Agenda Item 6  Staff Report

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Grant Administration Report
As of July 16, 2020

Late Reports:

NET record keeping has been converted to the on-line grant portal. Reporting is being updated as grantees submit reports and staff updates files.

Modifications Approved by Staff:
The following grant modifications were approved by the Executive Director. A copy of the requests and approval letters are included for your review in this section. (Pages 6-2 through 6-18)

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July 9, 2020

Andy Bishop
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture
2550 N Diers Ave
Grand Island, NE 68803

Reference: NET 16-112-3 Strategic Conservation of Rainwater Basin Wetlands and Upland Buffers

Dear Andy,

We are in receipt of your July 9th letter requesting budget modifications. We understand that all grant objectives are being met. The modifications will allow continued progress with funds shifted to the categories needed. Staff approves the modifications as outlined in the following table:

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In granting this modification, we considered your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541
July 9, 2020

Marilyn Tabor
Grants Administrator
The Nebraska Environmental Trust
700 S 16th Street - PO Box 94913
Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

RE: NET 16-112-3 Modification

Dear Marilyn,

The purpose of this letter is to request a budget modification for grant 16-112-3 “Strategic Conservation of Rainwater Basin Wetlands and Upland Buffers”. This grant has been highly successful in supporting the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Partnership in its ability restore and enhance public and private wetlands in the Rainwater Basin Wetland Complex. Grant funds have also supported communication and evaluation activities to market conservation programs and ensure the projects were performing. Recognizing this was a three year grant opportunities to achieve the goals and objectives slightly deviated from the original proposal due to increased cost and site conditions for construction on public and private lands. As part of this modification we request that $4,822.65 be move from communication to the evaluation category and $29,898.84 be moved from the private lands category to the evaluation category ($11,091.59) and public lands category ($18,807.25). See the attached budget modification request table. These modifications represent less than 3% change to the original awarded grant funds ($900,000).

The Rainwater Basin Joint Venture partners greatly appreciate the financial support of the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the programmatic flexibility to achieve the goals and objectives outlined in this grant.

Thanks again for your continued support
Sincerely,

Andy Bishop
Coordinator
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture
## NET 16-112-3 Budget Modification Request Table

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June 30, 2020

Alex Boyce
Middle Republican NRD
220 Center Ave
Curtis, NE 69025

Reference: NET 17-149 - Middle Republican NRD Observation Well Network

Dear Alex,

We are in receipt of your June 30, 2020 email requesting a budget modification to shift funds from Observation Well Construction to Test Hole. All project work will be completed as planned. Staff approves the budget modification as outlined in the table below.

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In granting this modification, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brahman
Marilyn,

We are currently over budget in our test hole budget category and under budget in observation well construction. We would like to request to move $1,923.37 from the observation well construction budget category to the Test Hole budget category so that we don't have a negative balance in the Test hole budget category. Let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,

Alex Boyce
MRNRD
June 23, 2020

Lee Orton
Water Leaders Academy
1233 Lincoln Mall, Suite 201
Lincoln NE 68508

Reference: NET 18-102-2 Water Leaders Academy

Dear Lee,

We are in receipt of your June 23, 2020 letter requesting a one-year extension to June 30, 2021. We understand education sessions have been postponed due to the COVID restrictions and will be rescheduled. Staff approves the one-year extension to June 30, 2021.

In granting this modification, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement. Additional quarterly reports will be required during this period, with your final project report due by July 31, 2021.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman
June 23, 2020

TO: Nebraska Environmental Trust

ATTENTION: Marilyn Tabor, Grants Administrator

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF GRANT 18-102-2

The Nebraska State Irrigation Association as the project sponsor for the Water Leaders Academy in Nebraska and also on behalf of our project partner, the University of Nebraska, officially request the extension of the grant, 18-102-2, through June 30, 2021.

