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**A GUIDE TO GRANTS FOR NEBRASKA CHILDREN,
YOUTH, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

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CRIME COMMISSION

- **ANTI-DRUG ABUSE AND VIOLENT CRIME BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL STATE AND LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FORMULA BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Crime Commission

PURPOSE: To assist state and local units of government in carrying out specific drug and violent crime control programs that offer a high probability of improving the criminal justice system and making an impact on Nebraska's drug and violent crime problem. A key element of projects shall be the coordination and cooperation between various criminal justice agencies. Programs must relate to drug and violent crime control. Program areas include:

1. Demand reduction education programs in which law enforcement officers participate.
2. Multijurisdictional task force programs that integrate federal, state and local drug law enforcement agencies and prosecutors for the purpose of enhancing interagency coordination and intelligence, and facilitating multijurisdictional investigations.
3. Improvement of the operational effectiveness of the court process by expanding prosecutorial, defender, and judicial resources, and by implementing court delay reduction programs.
4. Programs designed to provide additional public correctional resources and improve the corrections system, including treatment in prisons and jails, intensive supervision programs, and long-range corrections and sentencing strategies.
5. Programs that identify and meet the treatment needs of adult and juvenile drug-dependent and alcohol-dependent offenders.
6. Innovative programs that demonstrate new and different approaches to enforcement, prosecution, and adjudication of drug offenses and other serious crimes.
7. Providing alternative solutions to detention, jail, and prison for persons who pose no danger to the community.

ELIGIBILITY: State and local units of government are eligible to apply for funds. Private nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply for Drug Control funding. However, state or local units of government may contract with private nonprofit agencies to implement projects.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Total average available: varies.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: March
Applications Due: June
Fiscal Year Begins: Varies with project
Continuation Awards: Varies with project

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Steeves, Nebraska Crime Commission, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946. Phone: (402) 471-2194. email: nancy.steeves@ncc.ne.gov

- **JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT –
FORMULA GRANT FUNDS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Crime Commission

PURPOSE: The priority areas for funding are removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups, deinstitutionalization of and services for status offenders and non-offenders. American Indian tribal programs, systems improvement, and minority over-representation.

Jail Removal: The following activities are considered for funding under this category: 1) temporary non-secure holding services (i.e. holdovers, shelter care, attendant care, foster care, safe homes, group homes, etc.); 2) intake services; 3) treatment and aftercare programs; 4) secure detention programs; and 5) planning and technical assistance.

Deinstitutionalization/Services to Status Offenders and Non-offenders: This category provides funds for projects designed to prevent or eliminate the placement of status offenders and non-offenders in secure detention and correctional facilities. The following activities are considered for funding under this category: 1) temporary non-secure holding services (i.e. holdovers, shelter care, attendant care, foster care, safe homes, group homes, etc.); 2) prevention programs; 3) diversion programs; 4) early intervention programs; 5) community-based diagnostic evaluation services; 6) intake services; and 7) intensive supervision services.

American Indian Tribes: This category provides funds for projects designed to address the juvenile justice issues for American Indians, primarily on the Omaha and Winnebago Reservations. The following activities are considered for funding under this category: 1) temporary non-secure holding services (i.e. holdovers, shelter care, attendant care, foster care, safe homes, group homes, etc.); 2) detention alternatives; 3) treatment and aftercare programs; 4) secure detention programs; 5) planning and technical assistance; 6) prevention, intervention, and diversion services.

Minority Over-representation: This category funds projects that eliminate or reduce over-representation of minority youth in confinement in the juvenile justice system. Priority consideration is given to projects that impact the problem. The following activities are considered for funding under this category: 1) systems of alternatives to incarceration specific to the needs of minorities; 2) multicultural awareness training programs; 3) diversion and intervention programs; 4) prevention programs; 5) initiating or improving the usefulness of relevant information systems and dissemination of information regarding minorities in the juvenile justice system; 6) pilot studies to develop profiles of juvenile offenders; and 7) additional data collection and analysis relevant to this area.

Systems Improvement: This category provides funds for projects designated to address training needs, provide advocacy, and provide education related efforts to improve statutory law, policies and practices on a system level. The following activities are considered for funding under this category: 1) development and delivery of training programs/curriculum; 2) technical assistance; 3) advocacy programs; 4) standards programs; and 5) code and statutory revision initiatives.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible the subgrantee must be considered:

- A unit of general local government (county, city, village, etc.), or a combination of such units;
- A state agency or state-supported university;
- A chartered nonprofit private organization or association having statewide representation or character; or
- A local community chartered private nonprofit agency or organization only if a request for funds to support the proposed project through a unit of local government has been made and denied.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Amount varies. Applicants for new projects may be eligible for consideration for five years. Projects that are funded for subsequent years are subject to a step down funding policy: First two years may be funded at 100%, Third year – 75%, Fourth year – 50%, Fifth year – 25%. Projects are ineligible after receiving five years of funding.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: November

Applications Due: Varies

Fiscal Year Begins: Varies with project

Continuation Awards: Varies with project

NOTE: Application process, award amounts, and dates are all dependent upon receipt of federal funds.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

All grant applications and instructions available online at www.ncc.ne.gov or contact Audra Cook. Nebraska Crime Commission, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509. Phone: (402) 471-2194. Email: audra.cook@ncc.ne.gov

- **JUVENILE SERVICES ACT GRANTS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Crime Commission

PURPOSE: To fund programs and services for juveniles under the jurisdiction of the juvenile or criminal justice systems. Programs and services include assessment and evaluation, delinquency prevention, diversion, detention, shelter care, intensive supervision, treatment of juveniles in need of services, and dispositional alternatives.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible the subgrantee must be considered:

- A unit of general local government (county, city, village, etc.), or a combination of such units;
- A state-supported university;
- A chartered nonprofit private organization or association having statewide representation or character; or
- A local community chartered private nonprofit agency or organization only if a request for funds to support the proposed project through a unit of local government has been made and denied.

