

Agenda Item 6. Staff Report

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Ferguson House Activity Report – November 2016

<u>Office Rent (Library)</u>	<u>3rd Floor Studio Rent</u>	<u>Lower Level Rent</u>	<u>Event Rent</u>
2012 \$7200	2012 \$785		2012 \$9310
2013 \$7200	2013 -0-		2013 \$5278
2014 \$6600	2014 \$2975	2014 \$1800	2014 \$6185
<u>2015</u>			
Jan-March \$1575	Jan-March \$900	Jan-March \$900	Jan-March (19 Events) \$1060
April-June \$1575	April-June \$900	Lease terminated by lessee	April –June (32 Events) \$3230
July-Sept \$1575	July-Sept \$900	August-Sept \$600	July-Sept (25 Events) \$2115
Oct-Dec \$1575	Oct-Dec \$1350	Oct-Dec \$900	Oct-Dec (25 Events) \$ 1895
<u>2016</u>			
Jan-March \$1575	Jan-March \$1350	Jan-March \$900	Jan-March (27 Events) \$2630
April-June \$1575	April-June \$1350	April-June \$900	April-June (22 Events) \$2315
July-Sept \$1575	July-Sept \$1350	July-Sept \$900	July-Sept (17 Events) \$1355

Events August through October 2016

Saturday, August 13, 2:00-7:00 p.m. Nicole Lozano graduation party (First floor)	\$200
Saturday, August 20, 5:30-10:30 p.m. Kimberly Guenter bridal shower (Living room)	\$135
Sunday, August 21, 3:30-7:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Monday, August 22, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Joel Hunt birthday party (First floor)	\$150
Tuesday, August 23, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Julie Dabydeen birthday party (First floor)	\$175

Sunday, September 18, 3:30-7:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Tuesday & Wednesday, Sept 20-21, 12:30-4:30 p.m. & 8-12:30 p.m. DHHS Immunization Program meeting (Living room)	\$85
Wednesday, Sept 21, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Department of Corrections reception (First floor)	\$75
Saturday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.-midnight Cherice Strandness birthday party (First floor)	\$200
Tuesday, September 27, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Nebraska State Historical Society Meeting (Living room)	\$85
Friday, September 30, 12:30-5:00 p.m. Nebraska Supreme Court Administrator's Office reception (First floor)	\$75
Sunday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sara Wadas baby shower (First floor)	\$150
Wednesday, October 5, 5:00 p.m. -midnight Ishma Valenti film shoot (First floor)	\$250
Friday, October 7, 2:30-10:30 p.m. Willa Cather Foundation event (First floor)	\$325
Saturday, October 8, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Arnold wedding ceremony (First floor)	\$150
Thursday, October 13, 10:30 am-1:30 p.m. Office of the CIO luncheon (First floor)	\$75
Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Borgman wedding (First floor)	\$200
Sunday, October 16, noon-6:00 p.m. Joel Carstens anniversary party (First floor)	\$225

Friday, October 21, 2016, 9:00 -3:00 p.m. Tenant Use (First floor)	NC
Sunday, October 23, 3:30-8:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Wednesday, October 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tenant Use (First floor)	NC
Thursday, October 27, 5:00-11:00 p.m. Fly Over Media Fundraiser (First floor)	\$225
Monday, October 31, 10:00 a.m.-midnight Mary Kubert wedding reception (First floor)	\$225

Upcoming Reservations

Friday, November 18, 2016, 9:00 -3:00 p.m. Tenant Use (First floor)	NC
Sunday, November 20, 3:30 -8:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Wednesday, November 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tenant Use (First floor)	NC
Friday, December 2, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Cropp/Fotinos wedding (First floor)	\$175
Thursday, December 15, 5:30-9 p.m. Kathi Vontz holiday party (First floor)	NC (docent rental)
Saturday, December 17, 4:00-9:00 p.m. Megan Orr family holiday party (First floor)	\$200
Sunday, December 18, 3:30-8:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Wednesday, December 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tenant Use (First floor)	NC

Tuesday, January 17, 12:00 noon- 7:00 p.m. NE State College System State Senator's reception (First floor)	\$120
Wednesday, January 18, 1:00-5:00 p.m. WRAP Meeting (First floor)	NC
Sunday, January 22, 3:30-8:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Sunday, February 12, 3:30-8:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Sunday, March 19, 3:30-8:00 p.m. KZUM Music & Arts Series (First floor)	***
Wednesday, April 26, 12:30-4:00 p.m. Kay Rockwell docent event (First floor)	NC (Docent rental)
Saturday, May 27 Miranda Brohman graduation party (First floor)	NC (Employee rental)
Friday, June 16, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Baird wedding rehearsal dinner (First floor)	\$200

Currently we have 11 active volunteer docents to lead tours during Ferguson House events.

