PIE GRANTS REPORT

Public Information and Education mini-grants support the presentation and dissemination of information and perspectives that will stimulate enhanced environmental stewardship in any category eligible for Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) funding. These categories are habitat, surface and ground water, waste management, air quality, and soil management. The grant expands dialogue on important current conservation topics and provides information on emerging or highly useful conservation methods. All Nebraska individuals, private organizations, and public entities are eligible to apply for these funds.

Six applications were received for the 2019 fourth quarter. The applicants included Habitat for Humanity of Omaha – Habitat Restore Deconstruction Program Outreach; Audubon Nebraska – Audubon's Nebraska Crane Festival; Izaak Walton League of America – Nebraska Invasive Species Awareness Project; Council for Resilience Education – Council for Resilience Multimedia Education and Outreach Projects; Skutt Catholic High School – Origins of Nebraska Populations of Invasive Japanese Beetles; and Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari – Resident Amphibian Stewardship Project (RASP). Recipients were the Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Audubon Nebraska, Izaak Walton League of America, Skutt Catholic High School, and Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park and Wildlife Safari.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$305 million in grants to over 2,200 projects across the state. Anyone – citizens, organizations, communities, farmers and businesses - can apply for funding to protect habitat, improve water quality and establish recycling programs in Nebraska. The Nebraska Environmental Trust works resources restore our natural for future to preserve, protect and generations. http://www.environmentaltrust.org/

First quarter 2020 winners will be announced in February, 2020.

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