

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.

Eleven applications were received for the 2020 first quarter. The applicants included Upper Loup NRD – Fire Hall Arboretum; NE Recycling Council – Compost Operations Training Course Scholarship; NE Wildlife Rehab Inc. – Nebraska’s Wild Heart-NE Wildlife Web Series; Katy Ayers and Lauren Gillespie – Bee MyHotel Project; Dwayne Wilson – Lesson Plans Involving Pollinators and Habitats; Keep Omaha Beautiful – Only Rain Down the Storm Drain; Lincoln Earth Day – Lincoln Earth Day 2020; Board of Regents UNL – Citizen Scientists of NE; Annemarie Shibata and Eric Noll – Technodifficulties: Building Green; UNK – Native Birdscaping; and UNK – NE Migratory Bird Species. Recipients were Upper Loup NRD, NE Recycling Council, NE Wildlife Rehab Inc, Katy Ayers and Lauren Gillespie, Keep Omaha Beautiful, and Board of Regents UNL.

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 to preserve, protect and restore our natural resources for future generations. <http://www.environmentaltrust.org/>

Second quarter 2020 winners will be announced in May, 2020.

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