

2026 Board Recommendations for Funding Placed in Rank Order

Rating	App ID	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Term of Request (Years)	Requested Year 1	Requested Year 2	Requested Year 3	Total Amount Requested	Total Committee Recommended Award
40	26-109	Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska	Hastings CSS Waste Reduction and Warehouse Project	1	\$ 435,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435,450	\$ 435,450
39.33	26-166	Conservation Nebraska	Common Ground	2	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ -	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
39	26-134	Nebraska Community Foundation For Business of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Happy Cows; Happy Wetlands III	3	\$ 101,813	\$ 101,813	\$ 101,817	\$ 305,443	\$ 305,443
38.83	26-107	Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District	Smart Water Solutions - Water Resources Technology & Conservation	3	\$ 143,843	\$ 130,843	\$ 128,344	\$ 403,030	\$ 403,030
38.67	26-113	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Habitat Share Program	2	\$ 267,000	\$ 252,000	\$ -	\$ 519,000	\$ 519,000
38.67	26-168	Treaven Scheideler	Sandhills Biochar	1	\$ 91,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,385	\$ 91,385
38	26-157	Nebraska Community Foundation for Business of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Growing and Expanding Nebraska's Core Grasslands	3	\$ 390,833	\$ 390,833	\$ 390,834	\$ 1,172,500	\$ 1,172,500
37.67	26-140	Rebecca Ravenkamp	Using Livestock Technology for Resource Conservation	3	\$ 48,709	\$ 349	\$ 2,969	\$ 52,027	\$ 52,027
37.67	26-160	Lower Platte South Natural Resources District	Pecan Creek Wetland Complex	3	\$ 239,052	\$ 76,034	\$ 372,062	\$ 687,148	\$ 687,148
37.33	26-112	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Pathway For Wildlife, Ranchers, Farmers, and Communities	3	\$ 331,000	\$ 321,000	\$ 321,000	\$ 973,000	\$ 973,000
37.17	26-106	Village of Orleans	Village of Orleans STARR Community Improvement	2	\$ 244,350	\$ 227,650	\$ -	\$ 472,000	\$ 472,000
37.17	26-122	Southeast Weed Management Area	Preserving Diverse and Resilient Grasslands in Southeast Nebraska Through Sericea Lespedeza Control	1	\$ 16,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,250	\$ 16,250
37	26-120	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Enhancing prairie and woodland in the Niobrara River Valley	3	\$ 170,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
36.83	26-114	Quail Forever	Mobile Prescribed Burn Equipment, Trainings, and Outreach	2	\$ 168,450	\$ 84,050	\$ -	\$ 252,500	\$ 252,500
36.8	26-145	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Statewide Grassland Initiative	2	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000
36.33	26-131	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Community Based Approach to Increasing Public Access on Private Lands	2	\$ 285,000	\$ 285,000	\$ -	\$ 570,000	\$ 570,000
36.17	26-137	Gretna Sanitation, Inc.	Eastern Nebraska CNG Refuse Truck Project	1	\$ 80,629	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,629	\$ 80,629
35.5	26-115	Trailblazer Resource Conservation & Development Council	Electronics Recycling Events	1	\$ 13,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,250	\$ 12,233
35.5	26-117	Lauritzen Gardens	From Waste to Wonder: Water Detention & Habitat Restoration at the Oasis, Lauritzen Gardens	1	\$ 71,329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,329	\$ 71,329
35.17	26-151	Nebraska Community Foundation For Business of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Rainwater Basin Watershed Restoration and Assessment Project	3	\$ 109,750	\$ 109,750	\$ 109,750	\$ 329,250	\$ 329,250
35.17	26-161	Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District	Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District Meter Upgrades and Water Efficiency Project	3	\$ 60,800	\$ 60,790	\$ 60,785	\$ 182,375	\$ 182,375
35.17	26-167	Sandhills Task Force	Sandhills Ecosystem Stewardship Project: Improving Habitat and Resiliency	3	\$ 59,000	\$ 238,000	\$ 453,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
