

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 2021 fourth quarter. The applicants included City of Wilber Pathways to Progress – Wilber Community Lake Pollinator Project; Habitat for Humanity of Omaha – HFHO Deconstruction Program Marketing Project; Civic Nebraska - Lincoln Northeast High School CLC Gardening Club; Dwayne Wilson - Assisting FFA Advisors and Students to Increase Pollinator Habitat in their Communities; Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center - Accessible Outing Supply Backpacks; Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair - NE Middle and Secondary School Research Incentive; Stacey Bauer – Spalding Dam Refill; Asian Community & Cultural Center - Serving and Supporting Refugees through Hydroponics; and Bright Lights - Bright Lights Summer Learning Adventures. Recipients were City of Wilber Pathways to Progress, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Civic Nebraska, Central NE Science and Engineering Fair, and Asian Community & Cultural Center.

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/>

On December 2, 2021, NAS received approval to increase the PIE Grant funding limit from \$3000 per application to \$5000 per application. NAS also received approval to award PIE Grants three times per year; in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. Spring 2022 applications are due on March 7, 2022.

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

