

## 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.

Ten applications were received for the 2022 fourth quarter. The applicants included ESU #5 - Vermicomposting 101; City of Lincoln Watershed Management Division - 2023 Uncle Sam Jam Waste Reduction Project; Spalding Academy - Cedar River Watershed; City of Wilber Pathways to Progress - Wilber Lake & Arboretum Sign Project; Wachiska Audubon Society - Wachiska Prairie Habitat Education for Prairie Visitors; Andrea Basche, UNL - Expanding Crop and Soil Education Through High School and Graduate Student Partnerships; Jack Hilgert, UNL - Equitably Engaging Nebraska Educators in Quality Environmental Education; Keep Omaha Beautiful - Healthy Waterways Education Curriculum Translation and Storm Drain Marking; Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair - Nebraska Middle and Secondary School Research Incentive; and Emily Brown, UNL - Exploring Environmental Justice and Air Quality in Nebraska: A Summer Camp for Teens. Recipients were ESU #5, City of Lincoln Watershed Management Division, Spalding Academy, Andrea Basche, Jack Hilgert, and Keep Omaha Beautiful.

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/>

Spring 2023 applications are due on March 6, 2023.

Grant forms and information can be found on our website, [www.neacadsci.org/PIEGrant](http://www.neacadsci.org/PIEGrant).