35	26-116	Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development	Early Detection and Integrated Management of Invasive Plants	3	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 71,820
35	26-149	Lower Platte Weed Management Area	Lower Platte River & Tributaries - Water Conveyance and Habitat Improvement Project	3	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
34.83	26-148	Nebraska Statewide Arboretum	Greener Towns	3	\$ 131,283	\$ 155,669	\$ 126,216	\$ 413,168	\$ 413,168

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34.33	26-102	Southwest Weed Management	2026 - 2027 Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project	1	\$ 186,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,960	\$ 186,960
34.33	26-170	Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Inc.	Riverine Wetland Management to Benefit Nebraska Species of Concern	2	\$ -	\$ 325,000	\$ -	\$ 325,000	\$ 325,000
34.17	26-150	Keep Omaha Beautiful	Trees for Tomorrow: Expanding and Understanding Omaha's Urban Canopy	3	\$ 148,951	\$ 147,290	\$ 109,740	\$ 405,981	\$ 405,981
34.17	26-164	Lindsay Academy	Seeds of Tomorrow	1	\$ 8,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,425	\$ 8,425
34	26-169	Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom, a program of Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation	Agriculture and the Environment, Education and Outreach	1	\$ 91,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,000	\$ 91,000
33.33	26-143	Two Rivers Public Health Department	Nuisance to Nature Program	3	\$ 332,530	\$ 333,860	\$ 337,530	\$ 1,003,920	\$ 983,920
33	26-165	Sandhills Weed Management Area	Sandhills WMA Invasive Species Management, Biocontrol and Education II	3	\$ 228,550	\$ 188,950	\$ 98,950	\$ 516,450	\$ 516,450
32.67	26-138	Audubon Great Plains	South Platte River Trail Prairie Enhancement	3	\$ 42,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 54,500	\$ 54,500
32.67	26-163	Traudt Enterprises, Inc.	Variable Rate Manure Spreader	1	\$ 180,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ 180,000
32.5	26-139	Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation	Community Habitat Kits to Support Pollinators	3	\$ 57,415	\$ 95,146	\$ 124,997	\$ 277,558	\$ 277,558
32.5	26-162	Nebraska Community Foundation for benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture	Grassland Enhancement at Harlan County Reservoir	3	\$ 128,083	\$ 92,208	\$ 12,784	\$ 233,075	\$ 233,075
32	26-172	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission on behalf of Nebraska Grassland Alliance	Grasslands for Generations: Shared Stories for a Shared Future	3	\$ 670,500	\$ 190,000	\$ 127,000	\$ 987,500	\$ 987,500
31.83	26-123	Nolan Lemna	Sustainable Sustenance: Environmentally impactful, community driven	3	\$ 67,010	\$ 67,010	\$ 67,010	\$ 201,030	\$ 201,030
31.67	26-136	The Nature Conservancy	Prescribed Fire Training Exchange 2026	1	\$ 46,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,350	\$ 46,350
31.67	26-147	Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District	Observing Water and Nutrient Mobility in the Vadose Zone	3	\$ 426,452	\$ 81,578	\$ 37,460	\$ 545,490	\$ 545,490
31.67	26-154	Twin Valley Weed Management Area	Eastern Republican and Little Blue Watershed Improvement Project	1	\$ 118,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 118,000	\$ 118,000
31.6	26-126	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Rainwater Basin Wetland Management	3	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
31.6	26-141	Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment	Lower Elkhorn and North Fork Elkhorn Floodplain Mapping	3	\$ 101,816	\$ 145,624	\$ 106,275	\$ 353,715	\$ 353,715
31.5	26-130	Platte Valley Weed Management Area	Invasive Plant Species Control Along the Central Platte River	3	\$ 280,500	\$ 280,500	\$ 230,500	\$ 791,500	\$ 791,500
31.5	26-173	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Memphis Lake Renovation	2	\$ 39,200	\$ 110,200	\$ -	\$ 149,400	\$ 149,400
31	26-133	SID 162 Millard Park	Bank Stabilization Phase II	1	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
