AGENDA

Nebraska Environmental Trust Grants Committee Wednesday, December 13, 2023 1:00 PM

> 2077 N Street, Suite 310 Lincoln, NE

- 1. Call to Order
 - a. Roll call
 - b. Verify Quorum
 - c. Notice of Meeting; Published Sunday, December 10, 2023
 - d. Notification of Open Meetings Law Posting
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Approval of October 11, 2023, Grants Committee meeting minutes
- 4. Grants Committee determinations and recommendations for funding for 2024 Grant Applications that were previously deemed eligible by the NET Board at the November 2, 2023, meeting.
 - a. Projects scored and Sorted by Score through ranking systems process defined on August 8, 2023, NET meeting.
- 5. Next Meeting; TBD
- 6. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Nebraska Environmental Trust Grants Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2023 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Acting Committee Chairman Quandahl called the Grants Committee meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. in Suite 310 at 2077 N St, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Advanced notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on October 2, 2023. The agenda and documents to be considered at the meeting were provided. The Open Meetings Act was posted near the meeting room entrance and on the Nebraska Environmental Trust website.

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was present.

Members Present (5):

District I: Mr. Jeff Kanger, Lincoln.

District II: Mr. Felix Davidson, Valley; Mr. Mark Quandahl, Omaha.

State Agency Representative: Ms. Sherry Vinton, Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture; Mr.

Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy.

Members Absent (1):

District III: Committee Chairman Mr. Josh Andersen, Edgar.

Staff Present:

Mr. Karl Elmshaeuser, Executive Director; Ms. Holly Adams, Grants Administrator; Ms. Madison Moe, Grants Assistant; Ms. Sandra Weaver, Administrative Specialist.

Mr. Andersen arrived at 1:03 p.m. and assumed the position of Committee Chairman.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of September 20, 2023, Grants Committee meeting minutes

Motion by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Kanger, "I move to approve the September 20, 2023, Grants Committee meeting minutes."

Discussion: None.

Voting Ave: Quandahl, Davidson, Macy, Vinton, Kanger, Andersen

6 Voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. Determination of Eligibility of Applications for Grant Funding

a. Executive Director Grant Applications Not Eligible Recommendations

Executive Director Elmshaeuser noted that NET received 80 grant applications. As per Title 137, "The Executive Director shall review the eligibility criteria to provide an eligibility recommendation to the Grants Committee. The Grants Committee of the Board shall review each such application and shall make a preliminary recommendation of approval or rejection of the proposal for eligibility based on the recommendation of the Executive Director." Executive Director Elmshaeuser outlined his recommendations regarding which grants should be deemed ineligible

based on state statute and/or law criteria. Nine grants were brought forward for consideration by the Grant Committee for their eligibility recommendations. It was noted that the Grant Committee has the option to reach out to applicants if additional information is needed to make a determination. Discussion centered around public/private benefit assessment. As per Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-15,176(2)(c), "The fund shall not pay for private benefits or provide assistance to projects or portions of projects whose benefits are primarily private in nature." During discussion, Grant Administrator Adams noted that the virtual grant informational sessions, which were held in August 2023, had a total of 68 attendees and that NET intends to hold sessions prior to grant application rounds in the future.

Motion by Mr. Macy, seconded by Mr. Davidson, "I move to determine that grant applications 24-159, 24-134, 24-157, 24-115, 24-178, 24-146, 24-151, 24-145, 24-141 are not eligible and forward to the NET Board for review and approval."

Discussion: It was reiterated that the Grant Committee's recommendations will be sent to the full Board for review at the next Board meeting on November 2, 2023, at which time, the public will have another chance for public comment prior to the final eligibility decision of the Board. NET staff will notify applicants of eligibility recommendations prior to the November 2 Board meeting.

Voting Aye: Davidson, Macy, Vinton, Kanger, Quandahl, Andersen **6 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

b. Determination of Eligibility of Applications for Grant Funding: Grant Committee Not Eligible Considerations

As per Title 137, Executive Director Elmshaeuser discussed his recommendations regarding which grants could be deemed ineligible. Discussion centered around public/private benefit assessment and third-party considerations. Special attention was made during discussion to define the quantitative public benefit as outlined within each grant application, the scope of said benefit, and whether the subjective nature of the public/private benefit should affect eligibility.