***** Per NET/KZUM Trade Agreement**

Approximately 42.75 hours of staff time was dedicated to Ferguson House events and/or paperwork from July through September 2016.

Agenda Item 6b. Grant Administration Report

**Grant Administration Report
As of October 17, 2016 2016**

Late Reports:

App Id	Sponsor Name	Next Report
14-156	Nebraska Clean Cities Coalition	1/31/2016
15-173	Angels on Wheels, Inc	4/30/2016
15-172	Angels on Wheels, Inc	4/30/2016
13-117-3	National Wild Turkey Federation	4/30/2016
16-146	Pyrtle Elementary	7/30/2016

The Grants Administrator has sent reminder letters and/or called each grantee to discuss the late reports.

Modifications Approved by Staff:

The following grant modifications were approved by the Executive Director. A copy of the requests and approval letters are included for your review in this section. (Pages 6-7 through 6-26)

App ID	Sponsor Name	Request
12-128	BOR-UNL Josiah	Budget Modification
13-125	RWBJV	Budget Modification
13-176	TNC	Budget Modification
14-102	Grand Island HHW	Budget Modification
14-108	NSRA	Budget Modification
14-144	RWBJV	Budget Modification
14-145	RWBJV	Budget Modification
15-198	Twin Valley WMA	Budget Modification

September 23, 2016

Dr. Scott Josiah
Nebraska State Forester
UNL East Campus
102 Forestry Hall
INTERAGENCY

*okd
MJB
9-23-16*

Reference: NET 12-128 – Creating a Forestry Demonstration Education Center

Dear Dr. Josiah,

We are in receipt of the e-mail dated September 22, 2016 requesting budget modifications. Staff approved the modifications as outlined and reflected in the table below:

Category	Combined Budget	Modification	Modified budget	Disbursed	Remaining
Salary & Benefits	\$82,430.53	\$33,046	\$115,476.53	\$115,300.03	\$176.50
Plant Materials: Seed/Herbicide	\$39,222.01	(\$14,342)	\$24,880.01	\$13,585.64	\$11,294.37
Power & Hand Tools	\$9,643.44	\$1,073	\$10,716.44	\$7,094.28	\$3,622.16
Displays & Publications	\$30,000.00	(\$14,906)	\$15,094.00	\$1,688.81	\$13,405.19
Fuel	\$3,413.11	\$559	\$3,972.11	\$1,607.52	\$2,364.59
Travel	\$30,804.80	(\$5,430)	\$25,374.80	\$19,444.38	\$5,930.42
	\$195,513.89	\$0.00	\$195,513.89	\$158,720.66	\$36,793.23

In granting this modification, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement. Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman

The Horning Farm Demonstration Forest NET grant has not completely worked as conceived in the manner originally planned in the proposal NET 12-128 Forestry Demonstration. Budgets have shifted to include more labor intensive activities from the original plan to treat invasive species (primarily honeysuckle) with a combination of mechanical treatment followed by repeated application of herbicide, essentially what is referred to as "hack and squirt". We have shifted efforts to utilize less herbicide applications. When the project was first conceived research indicated this combination (hack and squirt) of treatments were effective; however, as a result of actual on the ground applications, we found it was not most effective method for controlling this invasive species. In the progression of these treatments, we have found the most effective method is to mechanically treat the invasive honeysuckle utilizing the forestry head on a bobcat, followed by chemical application utilizing a mist fogger, which utilizes far less chemical than direct spraying, followed by a second mowing of the species using a shredder on the tractor or on a Bobcat. While this is more labor intensive, the overall cost per acre for the project is less than applying chemical in repeated treatments to control this species. Utilizing the mist fogger with equipment has afforded a cost savings to the project.

Utilizing funding in an efficient manner is a priority for NFS staff at the Horning Farm Demonstration Forest. With Aaron Clare managing the project cost this has afforded cost saving in several other areas. This includes the development of the interpretive trail signage. In the original proposal, NFS had anticipated the development of the interpretive trail system would be completed utilizing outside resources. With staff, including a communication specialist, the property manager and foresters, NFS developed and designed the trail system signs. While this did not add to the labor costs of this projects, it did result in a cost savings overall in the project. Costs of the interpretive trail were decrease from \$30,000 to \$15,000. Material for the development of the kiosk were produced from the Horning Farm itself, which further reduced the cost of the display budget. Utilizing equipment from the Forest Products Unit within NFS, staff cut select trees, manufactured and dried lumber for the development of this display. This dramatically reduced the cost of the material but added some of labor to the project. In addition, the publication were produced in house rather than utilizing outside designers or contractors, which again did not increase labor expenses but did reduce the cost for this activity.

