHW facility for Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Merrick, and Adams counties.
Trailblazer Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)	Hebron	\$32,500	Funds to host seven electronic waste collections in Clay, Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster, Franklin, Fillmore, and Harlan counties. Anticipating collecting 130,000 lbs. of e-waste.
Keep Kimball Beautiful	Kimball	\$16,994	Funding to increase recycling by providing collection services for rural residents and residential alley recycling pickups.
Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency	Lexington	\$23,823	Funds to hold two household hazardous waste collection events in central Nebraska.
Keep Nebraska Beautiful	Lincoln	\$74,970	Funds to operate the Materials Exchange Program (reuse/recycle >10 mil. lbs. of materials annually; saving landfill fees of \$200,202, and purchasing costs of \$302,733), Food Waste Program, and Used Oil Collection Program.
Lincoln Public Schools	Lincoln	\$46,380	Continue the successful recycling and composting program and expand the quantity and variety of recyclable and compostable materials to include construction waste. Anticipate diverting 2.7 million lbs. of material from the landfill.
Nebraska Recycling Council	Lincoln	\$49,927	Funds to develop the hub and spoke model for recycling for an additional 20 counties in southeast Nebraska. Continue working with two hub and spoke recycling programs for 38 Nebraska counties.
Keep Cass County Beautiful	Louisville	\$1,900	Funds for educational materials and to hold four electronic waste recycling events for Cass County. Cross Training Center in Omaha will take items collected at no cost.

Business Fee continued

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D	Oakland	\$7,025	Funds to host one electronic waste collection in event in Oakland to serve Burt, Cuming, Dodge, Dakota, Thurston, and Washington counties. Anticipate collecting 16,000 lbs. of e-waste.
Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D	Oakland	\$16,988	Funds to hold three HHW collections in Blair, Pender, and North Bend. Anticipate collecting 30,000 lbs. of waste.
Keep Keith County Beautiful	Ogallala	\$788	Funds to provide pick up service for recyclables from 10 containers at Lake McConaughy and at local schools during the school year. Thirty tons of recyclables were collected over the 4th of July weekend in 2019.
Papio Valley Nursery	Papillion	\$150,000	Funds to provide 50% of a wood grinder used to process 55,000-75,000 yards of wood waste collected annually. Chips will be used for a wood burning boiler system for their greenhouses.
Keep Scottsbluff Gering Beautiful	Scottsbluff	\$56,534	Funds to host both pharmaceutical take back and household hazardous waste collection events for Scottsbluff, Gering, and surrounding residents.

Disposal Fee · \$1,400,186 awarded for 14 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
City of Kearney	Kearney	\$90,558	Funds toward 50% of a recycling truck for Kearney's cardboard curbside collection program to replace a truck that is getting less dependable.
City of Kearney	Kearney	\$137,400	Funds toward 50% of a recycling truck for Kearney's free curbside recycling program to replace a truck. About 215 semi-loads of baled recyclables are collected each year.
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department	Lincoln	\$188,137	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.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln	\$174,963	25% of the cost of 450 standardized recycling stations for UNL's City and East Campuses to meet the City of Lincoln's recycling goal of 50% by 2022.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln	\$85,762	Funds for UNL student interns to provide 11-week onsite technical assistance to educate selected Nebraska manufacturers on volume and/or toxicity reduction to reduce waste and save energy.
City of Lincoln	Lincoln	\$132,000	Funds to update Lincoln's Solid Waste Management Plan for 2040 future waste management in Lincoln/Lancaster Co.; funds toward a truck to assist with servicing overwhelming volumes at recycling drop-off locations.
Red Willow County	McCook	\$164,436	Funds to provide a minimum of 37 household hazardous waste collections and 10 household hazardous waste pickup/disposals. Expect to collect about 200,000 lbs. of waste in 2020 from 34 counties.
City of North Platte	North Platte	\$13,900	Funds for two recycling roll-off containers to collect plastic bags, agricultural tubes, and irrigation tubing to haul to a local recycler. Estimate diverting one ton of recyclables each month through this program.