Motion by Mr. Quandahl, seconded by Mr. Kanger, "I move that grant application 24-149 be deemed not eligible and that we forward that recommendation on to the full NET Board for review and approval."

Discussion: Mr. Quandahl noted that the Grants Committee's eligibility recommendations are based on a threshold that needs to be met for eligibility.

Voting Aye: Macy, Vinton, Kanger, Quandahl, Davidson, Andersen **6 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

Motion by Mr. Macy, seconded by Mr. Davidson, "I move to determine that grant application 24-112 is ineligible for advancement and forward to the NET Board for review and approval."

Discussion: Discussion centered around the private/public benefit assessment.

Voting Aye: Vinton, Kanger, Quandahl, Davidson, Macy, Andersen **6 Voted Aye. Motion carried.**

c. Determination of Eligibility of Applications for Grant Funding: Eligible Grant Applications Recommended to NET Board for Consideration

Motion by Mr. Kanger, seconded by Mr. Macy, "I move to determine that the following grant applications are eligible and forward to the NET Board for review and approval: 24-101, 24-102, 24-103, 24-104, 24-105, 24-106, 24-107, 24-108, 24-109, 24-110, 24-111, 24-113, 24-114, 24-

116, 24-117, 24-118, 24-119, 24-120, 24-121, 24-122, 24-123, 24-124, 24-125, 24-126, 24-127, 24-128, 24-129, 24-130, 24-131, 24-132, 24-133, 24-135, 24-136, 24-137, 24-138, 24-139, 24-140, 24-142, 24-143, 24-144, 24-147, 24-148, 24-150, 24-152, 24-153, 24-154, 24-155, 24-156, 24-158, 24-160, 24-161, 24-162, 24-163, 24-164, 24-165, 24-166, 24-167, 24-168, 24-169, 24-170, 24-171, 24-172, 24-173, 24-174, 24-175, 24-176, 24-177, 24-179, 24-180."

Discussion: None.

Voting Aye: Kanger, Quandahl, Davidson, Macy, Vinton, Andersen

6 Voted Aye. Motion carried.

d. Determination of Eligibility of Applications for Grant Funding: Eligible Grant Applications with Notifications of Deficiencies

Executive Director Elmshaeuser noted that while grants may be deemed eligible, after they have moved past full Board approval for eligibility, there may be deficiencies that need to be addressed. These deficiencies may include, but are not limited to: issues with cash match, administration caps, or erroneously listed in-kind match. It was noted that if the qualitative elements of these applications were deemed insufficient after scoring was completed, then they could be put into the terms of the contract regarding project deliverables.

5. Grant Portal Scoring Process Explanation

As per Title 137, "The Committee may request assistance from the Executive Director to the extent necessary to evaluate each proposal." Executive Director Elmshaeuser recommended that the Grant Committee members review the answers to grant application questions carefully while scoring. Grants Administrator Adams reviewed the scoring procedures in the NET Grants Portal for the Grants Committee members.

6. Next Meeting

The next Grants Committee meeting will be held December 6, 2023, at 2077 N Street, Suite 310, Lincoln, NE at 1:00 pm.

9. Adjourn

| Committee Chairman Andersen adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m. |
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| Karl L. Elmshaeuser, Executive Director |

Review Grants – Recommendation for Funding

Grants Committee Agenda Materials

Item #: 4.a

Object: Review information and recommend 2024 grant applications for funding.

Contact Person: Josh Andersen, Holly Adams

For: ACTION Attachment: 4 pages

BACKGROUND

The Grants Committee is presented with spreadsheets and documents that use a score for each grant application that is ranked to assist in developing a funding recommendation for the 2024 Grant Cycle to be presented to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board.