NOTE: State agencies are **not** eligible for this grant.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Amount varies. Applicants for new projects may be eligible for consideration for five years. Projects that are funded for subsequent years are subject to a step down funding policy: First two years may be funded at 100%, Third year – 75%, Fourth year – 50%, Fifth year – 25%. Projects are ineligible after receiving five years of funding.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: October or November

Applications Due: Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan – end of December, Grant Applications – March, Juvenile Services Grant Committee Recommendations – April

Fiscal Year Begins: July

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica Miles, Nebraska Crime Commission, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946. Phone: (402) 471-2194. email: monica.miles@ncc.ne.gov

• **VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Crime Commission

PURPOSE: To provide direct services to victims of crime.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for Victim Assistance, a subgrantee must:

- be operated as a public agency or nonprofit organization, or a combination thereof, that provides direct services to crime victims;
- demonstrate substantial financial support from other sources;
- utilize volunteers;
- promote coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims;
- assist victims in seeking available crime victims' compensation benefits.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Total amount available varies depending on the amount of fines collected from federal cases.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: Normally in March
Applications Due: May 1st
Fiscal Year Begins: Not applicable
Continuation Awards: Dependent on program operation

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Kirkpatrick, Nebraska Crime Commission, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946. Phone: (402) 471-2194. email: jennifer.kirkpatrick@ncc.ne.gov

• **JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT (JAIBG)**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Crime Commission

PURPOSE: To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their actions.

ELIGIBILITY: Awards and award amounts are predetermined by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for local communities eligible to receive \$5,000 or more. Remaining dollars and their use are determined by the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Coalition.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Amount varies.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: Late February
Applications Due: End of April
Fiscal Year Begins: Not applicable
Continuation Awards: Not applicable

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

All grant instructions and applications are available online at www.ncc.ne.gov or contact Audra Cook, Nebraska Crime Commission, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509. Phone: (402) 471-2194. Email: audra.cook@ncc.ne.gov

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Economic Development

PURPOSE: To provide Nebraskans with appropriate, affordable and accessible housing and infrastructure, and quality jobs. CDBG funds must be used for projects that improve community and economic environments for low- to moderate-income persons, and for local needs defined through a strategic planning process. Potential applications fall into five categories:

Community Development, Housing and Planning applications are competitively ranked and favor projects that:

- Meet locally identified needs
- Commit local resources
- Benefit 51% of low to moderate income persons
- Eliminate slums and blight

Economic Development applications are reviewed for evidence of:

- Support of businesses that expand the state's economic base and/or
- Job creation or retention for persons in the low- to moderate-income levels

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible Community Development Projects:

Public works— under 50,000 population

Street, curb, gutter or sidewalk improvements; storm sewer; flood and drainage improvements; community centers; senior centers; nonprofit centers for day care, dependent care, primary health and mental health facilities (excluding shelters); incidental water distribution and sanitary sewer collection in support of other eligible activities.

Water/Wastewater—

Water system improvements including source, treatment, storage, and/or distribution; wastewater system collection and/or treatment.

Eligible Housing Projects:

Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation

Eligible Planning Projects:

Community strategic planning including: environmental scans, needs assessments, information technology, citizen participation, and fiscal management; analysis of impediments to fair housing choice; neighborhood/comprehensive/strategic development plans; functional or special studies for: housing, infrastructure, economic development, land measures, central business district, energy conservation, transportation, environmental and historic preservation studies, community development and housing plans.

Eligible Economic Development Projects:

Block grants will assist economic development through loans, deferred loans, public works improvements and job training.

Eligible Tourism Development Projects:

Tourist attractions, which include historic preservation/restoration, museums, cultural awareness centers, heritage recreational sites/facilities, scientific educational centers, and barrier removal for accessibility to sites.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY:

Maximum Community Development Grant Amounts:

\$250,000 – under 2,500 population

\$350,000 – more than 2,500 population

Maximum Housing Grant Amounts:

\$250,000 – one major housing activity

\$400,000 – housing rehabilitation

\$400,000 – for small community cooperative rehabilitation programs

Maximum Planning Grant Amount:

All planning activities require a minimum 25% match of the total project activity costs.

\$25,000 – for a community/unincorporated county

\$40,000 – for multi-community, countywide or regional

Maximum Economic Development Grant/Loan Amount:

\$500,000—amount based on job creation

\$250,000—job training

\$250,000—speculative building

Maximum Tourism Development Grant Amount:

\$200,000 and a minimum of \$20,000. Match amount of at least 50%.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Contact for more information.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Charleston, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Community and Rural Development Division, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509., (800) 426-6505, TDD (402) 471-3441, Fax: (402) 471-8405, email: steve.charleston@ded.ne.gov

- **THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACT (CDA)**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Economic Development

PURPOSE: This program was created in 1985 by the Nebraska Legislature to encourage businesses to financially support community betterment organizations in their efforts to implement community service and development projects in chronic economically-distressed areas. CDA empowers the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to distribute 40 percent state tax credits to businesses, corporations, insurance firms, financial institutions, or individuals that make eligible contributions of cash, services or materials to approved community betterment projects. A nonprofit community betterment organization must apply to the department to become qualified to award tax credits to eligible contributors. Upon project approval by the department the community betterment organization can award a state tax credit to a business, corporation, insurance firm, financial institution, or individual contributing to the project of up to 40 percent of the value of training, human and medical services, physical facility and neighborhood development services, recreational and educational activities, and crime prevention.