Disposal Fee continued

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
City of Wayne	Wayne	\$7,667	Funds for an electronic waste collection event for the City of Wayne and surrounding towns. Anticipate collecting 20,000 lbs. of e-waste.
York Public Schools	York	\$4,300	Funds for proper disposal of school science chemicals at York High School, including some that are over 50 years old.
City of Omaha - UnderTheSink HHW Facility	Omaha	\$350,000	Year 5 of a 5 multi-year grant for Omaha's UnderTheSink HHW facility serving Douglas & Sarpy counties.
City of South Sioux City	South Sioux City	\$8,263	Funds toward a waste oil furnace to use in South Sioux City's Public Works maintenance facility. Approximately 750 gallons of used oil is collected annually from city fleet vehicles and residents.
Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	Valentine	\$1,500	Funds for an educational display board, brochures, and supplies to promote and educate about a woody biomass boiler system.
Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	Valentine	\$41,300	Funds to continue composting efforts, which include woody biomass and livestock manure.

Deconstruction of Abandoned Buildings · \$186,663 awarded for 1 project

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
City of Oshkosh	Oshkosh	\$186,662	Deconstruction of the Midwec Building at 602 Main St., Oshkosh, NE. This is a 3-story, 1/4 acre building primarily made of concrete. Concrete to be crushed and used for rock surfacing.

Tire Fee · \$1,856,735 awarded for 77 projects

Scrap Tire Cleanup Events · \$698,127 awarded for 33 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
City of Albion	Albion	\$16,490	Proposed 140-ton scrap tire cleanup in Albion for Boone County.
Lower Republican Natural Resources District	Alma	\$8,812	Proposed 70-ton scrap tire cleanup in Hildreth for Franklin County.
Lower Republican Natural Resources District	Alma	\$13,096	Proposed 106-ton scrap tire cleanup in Alma for Harlan County.
Lower Republican Natural Resources District	Alma	\$11,192	Proposed 90-ton scrap tire cleanup in Guide Rock for Webster County.
Nemaha County	Auburn	\$10,875	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Nemaha County at two locations.
Gage County	Beatrice	\$50,852	Proposed 450-ton scrap tire cleanup in Beatrice for Gage County.
Furnas County	Beaver City	\$18,370	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Arapahoe for Furnas, Frontier, and Red Willow counties.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Events continued

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
City of Benkelman	Benkelman	\$13,896	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Benkelman for Dundy County.
Banner County Road Dept.	Blue Hill	\$10,302	Proposed 75-ton scrap tire cleanup near Harrisburg for Banner County.
Custer County Recycling	Broken Bow	\$20,200	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Broken Bow for Custer County, and portions of the following counties: Blaine, Dawson, Logan, Loup, Sherman, and Valley.
Knox County	Center	\$12,538	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Center for Knox County.
City of Albion	Albion	\$16,490	Proposed 140-ton scrap tire cleanup in Albion for Boone County.
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Gage County	Beatrice	\$50,852	Proposed 450-ton scrap tire cleanup in Beatrice for Gage County.
Furnas County	Beaver City	\$18,370	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Arapahoe for Furnas, Frontier, and Red Willow counties.
City of Benkelman	Benkelman	\$13,896	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Benkelman for Dundy County.
Banner County Road Dept.	Blue Hill	\$10,302	Proposed 75-ton scrap tire cleanup near Harrisburg for Banner County.
Custer County Recycling	Broken Bow	\$20,200	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Broken Bow for Custer County, and portions of the following counties: Blaine, Dawson, Logan, Loup, Sherman, and Valley.
Knox County	Center	\$12,538	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Center for Knox County.
Merrick County Highway Dept.	Central City	\$12,002	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Central City for Merrick County.
Village of Ceresco	Ceresco	\$2,829	Proposed 15-ton scrap tire cleanup in Ceresco for residents.
City of Columbus	Columbus	\$36,102	Proposed 250-ton scrap tire cleanup in Columbus for Platte County.
City of Cozad	Cozad	\$20,084	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Cozad for Cozad residents and the immediate surrounding countryside.
Little Blue Natural Resources District	Davenport	\$15,952	Proposed 130-ton scrap tire cleanup in Hebron for Thayer County.
Little Blue Natural Resources District	Davenport	\$26,662	Proposed 220-ton scrap tire cleanup in Clay Center for Clay County.
Gosper County	Elwood	\$19,631	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Elwood for Gosper County.
Hall County Highway Department	Grand Island	\$13,554	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Grand Island for Hall County.