Our Academy program has been extremely successful and continue to make use of your project economic support as well as the support in the nature of project credibility. The financial support for the University’s program activity is the majority of the funds remaining from the current grant and has been limited in its use because of world events and those causing the inability to conduct the majority of the 2020 events. That resulting inability to deliver five of the six Academy sessions has been preserved for future participation by nearly all of the 2020 Academy class carrying forward into the 2021 class, and the costs to provide them with the delayed event schedule will require the availability of the funding planned for use by us in 2020.

Thank you in advance for assuring fund availability from current funds to deliver the quality programming we are accustomed to during our 2021 program year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Orton, Executive Director, NSIA

For the Academy Partners

p.c.: Mark Burback, UNL
June 11, 2020

Yiqi Yang  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, NE 68583

Reference: NET 18-116-2 Pilot-scale production of protein fibers and apparels from waste garments and poultry feathers

Dear Yiqi,

We are in receipt of your June 11, 2020 email requesting a one-year extension to June 30, 2021. We understand project work is continuing but has been delayed due to COVID restrictions. Staff approves the one-year extension to June 30, 2021 to ensure funding is available for continued project work.

In granting this extension, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement. Additional quarterly reports will be required during this period, with your final project report due by July 31, 2021.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor  
Grant Administrator  
Environmental Trust  
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brahman
Dear Marilyn:

We need to ask for a one-year no-cost extension of our project, NET 18-116. Our original proposal had a 3-year plan and it is impossible for us to complete all objectives in 2 years, especially under the Covid-19 pandemic.

Attached is our first quarter report. We were waiting for submission to your new system, but still have not received instructions.

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Yiqi

From: Yiqi Yang
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 9:43 AM
To: Tabor, Marilyn <marilyn.tabor@nebraska.gov>
Subject: RE: no-cost extension NET 18-116

Thank you very much!

From: Tabor, Marilyn <marilyn.tabor@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 8:06 AM
To: Yiqi Yang <yyang2@unl.edu>
Subject: RE: no-cost extension NET 18-116

As long as we have a request in writing on or before June 30, 2020 staff can approve an extension for six-months or one year.

Thanks!

Marilyn Tabor
Nebraska Environmental Trust
Grants Administrator
700 South 16th Street
Lincoln NE 68509-4913
402-471-5541

From: Yiqi Yang <yyang2@unl.edu>
Sent: Sunday, December 22, 2019 4:53 PM
To: Tabor, Marilyn <marilyn.tabor@nebraska.gov>
Subject: no-cost extension NET 18-116

Marilyn: We need to ask for a no-cost extension of our project, NET 18-116, since our original proposal had a 3-year plan and it is impossible for us to complete all objectives in 2 years. Please let me know if it is too early for us to ask, since the project ending date is June 30, 2020. Also, please let me know what the maximum extension duration we could ask for is.
Thank you very much!
Yiqi

Dr. Yiqi Yang
Charles Bessey Professor
Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design
Department of Biological Systems Engineering
Nebraska Center for Materials and Nanoscience
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
221 HECO Bldg, Lincoln, NE 68583-0802
Phone: 402-472-5197; Fax: 402-472-0640; E-mail: yyang2@unl.edu
June 10, 2020

John Denton
Ducks Unlimited
2121 North Webb Road, Suite 309
Grand Island NE 68803-1751

Reference: NET 18-189 Loup River Wetland Restoration II

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your May 15, 2020 letter requesting a one-year extension to June 30, 2021. We understand constructions plans are completed and you are waiting for final permits. Staff approves the one-year extension to June 30, 2021.

In granting this modification, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement. Additional quarterly reports will be required during this period, with your final project report due by July 31, 2021.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman
May 15, 2020

Marilyn Tabor
Nebraska Environmental Trust
700 S. 16th Street
PO Box 94913 Lincoln, NE, 68509-4913

18-189 Loup River Public Wetland Restoration II

Dear Marilyn:

I am writing to respectfully request a one-year extension of this grant to June 30, 2021. After being initially delayed by flooding the first year of this grant, field evaluations, topographical surveys, and project construction plans are complete. However, permitting has been taking much longer than usual, over a year in some cases, and we still await those necessary permits to begin construction. We are confident will be able to complete projects during the extension period. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

John C. Denton

Rescue Our Wetlands
June 10, 2020

John Denton
Ducks Unlimited
2121 North Webb Road, Suite 309
Grand Island NE 68803-1751

Reference: NET 18-195 Rainwater Basin Protected Land Restoration

Dear John,

We are in receipt of your May 15, 2020 letter requesting a one-year extension to June 30, 2021. We understand constructions plans are completed and you are waiting for final permits. Staff approves the one-year extension to June 30, 2021.