ELIGIBILITY: An applicant must be a village, city or county government, or a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization designated by the Internal Revenue Service. The area served by the project must be designated by the department as an area of chronic economic distress, defined by the Legislature as an area that exceeds the state averages in the following categories: unemployment exceeding state average over past 2 years; per capita income below statewide average per capita income; population loss between two most recent federal decennial censuses.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: No more than \$25,000 in tax credits for any single project during any single fiscal year. A total of \$350,000 in state tax credits is allocated each fiscal year by the department.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: On-going. Contact for more information.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lindsay Papenhausen, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Community and Rural Development Division, P.O. Box 94666 Lincoln, NE 68509-4666. Phone: (402) 471-6587, (800) 426-6505, TDD (402) 471-3441, Fax: (402) 471-3778. email: Lindsay.papenhausen@ded.ne.gov
website: www.neded.org

- **NEBRASKA AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Economic Development

PURPOSE: This program provides loans or grants to nonprofits, local governments, and public housing authorities to: 1) build new rental units for low-to moderate-income persons; 2) adapt a building from another use, such as an old school, or hotel to housing; 3) rehabilitate an existing rental property to meet Housing Quality Standards; 4) administer a downpayment assistance program (that can include new single family housing developments); 5) administer a program to assist homeowners in rehabilitating their houses; and 6) administer a program to assist rental property owners in rehabilitating their properties. Anyone working on a possible Nebraska Affordable Housing Program (NAHP) project is strongly encouraged to contact a housing team member to discuss and review before the application due date. Other resources for housing activities in Nebraska include loans, grants, and assistance to individuals. Many of these resources are outlined in the Affordable Housing Resource Program Inventory at:

www.neded.org/content/view/452/676/

ELIGIBILITY: All beneficiaries of housing funds must be low-to moderate-income earners. The NAHP assists nonprofits, local governments, and public housing authorities, which in turn assist individuals.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Varies

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: The process for applying for NAHP funds is outlined each year in the Community and Rural Development Annual Action Plan. www.neded.org/content/view/183/674/

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lara Huskey, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Community and Rural Development Division, P.O. Box 94666 Lincoln, NE 68509-4666. Phone: (402) 471-3759, (800) 426-6505, TDD (402) 471-8405, Fax (402) 471-8405, e-mail: lara.huskey@ded.ne.gov

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY PROJECT**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Education

PURPOSE: The Even Start Family Literacy Program serves educationally disadvantaged families by integrating early childhood, adult and parent education into family-centered programs that assist children in reaching their full potential and provide literacy and parenting education for adults.

New grants are awarded from October 1 to September 30. The grant may be extended for a total of four (4) years. In the initial year the local match can be no less than 10 percent of the total budget. This share increases each year until Year four when the local match can be no less than 40 percent.

Grantees are expected to demonstrate local capacity to assume the program in Year five. While former grantees are eligible to reapply, these applications will not receive special consideration in the review process. The federal share for reapplying projects will not exceed 50 percent in the new cycle.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are local education agencies (including educational service units in collaboration with a community-based organization, public agency, institution of higher education, or other nonprofit organization), or community-based organizations or other nonprofit organizations of demonstrated quality applying in collaboration with a local education agency.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: The federal law requires that the federal share never be less than \$75,000; consequently, these grants are intended to operate a comprehensive program serving a substantial population.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: July 15
Applications Due: April 16
Fiscal Year Begins: October 1
Continuation Awards: See Above Under "Purpose"

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eleanor Kirkland, Even Start State Coordinator, Office of Children and Families, Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987. Phone: (402) 471-3501. email: eleanor.kirkland@nde.ne.gov website: www.nde.state.ne.us/ECH/ECH.html

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- **COMMUNITY LAKES RESTORATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS: NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – SEC. 319, CLEAN WATER ACT**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Restoration, involving sediment removal, shoreline stabilization, habitat improvement and watershed protection, or a water body under 20 acres that lies within or immediately adjacent to a community jurisdictional boundary and provides a high value resource for community recreation.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are subunits of government, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$150,000 in annual funding is available. Applicant must provide a 40% non-federal cash or in-kind match. Maximum award is generally limited to \$75,000. Projects are limited to three years.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Proposals are received and reviewed quarterly. Applications are individually invited pending technical review, site evaluation and availability of funds.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Link, Water Quality Planning Unit, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-4270.

- **URBAN RUNOFF MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS: NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – SEC. 319, CLEAN WATER ACT**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Installation or retrofitting of Best Management Practices for controlling non-point source contaminants in urban runoff. Projects must implement sustainable practices in a small limited area and address a specific pollutant(s) of concern. Funding available only for non-regulatory activities.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are subunits of government, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$150,000 in annual funding is available. Applicant must provide a 40% non-federal cash or in-kind match. Maximum award is generally limited to \$75,000. Projects are limited to three years.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Proposals are received and reviewed quarterly. Applications are individually invited pending technical review, site evaluation and availability of funds.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Link, Water Quality Planning Unit, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-4270.

- **SMALL PROJECTS ASSISTANCE GRANTS: NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – SEC. 319, CLEAN WATER ACT**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Varies

ELIGIBILITY: Mandated, regulatory and research activities are not eligible.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Applicant must provide a 40% non-federal cash or in-kind match. Maximum award is generally limited to \$15,000. Projects are limited to three years.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications are received and reviewed quarterly.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Link, Water Quality Planning Unit, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-4270.

- **COMPETITIVE PROJECT GRANTS: NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – SEC. 319, CLEAN WATER ACT**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Activities must focus primarily on installation of appropriate Best Management Practices to control specific pollutants of concern.

