

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

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To: Nebraska Environmental Quality Council

From: Marty Link, Administrator
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Subject: Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program
2021 Funding Percentage Allocations



Pete Ricketts, Governor

The Litter Reduction and Recycling Act states: "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 2021 grant year, along with the funding amounts requested, are as follows:

Category	2021 eligible requests	2020 eligible requests
Recycling	28.9% \$ 607,816	20.1% \$ 367,390
Public Education	68.0% \$1,431,568	75.0% \$ 1,371,100
Cleanup	<u>3.1% \$ 65,986</u>	<u>4.9% \$ 89,153</u>
Totals	100% \$2,105,370	100% \$1,827,643

Note: The 2021 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 2021 and 2020 grant years. For the 2020 grant year, the council granted the department the ability to adjust these percentages by up to 20% 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 20% for the 2020 grant year if warranted.

Below are the actual percentages and award amounts for 2020:

Category		Award Amounts
Recycling	18.7%	\$ 325,938
Public Education	76.2%	\$1,325,085
Cleanup	<u>5.1%</u>	<u>\$ 89,153</u>
Actual Awards	100%	\$1,740,176