Additional cost saving have been achieved through leveraging dollars to control overall travel costs and the cost of plant material for the arboretum and in woods plantings. The cost saving have come from negotiation with the NRD, NSA, USFS and other to acquire plant material at discounted prices. As a result this has led to additional staff planting the trees rather than utilizing other sources of trees and tree planters. This did not result in fewer trees planted at the Horning Farm Demonstration Forest, in fact, the number of new trees exceeds the original planting plan for the property. To control travel cost, NFS staff utilized extended cab vehicles and high passenger vehicles to reduce travel expenses as much as possible. This resulted in about a 20% reduction in the proposed budget.

Additional labor hours are comprised of temporary/on call and student workers at the farm. With the project carrying over into an additional years, this allowed for the opportunity to build on the activities completed and to carry through on other projects in progress, all directly related to the grant. This allowed for follow up treatments and additional plantings, building on the 16 demonstration funded through the help of the NET.



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July 18, 2016

Andy Bishop
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture
2550 N Diers Ave, Suite G
Grand Island, NE 68803-1214

Reference: NET 13-125 Wetland Habitat Enhancement and Restoration in Nebraska's Rainwater Basin

Dear Andy,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 18, 2016 requesting budget modifications to move funds from Private Lands to Evaluation and Marketing. This modification allows RWBJV to partner with UNL for research and monitoring and move forward with the Communication Plan approved by the Management Board. We understand private land objectives in the grant will be met with partner funding and remaining NET funding in this category. Staff approved the modifications as reflected in the following table.

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
Evaluation	\$100,568.66	\$20,498.36	\$121,067.02	\$121,067.02	\$0.00
Public Lands	\$251,205.72	\$0.00	\$251,205.72	\$195,441.67	\$55,764.05
Private Lands	\$361,823.02	-\$30,775.38	\$331,047.64	\$40,594.64	\$290,453.00
Marketing/Commun.	\$48,994.58	\$10,277.02	\$59,271.60	\$59,271.60	\$0.00
Grant Administration	\$40,753.58	\$0.00	\$40,753.58	\$20,818.75	\$19,934.83
	\$803,345.56	\$0.00	\$803,345.56	\$437,193.68	\$366,151.88

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman



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*North American Waterfowl
Management Plan*

July 18, 2016

Marilyn Tabor
Grants Administrator
Nebraska Environmental Trust
PO Box 94913
Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

RE: Modification Request for NET 13-125 - Wetland Habitat Enhancement and Restoration in Nebraska's RWB

Dear Marilyn,

The Rainwater Basin Joint Venture is respectfully requesting a budget modification to shift funds in the amount of \$20,498.36 **from** the Private Lands category **to** the Evaluation category and shift funds in the amount of \$10,277.02 **from** the Private Lands category **to** the Marketing/Communications category. Moving funds to these two categories will allow us to finish several projects and close out these funding categories.

The reason for this request is that the RWBJV received an opportunity to partner with UNL on two research/monitoring/communication projects. One of the projects will complete an analysis of the impacts of transitioning flood-prone cropland to a forage production use. This project will pair three fields with restored wetlands and variable rate irrigation technology to three fields that contain flop-prone cropland and conventional pivot irrigation systems. This project will result in a University of Nebraska Extension publication highlighting the opportunities for these types of activities and potential impacts on net farm income. The other project will be evaluating, implementing and communicating the opportunities to use grazing as a management tool to maximize habitat for wetland and grassland dependent birds in the Rainwater Basin. This project will also be highlighted in a UNL Extension publication highlighting the economic options available to producers to integrate wetlands in their operation for forage production. The RWBJV will use its new eNewsletter to highlight these publications and reach a varied audience including numerous landowners throughout the Rainwater Basin.

Although we are requesting a modification of funds, the grant objectives outlined for the Private Lands category will be met with the use of partner matching funds.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

Andy Bishop
Coordinator

Management Board Members

Bob Bettger
Landowner
Fairmont, NE

Gloria Erickson
Landowner
Holdrege, NE

Ardell Epp
Landowner
Aurora, NE

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Conservation Service
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Nebraska Game and Parks
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July 26, 2016

Heidi Wiese
The Nature Conservancy
1101 West River Parkway Suite 200
Minneapolis MN 55415

Reference: NET 13-176 - Learning from the 2012 Niobrara Fire

Dear Heidi,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 18, 2016 requesting budget modifications. We understand several training expenses were contractual and the UNL sub-award came in under budget. Staff approved the modifications as reflected in the following table.