ELIGIBILITY: Mandated, regulatory and research activities are not eligible. Equipment purchase is generally not eligible.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Applicant must provide a 40% non-federal cash or in-kind match. Maximum award is generally limited to \$300,000. Projects are limited to three years.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Proposals are received and reviewed annually in September. Applications are individually invited pending technical review, site evaluation and availability of funds.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Link, Water Quality Planning Unit, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-4270.

- **DISPOSAL FEE REBATE PROGRAM**

SPONSORING AGENCIES: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and Nebraska Department of Administrative Services

PURPOSE: Applicant prepares a written Purchasing Policy that identifies recycled products, materials, or supplies that the municipality or county intends to purchase; and a list of all departments required to follow the Policy. The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, which partners with this program, has sample purchasing policies to help applicants develop Purchasing Policies. DAS approves the applicant's policy.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are municipalities and counties that have a defined solid waste jurisdictional area, and own or operate, or have a contract with a solid waste management disposal area.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approved applicants receive a 10 cent rebate on the \$1.25/ton disposal fee assessed on all solid waste disposed in a licensed landfill.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications must be submitted no later than February 1 to be considered for the current calendar year.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Steve Danahy, Waste Planning and Aid, 1200 N Street, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-2186.

- **ILLEGAL DUMP SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Cleanup of illegal dump sites where solid waste has been disposed or abandoned including at dump sites or discrete locations along public roadways or ditches and any contiguous area affected by such disposal or abandonment.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are political subdivisions.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$100,000 in annual funding is available. Funding is awarded in order of receipt of completed applications.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications are continually accepted.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Steve Danahy, Waste Planning and Aid, 1200 N Street, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-2186.

- **LITTER REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT PROGRAM**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Public education, litter cleanup of public areas, recycling, and source separation.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are political subdivisions, public and private entities, and organizations.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$1.2 million in annual funding is available. Funding is based on application's ranking in the Program Priority System. Priority projects show high potential for impact, ability, program design, implementation, and matching funds.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications are accepted annually. Due date is September 15.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Steve Danahy, Waste Planning and Aid, 1200 N Street, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-2186.

- **NEBRASKA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (NEP)**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Individualized assistance for small communities to help them better cope with and understand public health and environmental laws to maintain healthy communities. Technical assistance is available.

NEP administers Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Planning Grants awarded to eligible Public Water Supply Systems serving 10,000 or fewer people. The planning grant cannot exceed 90% of the costs for eligible Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) services, and cannot exceed \$15,000 per system. Grants for regional public water systems cannot exceed \$25,000. The grant may be used for engineering services to prepare a PER. If a recent PER is on file or complete, the following may be eligible planning grant activities: water quality testing, test hole costs or pilot treatment testing, environmental assessments, and public participation efforts in the form of public meetings or hearings (call for additional requirements).

NEP also administers Clean Water State Revolving Fund Facility Planning Grants awarded to Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Works and Nonpoint Source Control Systems serving 5,000 or fewer people. The facility planning grant cannot exceed 90% of the facility plan project costs, and cannot exceed \$20,000. The grant may be used for all activities associated with the facility planning process (call for additional requirements).

ELIGIBILITY: Varies

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Varies

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Call for more information.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nebraska Environmental Partnerships Program, 1200 N Street, Suite 400, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-3193.

- **PETROLEUM RELEASE REMEDIAL ACTION REIMBURSEMENT FUND**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Reimburse a portion of the costs incurred during the investigation and remediation of releases from petroleum storage tanks. Some expenses resulting from a tank removal or replacement also may be eligible.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are owners and operators of petroleum storage tanks.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$10 million in annual funding is available from fuel fees and annual tank fees. Applicants are reimbursed for eligible costs that exceed an initial deductible at a 75% rate until their co-payment requirement is reached. Thereafter, eligible costs are reimbursed at 100% until an applicant's \$1 million limit is reached. Applicants are categorized under one of two deductible/co-payment levels based on the annual volume of petroleum sold or stored at all facilities owned and operated by the responsible person. To receive full reimbursement, an applicant must comply with all regulations.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Call for more information.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Title 200 Program, Petroleum Remediation Section, 1200 N Street, P.O Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-2186. website: [www.deq.state.ne.us/Publications/Petroleum Remediation Program/Guidance Documents/Title 200 Program](http://www.deq.state.ne.us/Publications/Petroleum%20Remediation%20Program/Guidance%20Documents/Title%20Program)

- **DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOANS AND GRANTS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality in cooperation with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health.

PURPOSE: Provide low cost financing for construction of publicly owned water supply systems.

ELIGIBILITY: Project must be placed on the annual Intended Use Plan. Eligible applicants are publicly held community drinking water systems, such as municipalities, special districts, co-ops, and nonprofits. Privately held community drinking water systems, such as schools, churches and camps also may be eligible. Call for more information.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$20 million in funding is available.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Call for more information.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Financial Assistance Section, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-4220.

- **CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOANS AND GRANTS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Provide low cost financing for construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment works and nonpoint source control systems.

ELIGIBILITY: Projects must be placed on the Intended Use Plan. Eligible applicants are owners of publicly owned facilities. Call for more information.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$27 million in funding is available.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Call for information.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Financial Assistance Section, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-4220.

- **WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING INCENTIVE GRANTS PROGRAM**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Integrated solid waste management programs and projects, such as source reduction recycling, reuse, composting, landfill operation improvements, scrap tire projects, etc.