Scrap Tire Cleanup Events continued

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
City of Holdrege	Holdrege	\$40,914	Proposed 350-ton scrap tire cleanup in Holdrege for Phelps, Harlan, and Furnas counties.
Dakota County Road Department	Hubbard	\$10,777	Proposed 80-ton scrap tire cleanup in Hubbard for Dakota County.
Chase County	Imperial	\$13,652	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup near Imperial for Chase County.
City of Madison	Madison	\$6,382	Proposed 50-ton scrap tire cleanup in Madison for rural residents of Madison County, but not the residents of the City of Norfolk.
Kearney County	Minden	\$24,764	Proposed 200-ton scrap tire cleanup in Minden for Kearney County.
Nuckolls County	Nelson	\$15,780	Proposed 120-ton scrap tire cleanup in Nelson for Nuckolls County.
Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District	Norfolk	\$92,105	Proposed 625-ton scrap tire cleanup in West Point for Burt, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Stanton, Thurston, and Washington counties.
City of Omaha	Omaha	\$72,864	Proposed 400-ton scrap tire cleanup in Omaha for Douglas County. Will hold five events in the Spring and four events in the Fall.
North Central District Health Department	O'Neill	\$27,759	Proposed 200-ton scrap tire cleanup in O'Neill for Holt County.
Pawnee County	Pawnee City	\$8,151	Proposed 75-ton scrap tire cleanup in Pawnee City for Pawnee County.
Pierce County	Pierce	\$10,520	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Pierce for Pierce, Knox, Cedar, and Madison counties.
Dixon County	Ponca	\$12,298	Proposed 100-ton scrap tire cleanup in Allen for Dixon County.
Johnson County	Tecumseh	\$8,526	Proposed 75-ton scrap tire cleanup in Tecumseh for Johnson County.
Village of Thedford	Thedford	\$20,196	Proposed 150-ton scrap tire cleanup in Thedford for Thedford and the surrounding countryside.

Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber - Completed Projects · \$494,146 awarded for 34 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Village of Adams	Adams	\$2,702	25% reimbursement of an 851 sq. ft. poured-in-place rubber playground surface, using 3,750 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Arlington Public Schools	Arlington	\$13,650	50% reimbursement of 101,400 lbs. of rubber playground mulch for playground.
Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schools	Bancroft	\$7,825	50% reimbursement of 56,000 lbs. of rubber playground mulch for playground.
Southwest Public Schools	Bartley	\$393	25% reimbursement of 5,850 lbs. of rubber mulch. Mulch used at playground at Southwest Elementary.
Bellevue Public School District	Bellevue	\$30,000	25% reimbursement of artificial turf for the baseball infield at Bellevue West High School. 58,000 lbs. of crumb rubber used.
Blue Hill Public Schools	Blue Hill	\$174	25% reimbursement of the cost of two 6-foot benches, made from 4.5 passenger tire equivalents. The benches were placed outside the school.