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
Salaries & Benefits	\$34,979.69	\$4,500.00	\$39,479.69	\$31,553.84	\$7,925.85
Contracts-Burn line prep	\$8,468.75	\$10,500.00	\$18,968.75	\$5,480.00	\$13,488.75
Subaward-UNL	\$99,627.25	-\$4,500.00	\$95,127.25	\$73,180.88	\$21,946.37
Supplies & Materials	\$11,231.88	\$0.00	\$11,231.88	\$7,380.84	\$3,851.04
Training Expenses	\$11,287.09	-\$6,000.00	\$5,287.09	\$4,412.09	\$875.00
Travel	\$8,203.89	-\$4,500.00	\$3,703.89	\$1,500.80	\$2,203.09
	\$173,798.55	\$0.00	\$173,798.55	\$123,508.45	\$50,290.10

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman

18 July 2016

Ms. Marilyn Tabor
 The Nebraska Environmental Trust
 PO Box 94913
 700 S. 16th Street
 Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

RE: NET Agreement No. 13-176-3 / TNC P103117-A101601

Dear Ms. Tabor:

The Nature Conservancy respectfully requests a budget modification to the above-referenced agreement. Several of the training expenses ended up being contractual. The UNL subaward came in slightly under budget. We also overestimated travel expenses.

PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET

Categories	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget
1. Salaries and Benefits	\$34,979.69	\$4,500	\$39,479.69
2. Contracts	\$8,468.75	\$10,500	\$18,968.75
3. Subaward - UNL	\$99,627.25	-\$4,500	\$95,127.25
4. Supplies and Materials	\$11,231.88	\$0	\$11,231.88
5. Other – Training Expenses	\$11,287.09	-\$6,000	\$5,287.09
6. Travel	\$8,203.89	-\$4,500	\$3,703.89
7. Indirect Costs*	\$0	\$0	\$0
9. Total Costs	\$173,798.55	\$0	\$173,798.55

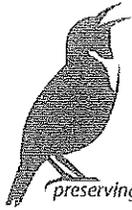
Thank you for your review and consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (612) 331-0775 or hwiese@tnc.org.

Sincerely,



Heidi A. Wiese
 Grants Specialist

cc: Rich Walters, TNC-NEBU



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October 3, 2016

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10-3-16*

Denise McGovern-Gallagher
Grand Island Area Clean Community System
3661 Skypark Road 2B
Grand Island, NE 68801

Reference: NET 14-102 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

Dear Denise,

We are in receipt your email request to shift funds between funding. We understand operations at the facility have shifted as you have taken over responsibilities. These modifications will allow the facility to continue operating with increased collections. Staff approves the modifications as reflected in the following table.

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
HHW Disposal	\$56,893.51	-\$7,000.00	\$49,893.51	\$21,444.78	\$28,448.73
Operating	\$10,176.71	\$7,000.00	\$17,176.71	\$10,192.84	\$6,983.87
Supplies	\$2,441.59	\$547.50	\$2,989.09	\$2,989.09	\$0.00
Personnel	\$41,619.27	-\$547.50	\$41,071.77	\$9,885.57	\$31,186.20
	\$111,131.08	\$0.00	\$111,131.08	\$44,512.28	\$66,618.80

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman

Tabor, Marilyn

From: Denise McGovern <director@cleancommunity.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Tabor, Marilyn
Subject: RE: 14-102

Yes please. Move from Personnel to Supplies. I will not have any supplies or the quarter ending tomorrow. Thank you Marilyn.

L. Denise McGovern-Gallagher
Executive Director

Grand Island Area Clean Community System

The Betty Curtis Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
Clean Community System (Keep America Beautiful affiliate)

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<http://www.cleancommunity.org>



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From: Tabor, Marilyn [mailto:marilyn.tabor@nebraska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 2:14 PM
To: Denise McGovern <director@cleancommunity.org>
Subject: RE: 14-102

Denise, Do you want to shift some funds into Supplies now or do that another time? I'll write to you and approve the modifications when I hear back from you about whether or not to move funds into Supplies. Thanks!

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
HHW Disposal	\$56,893.51	-\$7,000.00	\$49,893.51	\$21,444.78	\$28,448.73
Operating	\$10,176.71	\$7,000.00	\$17,176.71	\$10,192.84	\$6,983.87
Supplies	\$2,441.59	\$0.00	\$2,441.59	\$2,989.09	-\$547.50
Personnel	\$41,619.27	\$0.00	\$41,619.27	\$9,885.57	\$31,733.70
	\$111,131.08	\$0.00	\$111,131.08	\$44,512.28	\$66,618.80

From: Denise McGovern [mailto:director@cleancommunity.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 10:53 AM
To: Tabor, Marilyn
Subject: RE: 14-102

My spreadsheet and yours are exactly the same. I do show \$35,448.73 in HHW Disposal. I just paid Heritage \$10,458.70 and I'm expecting another invoice for disposal that happened last month to be around the \$10,500. The two of them would equal approximately \$21,000. If you grant me a one-time move of \$7,000 from HHW disposal to operating that would leave me \$7,490.03 for one last disposal for this grant. Thank you for the information and hopefully you will allow the one-time move of funding from one category to another.