ELIGIBILITY: The business and tire fee can fund political subdivisions or other public, private or nonprofit entities. The disposal fee can fund counties, municipalities, and agencies.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Annual funding available includes: Business fee—\$600,000, Tire fee—\$1.5 million, Disposal fee—\$1 million. Funding is based on application's ranking in the Program Priority System. Priority projects show high benefits to Nebraska, potential for environmental impact, and continuity, and matching funds.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications are due February 1 for all projects.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Danahy, Waste Planning and Aid, 1200 N Street, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-2186

- **WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality

PURPOSE: Surface water projects to determine the nature, extent and cause of point and non-point source pollution problems. Develop and implement plans in accordance with department's priorities.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants are individuals, organizations, governments, schools, nonprofits, etc.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Maximum award is \$40,000, however, most awards are below \$5,000. No match is required.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications are usually accepted in late summer. Eligible agencies are notified of opportunity.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Link, Water Quality Division, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922. Phone: (402) 471-4270.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM

- **CHILD CARE GRANT FUND**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Health and Human Services System

1. The Child Care Grant Fund awards a maximum of \$5,000 for Family Child Care Homes, and \$10,000 for Child Care Centers. Candidates must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be a **new** (not yet licensed) program making minor building modifications that are absolutely necessary to meet licensing requirements
2. Making minor building modifications or purchasing equipment to **increase the number of slots** (licensing capacity) available for infants, children with special needs, and/or school-aged children;
3. Making minor building modifications for licensed providers **expanding their child care** from a Family Child Care Home I to a Family Child Care Home II, or expanding a Family Child Care Home II to a Child Care Center.

(Supporting documentation must be included)

2. EMERGENCY MINI-GRANT: Awards a maximum of \$1,000 for facilities holding a provisional license, and \$2,000 for facilities holding an operating license. Requested items are required to meet licensing regulations. Supporting documentation must be included.

Detailed information about each of these grants is contained in the packet. Child care facilities may apply for only one type of grant, and, once funded, may not reapply for three years.

Each grant is awarded monthly, and must be postmarked by the **first** day of the month to be considered for that month's cycle.

Please be aware that candidates are not "entitled" to Child Care Grant funds. The awarding of grant funds indicates an agreement between the child care facility and Health and Human Services to:

- Provide licensed child care for a minimum of **three** consecutive years;
- Use the grant money for its intended purpose;
- Serve children whose care is subsidized by Health and Human Services; and
- Continue to maintain compliance with licensing regulations.

As such, the licensing compliance history (if applicable) of each candidate will be reviewed, and the names of candidates will be checked against the Child and Adult Abuse Central Registries *before* any grant funds are awarded. Those candidates who have had problems in these areas will most likely **not** be funded. In addition, the grant fund process has been very competitive; often there are more applications for funding than available funds to fulfill the requests.

There are certain criteria that will be measured when awarding the grant funds. Candidates must clearly demonstrate the **need** for child care in the area. If there are several child care facilities already serving low-income families in that area, this need may not exist. Also, if the candidate does not **own** the child care property, items such as fences, fire safety/smoke detection equipment, lead paint abatement, etc., will not be funded. Pay close attention to the enclosed allowable and non-allowable expenditures inserts included in the packet.

The grant review process involves several steps. Each application will first be reviewed to insure it is complete and includes the proper supporting documentation; incomplete applications will be returned to the candidate. The appropriate background checks and licensing compliance history for each candidate will also be reviewed, and a committee of agency staff will examine each grant application to determine

whether it will be funded. This entire process may take six to eight weeks. Candidates who are not selected for funding may reapply at a later date.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Lewis, Child Care Grants Manager, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044. Phone: (402) 471-9152, or email at diane.lewis@hhss.ne.gov

- **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FUND PROGRAM GRANTS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Health and Human Services System

PURPOSE: For programs designed to aid in the prevention of child abuse/neglect. A program may be funded for a maximum of three years, depending on approval of the annual submission of the grant application. Each year the amount of funding will be decreased by 25% of the amount awarded in the first year. Programs not submitted in consecutive years will receive decreased funding upon resubmission and approval. Child Abuse Prevention Program Grants have the following restrictions:

1. Agencies and organizations may submit a proposal for a specific project in only one funding category. If a project is proposed under the Mini-Grant category, the same project cannot be submitted for review under the Program Grant category. However, agencies are allowed to submit more than one proposal if the proposals are for separate projects.
2. Reports are required for all program categories. Failure to submit required reports may affect opportunities for continued funding.
3. Cost for attendance at conferences will not be funded. Funding for equipment, such as typewriters, computers, etc., will be reviewed separately.

ELIGIBILITY: Organizations whose goals, expertise or experience are in the area of child abuse prevention are eligible to apply for grants from the Child Abuse Prevention Fund. Preference is given to nonprofit organizations. Child Abuse Communities Councils in the first year of operation are not eligible to apply for a grant under the program grant category.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Maximum \$25,000

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: February 15

Applications Due: March 15

Fiscal Year Begins: July 1

Continuation Awards: Extensions are not allowed

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley Pickens-White, Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044. Phone: (402) 471-9196, or email at: shirley.pickenswhite@hhss.ne.gov

- **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FUND MINI-GRANTS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Health and Human Services System

PURPOSE: To aid in the prevention of child abuse/neglect. Child Abuse Prevention Fund mini-grants have the following restrictions:

1. Mini-grants cannot supplement grants that organizations/groups have received from the Prevention Fund during the current fiscal year.
2. Organizations/groups are eligible to receive only one mini-grant in a six month period.
3. Mini-grants are awarded on a one-time per project only basis and are not renewable.

4. Only one mini-grant will be awarded to a project even though several agencies/groups may participate in the project, or there may be several components to the project.