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

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Central City Public Schools	Central City	\$2,100	50% reimbursement of the cost of 15,600 lbs. of rubber playground mulch for the elementary playground.
Central City Public Schools	Central City	\$1,130	50% reimbursement of the cost of 7,800 lbs. of rubber playground mulch for the elementary playground.
Chadron Public Schools	Chadron	\$28,222	50% reimbursement of 173,550 lbs. of rubber mulch and 25% reimbursement of two poured-in-place surfaces made from 6,600 lbs. of rubber.
Chadron State College	Chadron	\$101,546	25% reimbursement of artificial turf for the football field at Elliot Field at Don Beebe Stadium. 305,000 lbs. of crumb rubber were used.
Columbus Community Hospital Child Care Center	Columbus	\$4,857	50% reimbursement of 34,597 lbs. of rubber playground mulch and 25% reimbursement of five rubber mats, using 403 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Lord of Life Lutheran Church	Elkhorn	\$1,240	25% reimbursement of freight and installation costs, only of 1,512 sq. ft. of rubber playground tiles made from 8,278 lbs. of crumb rubber.
Fremont Public Schools	Fremont	\$9,936	50% reimbursement of 64,000 lbs. of rubber playground mulch for playground at Washington Elementary, which had been damaged by the 2019 flood.
Gibbon Public Schools	Gibbon	\$16,492	25% reimbursement of the cost of a top coating track maintenance system at Gibbon High School. Used 6,290 lbs. of crumb rubber.
Gordon Elementary School	Gordon	\$3,640	50% reimbursement of 23,400 lbs. of rubber playground mulch.
Grand Island Public Schools Foundation	Grand Island	\$129,357	25% reimbursement of an artificial turf football/soccer field at Memorial Stadium. 313,162 lbs. of rubber were used.
Perkins County Schools	Grant	\$3,547	50% reimbursement of rubber mulch and 25% reimbursement of 23 rubber swing mats. 120,680 lbs. of rubber used in project. Installed at the elementary playground.
Adams Central Public Schools	Hastings	\$5,200	50% reimbursement of 39,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for playground at the Adams Central Early Childhood Center.
Jeremy Borrell	Hastings	\$866	50% reimbursement of 5,850 lbs. of rubber mulch, used in a home play area.
Homer Community Schools	Homer	\$13,874	25% reimbursement of an athletic track resurfacing, using 18,000 lbs. of crumb rubber.
City of Louisville	Louisville	\$5,389	25% reimbursement of a bonded rubber playground surface, made from 14,977 lbs. of recycled tire rubber.
Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership	Loup City	\$4,411	25% reimbursement of a 320 sq. ft. poured-in-place playground surface made from 1,045 lbs. of rubber, and 50% reimbursement of 19,500 lbs. of rubber playground mulch.
Sherman County	Loup City	\$457	25% reimbursement of two 6-foot picnic tables and one 6-foot bench. Tables and bench were made from 15.75 passenger tire equivalents. Placed at the Bowman Recreation Area.
St. Patrick School/Church	McCook	\$9,345	50% reimbursement of 64,350 lbs. of rubber playground mulch and 25% reimbursement toward 6 rubber swing mats made from 451 lbs. of recycled rubber.
Millard Public School	Millard	\$30,000	25% reimbursement of athletic track surface. 160,000 lbs. of crumb rubber were used.

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

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Anthony Kush	Monroe	\$11,537	50% reimbursement of the cost of 177,501 lbs. of rubber mulch to put underneath 1,900 sq. ft. of ground-mount solar arrays to prevent weeds and unwanted grass.
Christ Lutheran School	Norfolk	\$19,735	50% reimbursement of 144,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for playground.
Helping Hands Child Care	Norfolk	\$3,850	50% reimbursement of the cost of 2,000 lbs. of rubber mulch for playground.
Morning Star Preschool & Child Care Center	Omaha	\$750	25% reimbursement of a bonded rubber playground surface. 1,850 lbs. of recycled tire rubber were used.
Ralston Public Schools	Ralston	\$7,500	Reimbursement of 50% of the cost of 50,000 lbs. of rubber mulch. Mulch added to elementary schools' playgrounds.
Red Cloud Community Schools	Red Cloud	\$1,142	50% reimbursement of 7,800 lbs. of rubber mulch. Mulch installed at the Red Cloud Elementary playground.
Sidney Public Schools	Sidney	\$11,120	25% reimbursement of an athletic track maintenance coating system, using 4,030 lbs. of crumb rubber.
Villa Marie Home & School for Exceptional Children	Waverly	\$8,258	25% reimbursement of 3,124 sq. ft. of rubber floor tiles made from recycled tire rubber.
City of Wisner	Wisner	\$3,900	25% reimbursement of two 600 sq. ft. poured-in-place playground surfaces, using 6,000 lbs. total of crumb rubber.

