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 2020 second quarter. The applicants included Nebraska Section – SRM-2020 Nebraska Section – Society for Range Management Meeting/Tour; Keep Omaha Beautiful – World O! Water; NE Recycling Council – Building Resilience Strengthening Recycling Systems 2020 Fall Conference; Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary – Online Conservation Education Project; City of Wilber Pathways to Progress – Wilber Community Lake Restoration Project; and Community Crops – "Grow Lincoln" Video Series. Recipients were Nebraska Section – SRM, Keep Omaha Beautiful, NE Recycling Council, Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary, City of Wilber Pathways to Progress, and Community Crops.

The Nebraska Legislature created the Nebraska Environmental Trust in 1992. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over \$328 million in grants to over 2,300 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/

Third quarter 2020 winners will be announced in August, 2020.

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