EXPLANATION

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-15,175

- (2) establishes the process for a rating and ranking of grant applications. (NET Board approved on August 3, 2023)
- (5) "The board may establish a subcommittee to rate grant applications. If the board uses a subcommittee, the meetings of such subcommittee shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act. The subcommittee shall (a) use the rating systems established by the board under subsection (2) of this section, (b) assign a numeric value to each rating criterion, combine these values into a total score for each application, and rank the applications by the total scores, (c) recommend an amount of funding for each application, which amount may be more or less than the requested amount, and (d) submit the ranked list and recommended funding to the board for its approval or disapproval."

PROPOSAL

The Grants Committee will review the presented documents and create motions to recommend projects for funding.

Proposed motion: "I move that the Grants Committee recommends projects (24-***), for the following amount (\$******) and to be moved on for consideration by the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board".

| Rating | App ID | Project Sponsor | Project Name | Term of Request | Requested Year 1 | | R | Requested Year 2 | R | equested Year 3 | Total Amount equested | otal Funding |
|--------|--------|--|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 38 | 24-109 | Northern Prairies Land Trust | Extending the Tallgrass Prairie Partnership | 3 | \$ | 125,000 | \$ | 125,000 | \$ | 125,000 | \$ 375,000 | \$ 375,000 |
| 37.33 | 24-111 | Pheasants Forever, Inc. | Habitat Share Program | 2 | \$ | 99,000 | \$ | 99,000 | \$ | - | \$ 198,000 | \$ 198,000 |
| 37.33 | 24-138 | Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District | Remote Telemetry Upgrades on Flow Meters for Groundwater Irrigation Management in the Lower Elkhorn NRD | 3 | \$ | 40,826 | \$ | 40,827 | \$ | 40,827 | \$ 122,480 | \$ 122,480 |
| 37.17 | 24-123 | Platte Valley Weed Management Area | Invasive Plant Species Control Along the Central Platte River | 1 | \$ | 225,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 225,000 | \$ 225,000 |
| 37.17 | 24-135 | Nebraska Community Foundation for benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture | Divots in the Pivots II | 3 | \$ | 141,057 | \$ | 141,057 | \$ | 141,057 | \$ 423,171 | \$ 413,020 |
| 36.5 | 24-148 | Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center | Tallgrass Prairie Conservation and Restoration at Spring Creek Prairie and across the Denton Hills Landscape | 3 | \$ | 137,596 | \$ | 174,721 | \$ | 152,683 | \$ 465,000 | \$ 465,000 |
| 36.5 | 24-175 | Sandhills Task Force | Sandhills Prairie and Wetland Habitat Improvement Project | 3 | \$ | 99,500 | \$ | 100,500 | \$ | 100,000 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 300,000 |