Partial Reimbursement for the Purchase of Tire-Derived Products and/or Crumb Rubber- Proposed Projects · \$326,962 awarded for 9 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Village of Brainard	Brainard	\$8,364	Proposed purchase of 66,300 lbs. of rubber mulch for the city park playground.
Elkhorn Legion Baseball Post 211	Elkhorn	\$33,935	Proposed 25% reimbursement of artificial turf for the infield at Fredrich's Legion Field to be installed in 2020.
Elkhorn Public Schools	Elkhorn	\$81,186	Proposed 25% reimbursement of an artificial turf playing field at Elkhorn North High School.
Elkhorn Public Schools	Elkhorn	\$83,301	Proposed 25% reimbursement of an artificial turf for the football/soccer field at Elkhorn Public Schools stadium.
Elkhorn Public Schools	Elkhorn	\$81,104	Proposed 25% reimbursement of an artificial turf for the field at Elkhorn South High School. Project to be done June 2020.
Village of Elm Creek	Elm Creek	\$9,975	Proposed 50% reimbursement of 74,100 lbs. of rubber playground mulch, to be used in two playground areas in the Village park.
City of Gothenburg	Gothenburg	\$2,362	Proposed 50% reimbursement of 17,550 lbs. of rubber mulch to be purchased for the city playground.
Nebraska Game & Parks	Lincoln	\$23,108	Proposed 25% reimbursement of 148 picnic tables made from recycled scrap tires and plastic, to be placed in 13 State park and recreation areas across Nebraska.
Lyons-Decatur Northeast School	Lyons	\$3,627	Proposed 25% reimbursement of 1,152 sq. ft. of rubber playground tiles.

Scrap Tire Equipment Grants · \$337,500 for 1 project

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Butler County Landfill	David City	\$337,500	50% reimbursement for a tire shredder and electrical service to replace an existing shredder.

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grants

Cleanup Awards · \$89,153 awarded for 11 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.	Beatrice	\$6,200	Clean up 100 roadside miles and 60 acres in Gage County.
Keep Chadron Beautiful	Chadron	\$5,060	Clean up 100 roadside miles in Dawes County.
Grand Island Clean Community System	Grand Island	\$6,000	Clean up 50 acres and 100 roadside miles in Hall, Hamilton, and Merrick counties.
Lincoln and Lancaster County Health Department	Lincoln	\$32,600	Clean up 276 roadside miles and 1,880 acres in Lancaster County.
Keep Cass County Beautiful	Louisville	\$1,600	Clean up 16 roadside miles and 80 acres in Cass County.
Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	North Platte	\$16,314	Clean up 320 roadsides miles in Lincoln County.
Keep Keith County Beautiful	Ogallala	\$2,800	Clean up 50 roadside miles and 30 acres in Keith County plus parts of Duell, Arthur, and Perkins counties.
Keep Omaha Beautiful	Omaha	\$8,035	Funds for cleanup supplies to assist over 10,000 volunteers to conduct an estimated of 500 litter cleanup events in the City of Omaha.
Keep Scottsbluff Gering Beautiful	Scottsbluff	\$6,000	Clean up 100 roadside miles around Scottsbluff, Gering, Terrytown, Mitchell, and/or Minatare, and along the highway entrance to Scotts Bluff National Monument.
Village of Steinauer	Steinauer	\$544	Clean up 10 roadside miles coming into and around the Village of Steinauer.
ESU#1	Wakefield	\$4,000	Clean up 20 roadside miles and 300 acres in 24 school districts in Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Knox, Thurston, and Wayne counties.

