

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



Date:

October 10, 2017

To:

Nebraska Environmental Quality Council

From:

David Haldeman, Administrator

Land Management Division

Subject:

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program

2018 Funding Percentage Allocations

The Litter Reduction and Recycling Act states that: "The department shall allocate and distribute funds in percentage amounts to be determined by the Council on an annual basis." Each year, the Environmental Quality Council establishes the percentage of how the funds will be allocated for each grant category.

The Department's recommended percentage allocations for the 2018 grant year, along with the funding amounts requested, are as follows:

Category	2018 eligible requests	2017 eligible requests	
Recycling	59.8% \$2,136,378	55%	\$1,447,054
Public Education	34.4% \$1,227,618	40%	\$1,070,048
Cleanup	5.8% \$ 207,588	5%	<u>\$ 126,986</u>
Totals	\$3,571,584		\$2,644,088

Note: The 2017 amounts are requests, and not necessarily the amount that will be available for award. The amount available will be known in late November.

These recommended percentages are based on the actual applications received for the 2017 and 2018 grant years. For the 2017 grant year, the Council granted the Department the ability to adjust these percentages by up to 5% if it determined it was necessary to enable the funding of good projects. The Department asks and recommends that it again be allowed to adjust these percentages by up to 10% for the 2018 grant year if warranted.