L. Denise McGovern-Gallagher
Executive Director

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From: Tabor, Marilyn [<mailto:marilyn.tabor@nebraska.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 10:10 AM
To: Denise McGovern <director@cleancommunity.org>
Subject: 14-102

Denise,

I've attached the grant disbursement document and an Excel file that shows reimbursements for all three years of the grant along with reported match. Current balance for HHW is \$35,448.73. If you have two payments of \$21,500 for Heritage, isn't that the HHW category?

Give me a call and we will discuss. I'm here except from 11 to 1 today and have a meeting from 3:30 to the end of the day.

Marilyn Tabor
Grants Administrator
700 South 16th Street
Lincoln NE 68509-4913
402-471-5541

From: Denise McGovern [<mailto:director@cleancommunity.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 10:42 AM
To: Tabor, Marilyn
Cc: Brohman, Mark
Subject: 14-103

Projecting operating expenses for the 3rd & 4th quarter and looking at what funds are available in HHW, I would like to move \$7,000 from HHW to operating. I am currently awaiting two invoices from Heritage with a projected expense for both being \$21,500. This would leave us approximately \$7,000 for one final waste removal from this grant. As you are aware of, operations have changed a lot since I was hired, so knowing what to expect in costs has been a challenge. Another factor has been the recent addition of rental space and increased advertising. The additional advertising has resulted in over 75,000 pounds of HHW being collected by this facility just this year. I am projecting we will reach 100,000 pounds by year end. Hopefully this will convenience you and Mark that the move of funding is very much appreciated.

Thank you for all you do for the environment and please stop and see us next week at Husker Harvest Days if you can.

L. Denise McGovern-Gallagher
Executive Director

Grand Island Area Clean Community System

The Betty Curtis Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility



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July 26, 2016

Deb Rost
Nebraska State Recycling Association
10330 "I" Street, Suite 120
Omaha, NE 68127

Reference: NET 14-108 - Recycling Equipment Grant

Dear Deb,

We are in receipt of your July 19, 2016 letter requesting budget modification to reflect actual expenditures through this grant. Staff approves budget modifications as adjusted in the table below.

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
Equipment	\$235,946.84	-\$27,354.09	\$208,592.75	\$208,592.75	\$0.00
Travel	\$716.46	\$2,051.85	\$2,768.31	\$2,768.31	\$0.00
Supplies, phone, advertise grant	\$1,982.15	\$352.07	\$2,334.22	\$2,334.22	\$0.00
Postage	\$249.00	-\$77.44	\$171.56	\$171.56	\$0.00
Personnel	\$32,639.38	\$25,027.61	\$57,666.99	\$57,666.99	\$0.00
	\$271,533.83	\$0.00	\$271,533.83	\$271,533.83	\$0.00

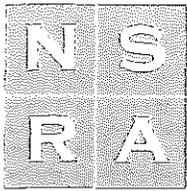
In granting this modification, we consider your letter of request and any attachments as a binding amendment to your grant agreement.

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman



Nebraska State Recycling Association

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recyclenebraska.org

July 19, 2016

Narrative for Recycling Equipment Grant: NET # 14-108-2

Quarterly Report for April, May, June, 2016

Nebraska State Recycling Association

Details and updates are listed on the attached grant spreadsheets.

The remaining balance in Marilyn's email to me 4-11-16 says funds remaining in all our budget categories combined total \$100,444.37. My spreadsheet attached agreed with that balance on that date.

Will you please transfer funds from our Equipment, Supplies and Postage categories to our Travel and Personnel categories in amounts sufficient to cover these final draws - for those administrative expenses?

We have 33 grants approved for a total of \$217,000 in grant 14-108-2. We had \$217,000 allocated for recycling equipment grants.

Of the 33 grant applications received and approved, 17 are governmental entities, 11 are non-profits and 5 are for-profit companies.

Grant inquiries are now coming in for our new grant, #16-210.

Proof of purchase documents have been collected and mailed to you on all but three.

*Integrated Recycling in Mead and University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They did not order their equipment immediately after grant approval, so we will send proof of purchase after this report and before our final grant report.

Grant site visits have not been made to either of them. I will make those after this report and before sending in our final grant report.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln is expecting the last 10 containers any day now. They are on back-order.

*Heartland Disposal should be sending me their proof of purchase in the next few days.

Integrated Recycling in Mead applied late in the grant cycle. They ordered the equipment after a somewhat lengthy search for appropriate loan funding on the unpaid balance of the equipment remaining after the \$10,000 grant from NET. That loan has been secured but it delayed ordering the equipment. It takes about 8 or 9 weeks from order to get it built and shipped. It will likely be late July to early August when that is completed.