| 36.33 | 24-125 | Nebraska Game and Parks Commission | Grassland Enhancement Initiative | 2 | \$ | 250,000 | \$ | 250,000 | \$ | - | \$ 500,000 | \$ 500,000 |
| 35.67 | 24-139 | Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District | Bow Creek Watershed Project | 3 | \$ | 150,000 | \$ | 50,000 | \$ | 50,000 | \$ 250,000 | \$ 250,000 |
| 35.5 | 24-122 | Nebraska Community Foundation for benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture | Rainwater Basin Watershed Restoration and Enhancement | 3 | \$ | 80,850 | \$ | 80,850 | \$ | 80,850 | \$ 242,550 | \$ 241,000 |
| 35.33 | 24-156 | Loess Canyons Rangeland Alliance | Loess Canyons Grassland Stewardship | 3 | \$ | 160,000 | \$ | 160,000 | \$ | 160,000 | \$ 480,000 | \$ 480,000 |
| 35.17 | 24-113 | Keep Omaha Beautiful | Trees for Tomorrow: An Urban & Community Tree Planting Program | 3 | \$ | 64,415 | \$ | 67,245 | \$ | 70,520 | \$ 202,180 | \$ 202,180 |
| 34.67 | 24-142 | Pheasants Forever, Inc. | Community Based Approach to Increasing Public Access on Private Lands | 3 | \$ | 285,000 | \$ | 280,000 | \$ | 280,000 | \$ 845,000 | \$ 845,000 |
| 34.5 | 24-130 | Nebraska Community Foundation for Benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture | Rainwater Basin Wetland Conservation; Supporting Aquifer Recharge and Wildlife Habitat | 3 | \$ | 362,250 | \$ | 362,250 | \$ | 362,250 | \$ 1,086,750 | \$ 1,076,599 |
| 33.33 | 24-101 | Twin Valley Weed Management Area | Eastern Republican and Little Blue Watershed Improvement Project | 1 | \$ | 210,035 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 210,035 | \$ 210,035 |
| 33.17 | 24-162 | Ducks Unlimited, Inc. | Restoring Nebraska's Riverine Systems | 3 | \$ | 161,500 | \$ | 161,500 | \$ | 96,000 | \$ 419,000 | \$ 419,000 |
| 33 | 24-140 | Pine Lake Association | Pine Lake Rehabilitation Project | 1 | \$ | 425,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 425,000 | \$ 425,000 |
| 32.83 | 24-126 | Friends of Nebraska Monarchs Incorporated | Bringing Back Butterflies: Native Plant Giveaway and Public Education Fair | 3 | \$ | 15,000 | \$ | 16,000 | \$ | 17,000 | \$ 48,000 | \$ 48,000 |
| 32.67 | 24-121 | Nebraska Game and Parks Commission | Soldier Creek Habitat, Water Quality, and Access Improvement Project | 1 | \$ | 750,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 750,000 | \$ 750,000 |
| 32.67 | 24-165 | Trailblazer RC&D | Electronics Recycling Events | 1 | \$ | 45,950 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 45,950 | \$ 45,248 |
| 32.5 | 24-179 | Sandhills Task Force | Birdwood Creek Stream Restoration | 3 | \$ | 11,000 | \$ | 785,000 | \$ | 13,000 | \$ 809,000 | \$ 809,000 |
| 32.5 | 24-180 | Ducks Unlimited, Inc. | Rainwater Basin Public Lands Restorations | 3 | \$ | 310,500 | \$ | 290,500 | \$ | 291,000 | \$ 892,000 | \$ 892,000 |
| 32.33 | 24-128 | Nebraska Community Foundation fbo Rainwater Basin Joint Venture | Water Delivery Infrastructure for Western Rainwater Basins | 3 | \$ | 178,500 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ 178,500 | \$ 178,500 |

