

## 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.

Nine applications were received for the 2020 third quarter. The applicants included Better Ponca Foundation – Ponca State Park Entrance Project Phase II; Aquatic Society of Omaha – Environmental Education for Community Assisted Living Areas; Habitat for Humanity Center – Serving & Supporting Refugees through Natural Experiences; Nebraska Wildlife Encounter – Nebraska Endangered/Threatened Species; Jay Ceclre – Nebraska Middle and Secondary Environmental Research; National Audubon Society (Rowe Sanctuary) – Fostering Childhood Development with Native Plant Playscapes; The Nature Conservancy – Butterfly Guide to Central Nebraska; Wachiska Audubon Society – Prairie Discovery Days-2020. Recipients were Better Ponca Foundation, Aquatic Society of Omaha, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Jay Ceclre, and National Audubon Society (Rowe Sanctuary).

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/>

Fourth quarter 2020 winners will be announced in December, 2020.

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