Data reports are continuing to come in from the ones we funded earlier in the year, but not from those we funded in the last few months. We told them they could send a first data report at 4 to 6 months.

I will be putting grantees' reported data into the grant spreadsheet - the portion of the 24 months of data each grant recipient has accumulated and sent us so far. You will see that data in our final report, which will be coming to you after the 3 grants above are finished in terms of site visits and proof of purchase. They will keep reporting to us until they have sent us the full 24 months required in the NET contract. If at any time NET wants to know the additional pounds/tons reported to us after July 2016 by any or all grantees in 14-108-1 or 14-108-2, we will gladly provide that to you.

Recycling markets as of July 2016:

1 of 3

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32 sheets in this report.



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July 18, 2016

Andy Bishop
Rainwater Basin Joint Venture
2550 N Diers Ave, Suite G
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Reference: NET 14-144 - Western Rainwater Basin Waterfowl Production Areas

Dear Andy,

We are in receipt of your letter dated July 11, 2016 requesting budget modifications to move funds from Victor Lakes WPA Restoration to the Gleason WPA Restoration. Cost for the ash treatment on Victor Lakes to seal the clay was considerably less than anticipated. The modification allowed for additional restoration on Gleason. Staff approved the modifications as reflected in the following table.

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
Victor Lakes WPA	\$77,788.00	-\$10,504.75	\$67,283.25	\$67,283.25	\$0.00
Gleason WPA	\$11,623.00	\$10,504.75	\$22,127.75	\$22,127.75	\$0.00
	\$89,411.00	\$0.00	\$89,411.00	\$89,411.00	\$0.00

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

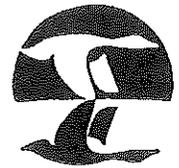
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Ms. Marilyn Tabor
Grants Administrator
Nebraska Environmental Trust
PO Box 94913
Lincoln, NE 68509-4913

**** Modification Requested ****

**NET 14-144 - Western Rainwater Basin Waterfowl Production Areas
Reporting Period (9): April - June 2016**

Dear Marilyn,

During the 9th reporting period for the Western Rainwater Basin Waterfowl Production Areas grant we are requesting a total reimbursement in the amount of \$34,570.00. Invoices are submitted for the following categories:

Victor Lakes WPA in the amount of \$24,065.25
Gleason WPA in the amount of \$10,504.75

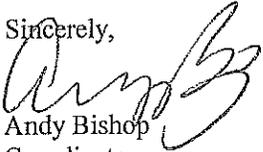
We have no matching funds to report.

The Rainwater Basin Joint Venture respectfully requests a budget modification to shift funds in the amount of \$10,504.75 from the Victor Lakes WPA category to the Gleason WPA category.

As previously reported, the cost for the soada ash treatment on Victor Lakes WPA to seal the punctured clay lens and restore the hydrology was less than originally anticipated. As a result, the remaining grant funds were spent on additional restoration activities at Gleason WPA. In partnership with the Kearney Road Department, culverts and gravel were purchased and installed to recontour the waterway to help restore the hydrology to the WPA and enhance groundwater recharge in Kearney County. Additionally, Livestock Watering Facility components were purchased and are being installed by the USFWS RWB WMD to promote grazing management of vegetation communities which will improve habitat to better attract wetland species.

We are in the process of preparing the final grant report and will be submitting it within the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,


Andy Bishop
Coordinator

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Andy Bishop
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Reference: NET 14-145 - Central Loess Hills Prescribed Fire Training Exchange Program

Dear Andy,

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 6, 2016 requesting budget modifications to move funds from Grazing Deferment and Tree Removal to Prescribed Fire Implementation. We understand that as you have been operating under this grant you have been successful with minimal use of grazing deferment and tree removal expenditures and as operation of the project moves forward you feel you can be more effective by using those funds for additional implementation of the firefighters and their equipment. Match will be met and this modification will provide for additional acres to be impacted, above those estimated in your grant objectives. Staff approved the modifications as reflected in the following table.

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
Grazing Deferment/Tree Removal	\$156,605.00	-\$40,000.00	\$116,605.00	\$33,800.00	\$82,805.00
Firebreak Preparation	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,800.00
UTV Equipped for Fire	\$6,649.32	\$0.00	\$6,649.32	\$0.00	\$6,649.32
Prescribed Fire Equipment	\$5,108.25	\$0.00	\$5,108.25	\$2,481.36	\$2,626.89
Prescribed Fire Implementation	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Outreach	\$3,266.92	\$0.00	\$3,266.92	\$800.00	\$2,466.92
	\$180,629.49	\$0.00	\$180,629.49	\$41,281.36	\$139,348.13

Thank you for providing this information to us. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Tabor
Grant Administrator
Environmental Trust
402-471-5541

pc Mark Brohman

Tabor, Marilyn

From: Wheeler, Ben
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Tabor, Marilyn; Andy Bishop
Cc: Niki Messmer
Subject: RE: Modification request for gratn 14-145

Hey Marilyn,

I have pulled together my data over the past 2 seasons of our TREX and removed any already matched resources (e.g., PF positions). We have exceeded our match in this category by over \$50,000 so far. That being said, all of our engine and personnel resources for this upcoming years TREX will be additional match.

