

## 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 2019 second quarter. The applicants included Nebraska Recycling Council – Annual Awards Luncheon and Workshops: Year of the Community; Upper Loup NRD – Adventure Camp about the Environment; National Junior Horticultural Association – National Convention; Asian Community and Cultural Center – Signatures on the Land; Central Platte NRD – Growing Season Burn Workshop; Wachiska Audubon Society – Prairie Discovery Days-2019; The Groundwater Foundation – GREAT: Groundwater Resource, Education, Awareness Toolkit; Keep Omaha Beautiful – World O! Water Festival; and Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway – Community Pollinator Gardens. Recipients were the Upper Loup NRD, Wachiska Audubon Society, The Groundwater Foundation, Keep Omaha Beautiful, and Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$305 million in grants to over 2,200 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 2019 applications are due July 8, 2019.

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