Public Education Awards · \$1,325,085 awarded for 27 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Keep Alliance Beautiful	Alliance	\$68,671	Provide waste reduction and litter prevention education to Box Butte County students and residents. Teach practical habits to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Inc.	Beatrice	\$40,756	Partner with Gage County, the City of Beatrice, and local organizations to educate and encourage recycling and the importance of purchasing recycled content products. Promote “use less stuff” in schools.

Public Education Awards continued

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Loup Basin RC&D Council/Keep Loup Basin Beautiful	Burwell	\$47,462	Public education program for youth and adults that focuses on litter prevention, waste reduction, and recycling in Central and North Central Nebraska.
Chadron	Keep Chadron Beautiful	\$59,396	Public education to establish new attitudes and behaviors toward litter reduction and recycling. Provide monthly educational presentations to schools. Conduct community presentations and help with litter-free events. Provide cigarette receptacles and pocket ashtrays.
Keep Columbus Beautiful	Columbus	\$36,168	Public education to increase recycling and raise awareness for litter prevention for Platte County by working with the City of Columbus, local schools, businesses, and organizations.
Keep Fremont Beautiful, Inc.	Fremont	\$58,725	Public education program involving schools, community events, and a local media campaign to increase resident participation for properly disposing of waste materials.
Grand Island Area Clean Community System	Grand Island	\$39,601	Provide public education and outreach on recycling and reuse/repurposing to schools, community events, and day cares. Provide education on proper disposal of household hazardous waste. Provide recycling containers and supplies at local events.
Literacy Council of Grand Island	Grand Island	\$22,295	Provide environmental literacy programming for adult English-learning students and the greater community. Litter reduction and recycling education will be provided through direct instruction (groups and one-on-one), the Earth Day Festival, and a public education campaign.
University of Nebraska at Kearney	Kearney	\$375	Funds for signage for the resident halls to support recycling initiatives on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus.
Keep Kimball Beautiful	Kimball	\$22,955	Provide environmental education for Kimball and the surrounding area on litter prevention and waste management. Work with Kimball Public Schools and Banner County School.
Lexington	Lexington	\$13,725	Provide recycling education to Lexington Public Schools students through the after-school program. Work with one middle and four elementary schools. Some students are from immigrant families who have not been exposed to recycling in the past. Also provide recycling education to two assisted living facilities.
City of Lincoln	Lincoln	\$38,197	Programs to reduce illegal dumping and reduce contamination in the recycling streams. Fund a municipal waste measurement tracking program and standardized recycling labeling.
Keep Nebraska Beautiful	Lincoln	\$77,664	Operate the Litter Hotline to increase community awareness of litter. Educate K-12 students with the litter-free school zones program. Help develop after-school curriculum focusing on food waste and resource management.
Lincoln and Lancaster County Health Department	Lincoln	\$135,469	Public education to promote litter reduction and waste management to reduce landfill waste and divert waste when possible and help prevent illegal dumping. Work with schools and local organizations.
Nebraska Recycling Council	Lincoln	\$79,387	Provide outreach and educational programs on recycling and materials management, technical assistance and publications, municipal and regional recycling system design assistance, and business waste audits
Keep Cass County Beautiful	Louisville	\$66,839	Public education to promote waste reduction and focus on litter prevention, reducing, reusing, repurposing, and recycling. Provide bins and cigarette receptacles for local community events.