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|--------|--------|--|---|--------------------|---------------------|---------|----|---------------------|----|---------|----|-----------|----|-----------|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 32.17 | 24-104 | Nemaha Natural Resources District | Burr-Cook Paleovalley Aquifer Sub-Area Resiliency Project | 2 | \$ | 19,500 | \$ | 19,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 39,000 | \$ | 37,950 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 24-103 | Conservation Nebraska | Common Ground | 2 | \$ | 110,000 | \$ | 110,000 | \$ | - | \$ | 220,000 | \$ | 220,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 24-108 | Corn Country NE Pheasants Forever Chapter | No-Till Drills Corn Country - York County Pheasants Forever Chapter | 1 | \$ | 45,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 45,000 | \$ | 45,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | 24-164 | Trailblazer RC&D | Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Recycling Events | 1 | \$ | 45,950 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 45,950 | \$ | 45,248 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.67 | 24-163 | North Platte Natural Resources District | Windbreak Renovation Pilot Project | 3 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 20,000 | \$ | 60,000 | \$ | 60,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.67 | 24-169 | Omaha Public Power District | OPPD's Solar Corners Pilot Project | 1 | \$ | 500,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 500,000 | \$ | 500,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.33 | 24-102 | Audubon Great Plains | Solar Energy Installation & Demonstration | 1 | \$ | 134,400 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 134,400 | \$ | 134,400 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.33 | 24-127 | Southwest Weed Management | 2024 -2025 Western Republican River Basin Riparian Habitat Project | 1 | \$ | 147,839 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 147,839 | \$ | 147,839 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.33 | 24-147 | Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Inc. | Benefiting Nebraska's Species of Conservation Concern through Multiple Land-Management Prescriptions | 3 | \$ | 300,000 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 300,000 | \$ | 300,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31.17 | 24-152 | Nebraska Game and Parks Commission | Increasing Awareness of Nebraska's Aquatic Resources | 2 | \$ | 15,700 | \$ | 15,700 | \$ | - | \$ | 31,400 | \$ | 31,400 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | 24-132 | Nebraska Recycling Council | Recycling Equipment Grants | 2 | \$ | 350,234 | \$ | 358,781 | \$ | - | \$ | 709,015 | \$ | 709,015 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30.5 | | The Nature Conservancy | Increasing Sandhills Resilience: the Future on the Fireline | 3 | \$ | 128,658 | \$ | 91,954 | \$ | 94,391 | \$ | 315,003 | \$ | 315,003 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30.33 | 24-107 | South Central Economic Development District, Inc. | Small Towns Achieving Recovery & Resiliency (STARR) through Waste Management | 2 | \$ | 164,290 | \$ | 233,710 | \$ | - | \$ | 398,000 | \$ | 398,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30.33 | 24-174 | Nebraska Community Foundation for benefit of Rainwater Basin Joint Venture | Funk Waterfowl Production Area Restoration | 2 | \$ | 122,325 | \$ | 148,575 | \$ | - | \$ | 270,900 | \$ | 268,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30.17 | 24-158 | Nebraska Pharmacists Association | Promoting a Healthy Nebraska: Mitigating Contamination, Ensuring Safe Disposal, and Enhancing Medication Access | 3 | \$ | 400,000 | \$ | 400,000 | \$ | 400,000 | \$ | 1,200,000 | \$ | 1,200,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29.67 | 24-133 | FarWide Conservation Trust | Ninemile Creek Restoration | 1 | \$ | 214,470 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 214,470 | \$ | 214,470 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29.17 | 24-124 | Friends of Heron Haven, Inc | Educational Program and Wetland Habitat Enhancements | 3 | \$ | 41,350 | \$ | 29,350 | \$ | 25,850 | \$ | 96,550 | \$ | 96,550 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 24-131 | Nebraska Recycling Council | Durable Medical Equipment Rehome & Collection Events | 1 | \$ | 54,579 | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | 54,579 | \$ | 54,579 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.67 | 24-167 | Arbor Day Farm / Arbor Day Foundation | Arbor Day Farm Trail Charge Oasis | 3 | \$ | 331,358 | \$ | 332,292 | \$ | 208,806 | \$ | 872,456 | \$ | 872,456 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.5 | 24-105 | City of Ralston | Ralston Creek Improvements | 3 | \$ | 75,000 | \$ | 175,000 | \$ | 50,000 | \$ | 300,000 | | 300,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.5 | 24-106 | Grand Island Area Clean Community System | Established Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility | 2 | \$ | 176,009 | \$ | 177,217 | \$ | - | \$ | 353,226 | \$ | 353,226 