ELIGIBILITY: Preference is given to nonprofit organizations whose goals, expertise or experience are in the area of child abuse prevention. Councils in the first year of operation are eligible to apply for mini-grants.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Maximum of \$750

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications for mini-grants are accepted throughout the year.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley Pickens-White, Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044. Phone: (402) 471-9196, or email at: shirley.pickenswhite@hhss.ne.gov

NOTE: Each proposal will be reviewed by two board members from the Congressional District in which the project is to be implemented. Each application will be notified by the board of its decision.

- **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Health and Human Services System

PURPOSE: To develop activities that address priority needs identified by the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities. Generally, these are: employment, child development, community living, and system coordination in relation to persons with developmental disabilities. Grants are intended as seed money for model projects with funding limited to three years.

The process for awarding grants includes a needs assessment followed by the setting of priorities and the selection of specific issues to address these priorities. Requests for proposals are subsequently distributed. Applications are reviewed and grants awarded if approved.

There also is a limited semi-annual opportunity grant process.

ELIGIBILITY: Public agencies or private not-for-profits

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Award ranges in the past have been from \$7,000 to \$50,000; opportunity grants cannot exceed \$10,000. Approximate funding ratio is 70% federal and 30% state and local match.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Application Instructions Available: June

Applications Due: July 20th

Fiscal Year Begins: October 1

Continuation Awards: Funding is limited to no longer than three years

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Bartak, Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044. Phone: (402) 471-0143, or email at sharon.bartak@hhss.ne.gov

- **PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES (PHHS) BLOCK GRANT**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Health and Human Services System

ELIGIBILITY: In accordance with a recommendation from the Nebraska Preventive Health Advisory Committee, eligibility for the competitive portion of these block grant funds was limited to local health departments receiving LB692 funding (Public Health Infrastructure). In turn these local health department recipients are allowed to partner with outside agencies to operate their projects.

For FY2004, about 10% of the \$2.2 million allocated to Nebraska was granted on a competitive basis to nine of Nebraska's local health departments. The three-year projects began October 1, 2003. The remaining 90% of Nebraska's PHHS Block Grant funds are awarded annually on a non-competitive basis to programs within the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. As a result of reductions in federal budget appropriations, and subsequent reductions in Nebraska's allocation, there will be insufficient funds available to issue an RFA for new competitive projects for FY2005.

During most years, a small number of one-year projects are awarded from the "Director's Discretionary Funds" (DDF) portion of the PHHS Block Grant. Eligibility for those funds is somewhat broader, with past recipients including programs within the Nebraska HHSS, other state agencies, local health departments, educational institutions and other nonprofit community-based organizations. The list of DDF projects is subject to change annually, as established by the HHSS Policy Cabinet, with input from the Nebraska Preventive Health Advisory Committee.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Current competitive projects range from \$20,000 to \$25,000. "Director's Discretionary Funds" projects generally range from \$5,000 to \$200,000. (All awards are subject to the availability of sufficient Federal funding.)

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: During the most competitive cycle, the Request for Application is announced in April, applications are due in mid-June, and the fiscal year begins in October. Continuation projects also are awarded for an October to September fiscal year.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Pearson, Nebraska Health and Human Services System, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95044, Lincoln, NE 68509-5044. Phone: (402) 471-3485, email: barbara.pearson@hhss.ne.gov

- **TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH (MCH) BLOCK GRANT**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Health and Human Services System

PURPOSE: To improve the health of *all* mothers and children in the state. There are three basic groups/needs to be served with the federal MCH/Title V Block Grant funds.

Type 1. Preventive and primary health care services for pregnant women, women of childbearing age, mothers, and infants up to age one;

Type 2. Preventive and primary health care services for children and adolescents (through age 21);

Type 3. Family-centered, community-based coordinated care and the development of community-based services for children with special health care needs and their families.

Federal legislation mandates that at least 30% of the Title V/MCH Block Grant funds be used for Type 2 and at least 30% be used for Type 3. There is no minimum amount specified for Type 1.

ELIGIBILITY: Nebraska public and nonprofit entities, and federally-recognized American Indian Tribes headquartered in Nebraska are eligible to apply for the portion of the federal block grant that is subgranted.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: As the recipient of the federal grant funds, the Nebraska Health and Human Services System subgrants or allocates a portion of Nebraska's MCH/Title V Block Grant to community-based groups to address local needs. Approximately \$4 million is received annually, of which about one-half is subgranted. Subawards to individual agencies/groups varies. The remainder of the federal funds is allocated primarily for population-based services and infrastructure at the state-level.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Competitive applications are requested every three years. Non-competitive, continuation awards are made on an annual basis. Request for Proposals will be available March 2005 (approximately) for the next three-year funding cycle that begins October 1, 2005.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Barbara Pearson, Title V/MCH Grant Administrator, Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Regulation and Licensure, P.O. Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509-5007. Phone: (402) 471-0197, or email:
barbara.pearson@hhss.ne.gov

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **NEBRASKA WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Labor

PURPOSE: Support of public-private training, retraining and upgrading of existing Nebraska workers. The program goals are to enhance productivity through training, and increase overall education and skill levels of Nebraskans to excel in the workplace and successfully compete in the global marketplace. This will be done through investment in human resources – develop skills, enhance earning capacity, job security, career advancement – retention and expansion of Nebraska’s workforce, and by meeting industry workforce needs for skills critical to product diversification. Individual businesses decide the type of training needed, who will provide the training, and how long the training will take.