Public Education Awards continued

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department	McCook	\$5,000	Create the Green & Clean in Southwest Nebraska Program. Work with community leaders to help change attitudes and approaches for a litter-free community. The goal is to eliminate litter and increase recycling in the 9-county health district. Partner with Red Willow County.
Keep Nebraska City Beautiful	Nebraska City	\$25,155	Promote litter reduction, increase recycling, and raise public awareness through litter cleanups, recycling in the schools, and community presentations.
Keep Norfolk Beautiful	Norfolk	\$34,144	Public education programs to promote litter prevention, encourage recycling, and instill proper waste handling habits. Work with local schools and community organizations.
Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	North Platte	\$84,177	Public education to encourage waste reduction and a litter-free environment. Focus on purchasing with recycling in mind, food waste reduction, and composting.
Keep Keith County Beautiful	Ogallala	\$117,260	Public education program with a mission to eliminate litter and increase recycling. Assist with eliminating food waste and provide sustainable waste management in a 6-county area.
Firstar Fiber Corporation	Omaha	\$40,200	Develop the Community Outreach Recycling Engagement (CORE) project to interact with the community and develop strategies that target waste campaigns.
Keep Omaha Beautiful	Omaha	\$122,732	Public education on litter prevention, waste reduction, and recycling. Provide educational activities at schools and community events. Coordinate the 'Waste Not & Recycle Right' campaign.
Keep Scottsbluff Gering Beautiful	Scottsbluff	\$36,463	Public education on litter prevention, waste reduction and recycling in classrooms and at public events. Planning for a household hazardous waste and pharmaceutical take-back event.
Keep Sidney Beautiful	Sidney	\$24,044	Public education programs to help reduce litter and increase recycling in the city of Sidney and Cheyenne County.
Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful	South Sioux City	\$27,550	Educational programs to reduce waste and eliminate litter through cleanups and recycling activities for students, businesses, and residents in an 11-county area in northeast Nebraska.
City of Wayne	Wayne	\$675	Hold an annual Earth Day celebration with a free environmental documentary public movie. The purpose of the movie is to educate the community to reduce waste and how to recycle right.

Recycling Awards · \$1,325,085 awarded for 27 projects

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Keep Alliance Beautiful	Alliance	\$44,752	Funds to operate the recycling center in Alliance serving Box Butte County.
Village of Bertrand	Bertrand	\$2,895	Purchase a trailer to collect and transport recyclables to the closest recycling center in Holdrege.
Keep Columbus Beautiful	Columbus	\$16,100	Hire a recycling coordinator to transport recyclables from two trailer locations in Columbus to the recycling center in Schuyler. This will provide a recycling opportunity for Columbus residents.
Village of Dodge	Dodge	\$11,350	Promote recycling in Dodge by posted signage and educational material mailed quarterly to residents.
Keep Kimball Beautiful	Kimball	\$62,385	Funds to operate the Kimball Recycling Center, the only local option for household recycling needs within a 50-mile radius.

Recycling Awards continued

Entity name	City	Amount awarded	Purpose of grant funding
Keep Lexington Beautiful	Lexington	\$1,410	Funds to support five recycling trailers in Lexington that are available year-round.
All Business & Commercial Recycling, LLC	North Platte	\$2,880	Funds toward costs to pick up recyclables from businesses, farmers, and ranchers and return them to the warehouse for processing. ABC will pick up hard-to-recycle plastics, such as grain liners, lick tubs, fertilizer tanks, and jugs.
Keep North Platte and Lincoln County Beautiful	North Platte	\$34,247	Programs to reduce waste generated and increase recyclables collected and restored through reputable end-markets. Partner with schools and businesses. Plan to increase the collection of electronics, non-contaminated yard waste, and household hazardous waste for proper disposal and reuse.
Keep Keith County Beautiful	Ogallala	\$1,000	Funds for advertising expenses for a household hazardous waste collection for Keith County.
Angels on Wheels, Inc.	Omaha	\$81,700	Hold 33 electronic waste collection events in the Omaha area; eight of the events will take place in rural areas.
Open Door Mission	Omaha	\$10,000	Purchase 100 plastic gaylord boxes to be used multiple times, rather than cardboard boxes that can only be used a few times.
Keep Schuyler Beautiful	Schuyler	\$32,519	Operating expenses for the Colfax County Recycling facility, also serving parts of Butler, Platte, and Dodge counties.
Papio Missouri River NRD	Tekamah	\$24,700	Hold four electronic waste recycling collections in Washington, Burt, Thurston, and Dakota counties.

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