

PIE GRANTS REPORT

Public Information and Education mini-grants support the presentation and dissemination of information and perspectives that will stimulate enhanced environmental stewardship in any category eligible for Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) funding. These categories are habitat, surface and ground water, waste management, air quality, and soil management. The grant expands dialogue on important current conservation topics and provides information on emerging or highly useful conservation methods. All Nebraska individuals, private organizations, and public entities are eligible to apply for these funds.

Nine applications were received for the 2020 fourth quarter. The applicants included Kregel Windmill Factory Museum – Windpower 101: A Weekend of Windmills, Wind Chargers, and Wind Turbines; Board of Regents UNL – Master Gardener Driven Landscape Water and Soil Conservation; West Nebraska Arts Center – Environ-Art; Norfolk Public Schools – Development and Support of the NPHS Watershed Dynamics Program; Kearney Visitors Bureau – Nebraska Spring Migration Campaign; Wachiska Audubon Society – Birds, Habitat, and Community; Sarchet Ventures LLC – Locate, Stimulate, and Propagate Heritage Fruit Trees in Western NE; David Johnson & Central City High School – Study to Determine the Effects of Greenhouse Gasses on Crops Commonly Grown in NE; Chelle Gillan & Central City High School – Analysis of the Effects of the Size and Type of Wetlands on Algal Growth in Lakes in Eastern NE; Asian Community & Cultural Center – Connecting Refugee Youth to the Necessity of Water; and Lori Paulsen – Bright Lights. Recipients were Board of Regents UNL, West Nebraska Arts Center, Norfolk Public Schools, Kearney Visitors Bureau, Wachiska Audubon Society, and Asian Community & Cultural Center.

Three Applications were received for the 2021 first quarter. The applicants included Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, Inc. – My Work is Wild-Virtual Speaker Series; Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center – Spring Creek Prairie Trail Stewards Program; and Keep Omaha Beautiful – Only Rain Down the Drain. All applicants received funding this quarter.

One application was received for the 2021 second quarter. The applicant was Nebraska Recycling Council – Compost Operations Training Course Scholarships. This application is being reviewed now and approval or denial will be announced in July.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$328 million in grants to over 2,300 projects across the state. Anyone – citizens, organizations, communities, farmers and businesses – can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works to preserve, protect and restore our natural resources for future generations. <http://www.environmentaltrust.org/>

Third quarter 2021 winners will be announced in August, 2021.

Grant forms and information can be found on our website, www.neacadsci.org. Click on NAS and then click on Grants and Scholarships.

