

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.

Sixteen applications were received for the 2022 first quarter. The applicants included Keep Omaha Beautiful - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Outreach Videos; Community Crops - Developing Soil Management Best Practices in Community & School Gardens; ESU #5 - What's Air Got To Do With It?; Mohamed Khalil Aboushanab, UNL - Developing Novel Geophysical Characterization Techniques for Prairie Dogs Town in the NE Panhandle; Dakota Altman, UNL - Urban Flying Squirrels of Lincoln, NE; Everyday Science and Science Support - Eco Action for Habitats: Understanding/Informing Relationships Community; NE Master Naturalist Foundation - NE Master Naturalist Junior Program; Central Platte NRD - Outdoor Classroom and Pollinator Habitat Outreach Project; Ethan Freese, UNL - Tallgrass Prairie Livestream Project; Carlee Koehler, UNL - Salt Valley Greenways Urban Wildlife; NE Recycling Council - Rediscovering Recycling: Evolving Markets/Evolving Perspectives 2022 Fall Conference; Upper Loup NRD - Learning Center Equipment; NE Community Foundation FBO Rainwater Basin Joint Venture - 3rd Playa Research Symposium; Urban Wood Network NE Chapter - Urban Wood Network NE Chapter Outreach Campaign; Bellevue University - NE Salt Marsh Microbiome Conservation Study; and Maha - Maha Zero Waste Initiative and Digital Campaign. Recipients were Keep Omaha Beautiful, Community Crops, ESU #5, Central Platte NRD, and NE Recycling Council.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$349 million in grants to over 2,400 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/>

Summer 2022 applications are due on July 11, 2022.

Grant forms and information can be found on our website, www.neacadsci.org. Click on NAS and then click on Grants and Scholarships.

