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To: Nebraska Environmental Quality Council
From: David Haldeman, Administrator 
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Subject: Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program
2016 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 2016 grant year, along with the funding amounts requested, are as follows:

	REQUESTED FOR 2016		ACTUAL FOR 2015	
Public Education	34%	\$1,015,899	44.21%	\$887,141
Cleanup	5%	\$ 148,261	3.35%	\$ 67,164
Recycling	61%	\$1,812,236	52.44%	\$1,052,492
Total	100%	\$2,976,396	100%	\$2,006,707

Please note that the 2016 dollar amounts are "requested" amounts 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 2015 and 2016 grant years. Also for the 2015 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. For the 2015 grant year the Department adjusted the approved percentages by 4.21% utilizing the discretion granted by the Council. The Department asks and recommends that it again be allowed to adjust these percentages by up to 5% for the 2016 grant year if warranted.