2015

22 engine days x \$1,000 per day = \$22,000.00
236 personnel days x \$300 per day = \$70,800.00

2016

36 engine/days x \$1,000 per day = \$36,000.00
136 personnel days x \$300 per day = \$40,800.00

Total Match **\$169,600**

Is this the information you were looking for?

Thanks,

Ben Wheeler | Coordinating Wildlife Biologist

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From: Wheeler, Ben
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 4:56 PM
To: Tabor, Marilyn; Andy Bishop
Cc: Niki Messmer
Subject: RE: Modification request for gratn 14-145

Hello Marilyn!

It was great to see you last week!

Our estimates for **Prescribed Fire Implementation** is based upon contributions of engines and personnel to the fire. We estimated very conservatively here. Every year, we estimated contribution of two engines for seven days and ten firefighters for seven days. In both years so far, we have greatly exceeded two engines, ten firefighters and seven days.

I will do a little accounting work here over the next few days and see how close we come to the \$105,000 match required. I would imagine that if we have not already exceeded this, we have come very close. That would leave most or all of our 2017 event as extra match.

Thanks,

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From: Tabor, Marilyn

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 4:44 PM

To: Andy Bishop

Cc: Wheeler, Ben; Niki Messmer

Subject: RE: Modification request for gratn 14-145

Just getting to this ... Prescribed Fire Implementation is identified in the grant as providing \$105,000 of match for the project. Will you be able to meet the match? I have attached an Excel spreadsheet that shows all reimbursements and match to date.

Where will you get the match if you are paying for the implementation? You planned to burn 12,000 within 3 years ... will you be able to do that with this modification?

Give me a call. I'll be in the office most of the week.

Marilyn Tabor

Grants Administrator

700 South 16th Street

Lincoln NE 68509-4913

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From: Andy Bishop [mailto:andy_bishop@fws.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 8:25 AM

To: Tabor, Marilyn

Cc: Wheeler, Ben; Niki Messmer

Subject: Modification request for gratn 14-145

Marilyn,

Please find attached a modification request for grant 14-145. The request is to reallocate funds from the tree cutting and grazing deferment category to the prescribed fire implementation category. The funds would be used to assist with the travel and per diem to support the fire fighters that will be implementing the prescribed fires.

Let me know if you have any questions

Hope you had a great Labor Day weekend



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Marilyn Tabor
Grants Administrator
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Dear Marilyn,

This purpose of this letter is to provide request a modification to Nebraska Environmental Trust grant 14 – 145. This grant has been a tremendous success in implementing the Prescribed Fire Training Exchange in the Central Loess Hills. In each of the past two years multiple burns have been completed on private lands treating close to 3,500 acres. As we have got into implementation we have identified several ways to increase the efficiency of this project.

At this point, on the tracts that we are scheduled to burn, we will not need to expend all of the funds in the grazing deferment and tree removal budget category. Unfortunately we are having difficulty recruiting sufficient firefighters to complete implementation of the prescribed fires due to tight budgets. As part of the requested modification we are requesting \$40,000 of Nebraska Environmental Trust grant funds be obligated to the prescribed fire implementation budget category. These funds will be used to financially support fire resource (firefighters and engines) capacity while on the Central Nebraska Prescribed Fire Training Exchange. As most firefighters come from outside the central Nebraska area, these funds will assist in covering lodging, meals, and associated costs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or concerns.

Thanks again for your continued support.

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Merle Illian
20 N Webster Suite 115
Red Cloud, EN 68970

Reference: NET 15-198 - Eastern Republican & Little Blue Riparian Improvement

Dear Merle,

We are in receipt of August 22, 2016 letter and subsequent email requesting budget modifications.

Staff approves shifting funding as requested. The revised budget categories and amounts are reflected in the following table.