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.33 | 24-168 | Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska | Tribal National Park at Rulo Bluffs | 2 | \$ | 279,704 | \$ | 17,500 | \$ | - | \$ | 297,204 | \$ | 297,204 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.17 | 24-136 | Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District | Groundwater Monitoring for Public Health | 3 | \$ | 65,534 | _ | 65,534 | \$ | 65,534 | \$ | 196,602 | - | 196,602 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28.17 | 24-143 | KEEP KEITH COUNTY BEAUTIFUL | Waste Management & Environmental Education in Western Nebraska | 1 | \$ | 108,315 | | - | \$ | - | \$ | 108,315 | \$ | 97,023 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 27.83 | 24-160 | Lexington Community Foundation | Johnson Lake Community Playground Water Station | 1 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | |
| 27.17 | 24-153 | Loup Central Landfill Association | 2023 Metal Recycling Facility | 1 | \$ 3,635,220 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,635,220 | \$ 3,635,220 | |
| 27 | 24-116 | City of South Sioux City | Nebraska's First Plastic Road | 1 | \$ 492,407 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 492,407 | \$ 492,407 | |
| 27 | 24-129 | Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Tires to Trail: Evaluation of Porous Asphalt with Recycled Tire Rubber in Nebraska Trails | 3 | \$ 30,271 | \$ 31,516 | \$ 26,754 | \$ 88,541 | \$ 88,541 | |
| 26.67 | 24-118 | Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development Inc. | Household Hazardous Waste Collections | 2 | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ 40,000 | \$ 38,000 | |
| 26.67 | 24-161 | Darrell Beck- Edgar Vol. Fire Dept. | South Central Mutual Aid Group - Micro-Blaze Out Foam | 1 | \$ 33,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 33,000 | \$ 33,000 | |
| 26.5 | 24-150 | Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust, Inc. | Enhancement of Field Equipment for the Continued Benefit of Nebraska's Species of Conservation Concern | 1 | \$ 87,500 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 87,500 | \$ 87,500 | |
| 25.67 | 24-176 | Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory dba Bird Conservancy of the Rockies | Monitoring Migratory Songbird Habitat Use in the Panhandle | 2 | \$ 27,633 | \$ 28,391 | \$ - | \$ 56,024 | \$ 56,024 | |
| 25.5 | 24-110 | Green Recycling Enterprises, LLC DBA Second Nature | Recycling on the Go! | 2 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 125,000 | \$ - | \$ 250,000 | \$ 250,000 | |
| 25.33 | 24-120 | Heritage Elementary PTO | Heritage Elementary Outdoor Classroom | 3 | \$ 17,500 | \$ 31,500 | \$ 24,000 | \$ 73,000 | \$ 73,000 | |
| 24.33 | 24-154 | Keep Alliance Beautiful | 2024/2025 Recycling Center Operations and Education Program | 1 | \$ 75,848 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 75,848 | \$ 69,694 | |
| 21.83 | 24-170 | Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Advancing Environmental Stewardship Education Using Aerial and Satellite Imagery | 3 | \$ 72,688 | \$ 40,914 | \$ 48,829 | \$ 162,431 | \$ 162,431 | |
| 21.17 | 24-119 | Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Climate Smart Agriculture: Building capacity among agricultural advisors | 3 | \$ 114,878 | \$ 73,921 | \$ 32,725 | \$ 221,524 | \$ 221,524 | |
| 21.17 | 24-137 | Lincoln Public Schools | Outdoor Teaching and Learning Program | 3 | \$ 65,500 | \$ 65,500 | \$ 65,500 | \$ 196,500 | \$ 196,500 | |
| 19.83 | 24-166 | Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Vadose zone water and nitrogen movement under different crop management practices in west central Nebraska | 3 | \$ 204,753 | \$ 137,184 | \$ 156,249 | \$ 498,186 | \$ 498,186 | |
| 19.33 | 24-177 | Lincoln - Solid Waste Management Division | The Biochar Initiative | 1 | \$ 1,103,274 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,103,274 | \$ 1,103,274 | |
| 18.5 | 24-155 | Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency | Advancing Clean Air Through Bike/Pedestrian Counter Implementation | 3 | \$ 14,070 | \$ 14,070 | \$ 14,070 | \$ 42,210 | \$ 42,210 | |
| 18.5 | 24-172 | Buffalo County Historical Society/Trails & Rails Museum | Enivronmental Traveling Exhibits | 3 | \$ 13,375 | \$ 17,700 | \$ 7,200 | \$ 38,275 | \$ 38,275 | |
| 17.33 | 24-171 | Omaha Public Schools | EV Charging Stations | 3 | \$ 310,790 | \$ 310,790 | \$ 310,790 | \$ 932,370 | \$ 932,370 | |

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|--------|--------|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|------|------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 15.33 | 24-117 | Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Roof Collected Rainwater Study for Drinking Water | 2 | \$ | 75,131 | \$ 24,858 | \$. | . \$ | \$ 99,989 | \$ 99,989 | | | | |
| 13 | 24-114 | Heartland Bike Share | Bike Share Updates | 1 | \$ | 719,187 | \$ - | \$. | . \$ | \$ 719,187 | \$ 719,187 | | | | |
| 13 | 24-144 | Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Habitat Supporting Native Bee Foraging | 2 | \$ | 24,790 | \$ 25,533 | \$ | . \$ | \$ 50,323 | \$ 50,323 | | | | |