ELIGIBILITY: All established businesses that contribute to the State Unemployment Insurance Trust are eligible. Employers that reimburse the State Unemployment Insurance Trust can participate by partnering with contributory businesses.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: Approximately \$500,000 in funding is available each quarter. Distribution of training grants is made on the basis of size of business (40% to small businesses, 40% to medium to large businesses), type of industry, geographic location, and occupations that benefit the economy and broaden the resident skill pool. Matching contributions are provided by the employer in an amount equal to the grant funds requested. Matching private funding that exceeds the grant funds requested will be considered as an indication of the applicant’s commitment to training. Employee wages or equipment used in training may be considered as an in-kind contribution.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Grants are awarded quarterly. Deadlines for submission of the single page grant application are March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Porr, 550 South 16th, P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, Phone: (402) 471-9977, Fax: (402) 471-3050, email: sporr@dol.state.ne.us. Technical assistance also is available.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

• TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS)

PURPOSE: To provide funding assistance to counties and communities to initiate projects that address identified traffic safety-related problems, specifically:

- alcohol
- speed
- occupant protection
- youth

ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit organizations and government agencies are eligible to apply for funding assistance. Three years of baseline information must be incorporated into the application, including statistics addressing crashes, injuries, fatalities, DWI and moving violation contracts, or other traffic crash-related statistics that support the problem. Copies of the agency's Drug Free Workplace Policy and Seat Belt Use Policy must be submitted with the proposal.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: \$10,000 - \$60,000 (other amounts will be considered). Applicants are encouraged to "leverage" funds requested from the NOHS with staff, financial, or other resources which they are able to contribute to the proposed project. Projects may be considered for funding assistance for up to three consecutive years with annual contracts between the NOHS and the funded project. Funding assistance is to be used as "start up" or "seed money" to implement a project. A cost assumption plan is required as part of the initial application, describing how the applicant plans to continue the project activity after NOHS funding assistance expires.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE: Applications become available in late April and are usually due in mid-June (contact the NOHS for specific dates). Applications are competitively ranked based on problem identification/need, measurable and realistic objectives/methods, evaluation methods, budget proposal, cost assumption, and innovation. Projects follow the federal fiscal year, beginning October 1 and concluding September 30 of the following year.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Linda Kearns, Nebraska Office of Highway Safety, P.O. Box 94612, Lincoln, NE 68509. Phone: (402) 471-2515, Fax: (402) 471-3865.

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS

- **TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

SPONSORING AGENCY: Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR)

PURPOSE: This program provides funding to local, regional, and state government entities to construct and restore transportation facilities that are not eligible for funding through other programs. Examples of projects that would be eligible include trails, development of scenic byways, restoration of historic transportation facilities, and other projects directly related to the historic, current or future transportation infrastructure. The transportation enhancements program developed for Nebraska is not intended for major long-term transportation projects. Rather, the intent of the program is to assist governmental entities in accomplishing smaller, user-effective projects over a relatively shorter period of time.

Projects must fall into one or more of the following activities related to surface transportation:

- facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
- acquisition of scenic easements, and scenic or historic sites
- scenic or historic highway programs (including tourist and welcome center facilities)
- landscaping and other scenic beautification
- historic preservation
- rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities)
- preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including conversion and use as pedestrian/bicycle trails)
- control and removal of outdoor advertising
- archaeological planning and research
- environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- establishment of transportation museums

The Nebraska Transportation Enhancement Program reserves the right to prioritize categories for funding.

ELIGIBILITY: Most state and local governmental agencies or political subdivisions within the state of Nebraska are eligible to apply. This includes local units of government (villages, cities and counties), natural resource districts, Nebraska state agencies, the University of Nebraska, and tribal governments. Certain other governmental entities also may be eligible to apply. Please contact the NDOR Transportation Enhancement Coordinator at (402) 479-4881 for clarification.

We recognize that many fine private nonprofit and civic organizations will have a strong interest in and support for use of these funds. Therefore, we encourage interested advocacy groups to work with appropriate local, regional and state governmental units (including NDOR's eight district offices) to develop project applications.

Proof must be provided that your project will meet at least three initial criteria to qualify for enhancement funding:

- The project must fit within the eligibility activities;
- The applicant must provide at least a 20% non-federal cash match of total project costs;
- The government entity must commit to provide future maintenance of the project.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY: No more than \$500,000 for any individual project. This amount represents the maximum federal funding limit (80%) exclusive of the matching funds provided by the applicant.

GRANT PROCESS SCHEDULE:

Press Release Announcing Availability of FY2004 Funding: March 15, 2007
Intent to Apply Form Due: June 15, 2007
Draft Application and Preliminary Budget: July 27, 2007
Final Application Due: September 24, 2007
Select Committee Meeting: December 6, 2007

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

R. James Pearson, Enhancement Program Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Roads, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759. Phone: (402) 479-4881.
webpage: <http://www.dor.state.ne.us>

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)

- **COMMUNITY FACILITY PROGRAMS**

SPONSORING AGENCY: USDA Rural Development

PURPOSE: To provide funding for the development of essential community facilities in rural communities. The type of facilities that can be funded are:

- Health care
- Public safety
- Fire and rescue
- Cultural
- Educational
- Other public improvements that are essential to the quality of life and orderly development of rural communities
- Recreation (can only be funded under the guaranteed program)

ELIGIBILITY: This program is only available to public entities, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes. These organizations must be unable to fund projects from their own resources or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms. The entity however, must be financially sound and have the legal authority to own and operate the facility and to borrow and repay loans. Financial assistance also is limited to rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less.

Funding may be provided through:

GUARANTEED COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS

Commercial lenders originate and service these loans. USDA's involvement consists of providing a loan guarantee to the issuing bank to offer protection against risk. Guarantees are available on 100% of the project cost. There are no minimum equity or down payment requirements. Rates and terms are negotiated between the lender and applicant. Interest rates can be fixed or variable and the maximum term cannot exceed 40 years. However, no repayment period will exceed any statutory limitation on the organization's borrowing authority or the useful project feasibility, reasonable project cost, and cash flow. Can be leveraged in conjunction with other private and public funding sources. Funding under this program is unlimited.