30.83	26-124	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska - Environmental Protection Department	Advancing the Winnebago Watershed-Based Plan: Phase 2 (Kelly Pond), Enhanced Monitoring Capacity and Data Collection	1	\$ 133,411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,411	\$ 133,411
30.83	26-125	Lower Platte North Natural Resources District	No-Till Grass Drill 2026	1	\$ 30,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,900	\$ 30,900
30.83	26-128	Village of Leigh	Park Waterway Deepening and Clean Up	1	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
30.6	26-108	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Niobrara Lake Improvement Project	1	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
30.33	26-110	Pine Lake Association	Watershed work and Lake excavation	1	\$ 184,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,200	\$ 184,200
30.17	26-105	Metropolitan Utilities District	Used Oil Filter Recycling Project	1	\$ 21,520	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,520	\$ 21,520
30	26-171	The Nature Conservancy	Healthy Habitat on the Niobrara River	3	\$ 18,466	\$ 18,466	\$ 18,466	\$ 55,398	\$ 55,398

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29.83	26-121	Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District	MNNRD Educational Complex	1	\$ 1,693,517	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,693,517	\$ -
29.33	26-158	Keep Chadron Beautiful	Dawes County Recycling Expansion and Education Project	3	\$ 108,400	\$ 86,900	\$ 86,900	\$ 282,200	\$ -
28.83	26-146	Nebraska Recycling Council	Recycling Equipment Grants	2	\$ 378,870	\$ 382,625	\$ -	\$ 761,495	\$ -
28.67	26-132	MVR LLC	Island Oasis Rain Garden	1	\$ 85,094	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,094	\$ -
28.67	26-156	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	PRBE Perkins Wetland Restoration	1	\$ 96,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,500	\$ -
28	26-153	Keep Nebraska Beautiful	Keep Nebraska Beautiful Used Oil Collection Program (2026 - 2027 Application)	1	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ -
27.83	26-142	Lower Platte North Natural Resources District	Shell Creek Enhancement Plan: 2026-2028	3	\$ 66,500	\$ 67,000	\$ 66,500	\$ 200,000	\$ -
27.67	26-101	ROAM Share (dba Heartland Bike Share)	The Free Rides Project	3	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 240,000	\$ -
27.33	26-129	Four Corners Health Department	Household Hazardous Waste Collection	3	\$ 34,950	\$ 36,650	\$ 38,425	\$ 110,025	\$ -
27.17	26-135	People's City Mission	Help Center Forklift Upgrade	1	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ -
26.83	26-119	Lower Platte North NRD	Source Water Monitoring Project	3	\$ 99,484	\$ 106,600	\$ 62,159	\$ 268,243	\$ -
26.5	26-155	Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity, inc	Lincoln Habitat Building Materials Reclamation Project	3	\$ 112,000	\$ 69,500	\$ 68,500	\$ 250,000	\$ -
25.17	26-103	Grand Island Area Clean Community System	Operation of Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility	2	\$ 178,020	\$ 182,458	\$ -	\$ 360,478	\$ -
25	26-159	Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department	Increasing Awareness and Testing around Private Well Water Quality and Mitigating Health Risks From Water Contaminants	3	\$ 23,300	\$ 21,900	\$ 21,900	\$ 67,100	\$ -
24.67	26-152	Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition	Nebraska Grazing Lands enhancing advocacy for rangelands and tribal lands in Nebraska	1	\$ 43,830	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,830	\$ -
21.83	26-111	Aster Scatter	2025 Client Services	1	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -
19.67	26-118	FarWide Conservation Trust, Inc.	Mill Pond Restoration Feasibility Study	1	\$ 29,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,800	\$ -
19.17	26-144	FarWide Conservation Trust, Inc.	City of Imperial Stormwater Feasibility Study	1	\$ 34,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,800	\$ -
							Totals	\$ 23,056,099	\$ 18,376,820