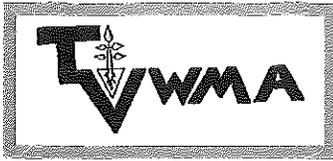
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Administration & Legal	\$16,000.00	(\$9,500.00)	\$6,500.00	\$3,366.86	\$3,133.14
Ads, Mailings & Notifications	\$6,000.00	\$3,429.10	\$9,429.10	\$9,429.10	\$0.00
Aerial Chemical Application	\$39,977.00	\$27,089.58	\$67,066.58	\$50,785.66	\$16,280.92
Channel Excavation & Cleanout	\$25,000.00	\$12,481.32	\$37,481.32	\$37,481.32	\$0.00
Equipment - All-Terrain vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Livestock Grazing & Haying	\$3,000.00	(\$3,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mechanical Vegetation Clearing	\$131,023.00	(\$30,000.00)	\$101,023.00	\$86,425.00	\$14,598.00
Meetings & Educ. Materials inc. signage	\$15,000.00	\$2,164.69	\$17,164.69	\$17,164.69	\$0.00
Project Coord. & Mileage	\$49,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$58,500.00	\$44,737.30	\$13,762.70
Terrestrial Chemical Application	\$15,000.00	(\$8,164.69)	\$6,835.31	\$5,770.13	\$1,065.18
Terrestrial Habitat Improvement	\$8,000.00	(\$4,000.00)	\$4,000.00	\$2,756.03	\$1,243.97
	\$328,000.00	\$0.00	\$328,000.00	\$277,916.09	\$50,083.91

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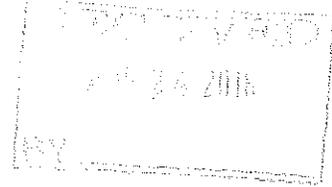
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August 22, 2016

TO: Marilyn Tabor, Grant Administrator

SUBJECT: Budgeting Adjustment for Twin Valley Weed Management Area – Project #15-198

Marilyn:

We are in need of a budgeting adjustment for the following categories of our grant as follows:

Category	Amount	Modification	Modified Budget	Disbursed	Remaining
Admin/Legal	16,000.00	-9,500.00	6,500.00	3,366.86	3,133.14
Ads/Mail/Notify	6,000.00	+3,429.10	9,429.10	9,429.10	-0-
Aerial Chem. App.	39,977.00	+27,089.58	67,066.58	50,785.66	16,280.92
Channel Excav.	25,000.00	+12,481.32	37,481.32	37,481.32	-0-
Equipment	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
Livestock grazing	3,000.00	-3,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mech. Veg. Clear.	131,023.00	- 30,000.00	101,023.00	92,525.00	8,498.00
Meeting/Education	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	11,064.69	3,935.31
Project Coord/miles	49,000.00	+9,500.00	58,500.00	44,737.30	13,762.70
Terr. Chem. App.	15,000.00	-6,000.00	9,000.00	5,770.13	3,229.87
Terr. Habitat Imp.	8,000.00	-4,000.00	4,000.00	2,756.03	1,243.97
TOTAL	328,000.00	0.00	328,000.00	277,916.09	50,083.91

The primary purpose for this modification is to adjust personnel funding as per request made on August 10, 2016. (See attached correspondence)

Also, we reduced funding in categories: Terrestrial Chemical Application, Terrestrial Habitat Improvement, and Livestock Grazing and Haying, putting these funds towards Channel Excavation and Cleanout, Ads/Notifications/Mailings, and Aerial Chemical Application which all three had a minor budget deficient. There will be some surplus for Aerial Chemical Application which will be performed in the near future.

Nothing real earth shattering here Marilyn, just hope it all makes sense to you. If you have any additional questions, please call me on my cell phone: 402-746-4558.

Thanks so much,

Merle Illian, TVWMA Project Coordinator

Tabor, Marilyn

From: Merle Illian <mbillian@gpcom.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 2:23 PM
To: Tabor, Marilyn; Brohman, Mark
Subject: Re: Budget Adjustment

Marilyn, go ahead and take care of the over expenditure for Meetings and Educ. Materials...take the money from Terrestrial Chem appl. I will then make a final budget adjustment at the end of the year when this contract will expire....the main reason that I wanted to do this modification now was to get some additional funds shifted over into the Proj. Coord. budget.... thanks

Merle

From: Tabor, Marilyn
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Merle Illian ; Brohman, Mark
Subject: RE: Budget Adjustment

Merle, The first table shows the budget categories and balances now. The second table is what the balances look like if I make the modifications you requested with August 22nd letter. Do you want to fix the over-expenditure in Meetings & Educ. Materials inc. signage since I am going to be modifying the budget? Anything else need to be shifted?

Category	Amount	Disbursed	Remaining
Equipment - All-Terrain vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Terrestrial Chemical Application	\$15,000.00	\$5,770.13	\$9,229.87
Mechanical Vegetation Clearing	\$131,023.00	\$86,425.00	\$44,598.00
Channel Excavation & Cleanout	\$25,000.00	\$37,481.32	-\$12,481.32
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