DIRECT COMMUNITY FACILITY LOANS

The USDA Rural Development originates and issues these loans. The maximum term is 40 years. However, no repayment period will exceed any statutory limitation on the organization's borrowing authority or the useful life of the improvement or facility. The interest rate offered will depend on the median household income of the service area of the project. This funding is considered a temporary source of credit and borrowers could be asked to refinance their loans in the future if they are financially able to do so without causing a hardship. Funding for this program is limited and will normally need to be leveraged with other funding sources.

COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANTS

Assistance is available on a graduated scale based on the service areas median household income and population.

<u>GRANT</u>		<u>CF Population</u>
• MHI for 75% Grant:	<\$23,209	5,000 or less
• MHI for 55% Grant:	<\$27,077	12,000 or less
• MHI for 35% Grant:	<\$30,945	20,000 or less
• MHI for 15% Grant:	<\$34,813	20,000 or less

The maximum amount available for any project cannot exceed \$100,000. This type of assistance will only be considered when applicants cannot meet funding needs through their own resources or loan assistance. Priority for funding will be for small rural communities with very low incomes. Funding for this program is limited and leveraging with other funding sources is recommended. To be considered for grant funds, both the median Household Income and the population requirements must be met.

Applications are originated and processed through the USDA Rural Development Area Offices.

TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKET OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kearney Area Office:

Glen G. Gatz
4009 6th Ave., Suite 1
P.O. Box 730
Kearney, NE 68848-0730
(308) 237-3118 ext. 4
glen.gatz@ne.usda.gov

North Platte Field Office:

Roberta A. Mues
1202 S. Cottonwood
North Platte, NE 69101
(308) 534-2360 ext. 4
bert.mues@ne.usda.gov

Lincoln Area Office:

Roger A. Meeks or Janice M. Stopak
6030 S. 58th St., Suite B
Lincoln, NE 68516
(402) 423-9683 ext. 4
roger.meeks@ne.usda.gov

Norfolk Area Office:

Jolene A. Kasper
1909 Vicki Lane, Suite 103
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-5350 ext. 4
jolene.kasper@ne.usda.gov

Ainsworth Field Office:

Mary F. Gambill
731 E. 4th
Ainsworth, NE 69210
(402) 760-6311
mary.gambill@ne.usda.gov

NOTE: There are many other funding opportunities through USDA in the areas of Community Programs, Utility Programs, Business and Cooperative Programs, and Rural Housing Programs. Contact your local office or the state office for more information.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

(Assistance only, no direct funding available)

- **CENTER FOR RURAL COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

University of Nebraska—Lincoln
58 Filley Hall
Lincoln, NE 68583-0947
Phone: (402) 472-1772
(800) 328-2851
Fax: (402) 472-0688
webpage: <http://www.ianr.unl.edu/rural/>

- **NEBRASKA CHILDREN & FAMILIES FOUNDATION**

215 Centennial Mall South
Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: (402) 476-9401
Fax: (402) 476-9486
Contact: Mary Jo Pankoke, Executive Director
e-mail: mjpankoke@nebraskachildren.org

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit foundation created in 1997 to cultivate healthy communities throughout Nebraska where children and families of all cultural backgrounds can thrive. The foundation invests public and private dollars in programs and community services that focus on prevention to help children and families reach their full potential. NCFF concentrates on three principal areas: grant funding for community programs, developing and administering statewide initiatives, and raising funds for future programs.

- **NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

P.O. Box 94981
Lincoln, NE 68509
Contact: Ms. Judi M. Gaiashkibos, Executive Director
Telephone: (402) 471-3475
Fax: (402) 471-3392

The Commission on Indian Affairs, commonly referred to as the Nebraska Indian Commission, came into existence on April 7, 1970. Its purpose is to join representatives of all Indians in Nebraska to do all things that it determines will enhance the cause of Indian rights, and to develop solutions to problems common to all Nebraska Indians. Commission activities are as follows: promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the Indian communities; coordinate existing programs relating to the Indian community in areas, such as housing, education, welfare, medical and dental care, employment, economic development, law and order, and related problems; work with other state and federal agencies/officials for the above purposes; keep governor's office informed of these issues; provide public with information and education relevant to Indian affairs in the area; and develop programs encouraging total involvement of Indian people in activities benefiting their communities.

- **NEBRASKA GOOD BEGINNINGS INITIATIVE**

Nebraska Good Beginnings provides training and technical assistance to Nebraska communities that have been recognized because of their efforts to provide quality programming to families with children, prenatal through age five.

For more information about the Nebraska Good Beginnings Initiative or to find out about becoming a Recognized Community, please call: (402) 434-3494, ext. 116, 1-(800)-873-8644, or visit the website: <http://www.ywcalincoln.org/ngb>

- **NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION**

The Atrium
1200 N St., Suite 120
Lincoln, NE 68508-2023
Phone: 800-307-2665 (in NE only)
(402) 471-2045
Fax: (402) 471-2083
(800)-742-7691 Talking Book & Braille Service (in NE only)
(402) 471-4038 Talking Book & Braille Service
Website: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/>

- **NEBRASKA MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION**

Cecilia Huerta, Executive Director
State Capitol, Sixth Floor
P.O. Box 94965
Lincoln, NE 68509-4965
Phone: (402) 471-2791
Toll-free: (877) 220-1250
Fax: (402) 471-4381
E-mail: mac01@nol.org

The Commission on Mexican-Americans, created in 1972, works with public and private agencies and state government to serve Nebraska's Mexican American's needs in education, employment, health, housing and welfare.

- **NEBRASKA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Linda Fettig, Executive Director
402 E. State Farm Rd.
P.O. Box 310
North Platte, NE 69103-0310
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