In granting this modification, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement. Additional quarterly reports will be required during this period, with your final project report due by July 31, 2021.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brahman
May 15, 2020

Marilyn Tabor  
Nebraska Environmental Trust  
700 S. 16th Street  
PO Box 94913 Lincoln, NE, 68509-4913  

18-195 Rainwater Basin Protected Land Restorations

Dear Marilyn:

I am writing to respectfully request a one year extension of this grant to June 30, 2021. Wetter than usual conditions early in the project delayed necessary fieldwork and topographical surveys. All necessary fieldwork is complete and project plans are in place. However, permitting has been taking much longer than usual, over a year in some cases, and we still await those necessary permits to begin construction. We are confident we will complete these projects within the next year. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

John C. Denton
June 16, 2020

Denise McGovern-Gallagher
Grand Island Area Clean Community System
3661 Skypark Road 2B
Grand Island, NE 68801

Reference: NET 19-157 Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Dear Denise,

We are in receipt your June 16, 2020 request to shift funds between funding categories. These modifications reflect upcoming expenses as the facility continues operations. Staff approves the modifications as reflected in the following table.

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Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brahman
June 16, 2020

Mark Brohman
Nebraska Environmental Trust
700 S 16th Street
PO Box 94913
Lincoln NE 68509-4913

RE: Grant 19-157

Thank you for the support you have given Clean Community System (CCS) and our Household Hazardous Waste collection facility over the past years. Our intake remains strong as we continue to sever the five (5) counties of Hall, Hamilton, Howard, Merrick and Adams.

As we enter into our final quarter it has become apparent that I would like to ask for modification to our budget. I am requesting to move from Personnel $5,189.30 to Operations - $4,934.06 and Supplies - $255.24. From the Travel Category move $206.19 to Supplies and $440.98 to Operations. My Contractual category will remain as is.

My current balance is $31,409.41 and will be fully depleted by the end of June. No extension is being requested on this grant.

On behalf of CCS we would appreciate your favorable response to our request.

Respectfully,

L. Denise McGovern-Gallagher
Executive Director
Agenda Item 6b. Ferguson House Report

**Ferguson House Activity Report – August 2020**

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**2019**

- Jan-March $1575
- April-June $1575
- July-Sept $1575
- Oct-Dec $1575

**2020**

- Jan-March $1575
- April-June $1575

**Events in June-July**

- Sunday, July 19, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Schwahn baby shower (First floor) $150

**Upcoming Reservations**

- Monday and Tuesday, August 10-11, 8:30-5:00 p.m. Union College Meeting (Living room) $300
- Friday, August 28, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. GAP Meeting (First floor) NC
Saturday, September 12, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. $150
Wilhelm baby shower (First floor)

Sunday, October 4, 1:00-5:00 p.m. $150
Lincoln Needleworkers Guild (First floor)

Friday & Saturday, October 9-10, 3:30-5:30 and 11:30-4:30 $250
Adams wedding setup and reception (First floor)

Tuesday, October 27, 12:30-4:30 p.m. $75
NE Supreme Court Administrator’s Office reception (First floor)

Saturday, December 5, 6:00-10:00 p.m. $175
Nebraskaland Thunderbird club Christmas party (First floor)

**Currently we have 10 active volunteer docents to lead tours during Ferguson House events.**

**Approximately 13.25 hours of staff time (April-June 2020) were dedicated to Ferguson House events and/or paperwork.**

**Refunded Events**

1. Weaver wedding reception-May 1-2 (postponed in May, but then cancelled in June), $300
2. Regner shower- June 7, $175
3. Nickolite graduation party- July 25, $325

**Total Loss: $800**