

# Agency 029 - DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Authority for the Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) is contained in Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska 2015: Nebraska Constitution (Article XV, Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7); Nebraska Statutes (Chapter 2, Articles 15,32 and 46; Chapter 11, Article 1; Chapter 31, Articles 5 and 10; Chapter 33, Article 1; Chapter 37, Article 7; all of Chapter 46 with the exception of Article 11; Chapter 54, Article 24; Chapter 56, Article 1; Chapter 61, Article 2; Chapter 66, Article 11; Chapter 81, Article 1; and Chapter 84, Articles 7 and 9.

## **VISION:**

The NeDNR is dedicated to working with Nebraska's citizens and leaders to plan, establish, and administer policies and programs for the effective management and conservation of the State's water resources. Achievement of this vision requires commitment to acquiring applicable data, conducting necessary technical and scientific analyses using the best science and data available, and making this information available to all stakeholders for use in making informed, cooperative resources management decisions for the benefit of all Nebraskans, both now and in the future. This is accomplished by providing high quality services with a professional workforce devoted to the management and conservation of the water and land resources of the State of Nebraska.

## **MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:**

The NeDNR is committed to performing its statutory responsibility to manage and conserve the State's water and land resources in an effective and efficient manner. Statutory obligations include: administering and regulating surface water to ensure compliance with interstate agreements; directing floodplain management and dam safety programs; operating the streamgaging program; assembling and sharing natural resources data; consultation or collaboration with natural resources districts and other interests to perform integrated water management planning; developing and managing basin-wide water plans; registering groundwater wells and issuing surface water permits; and managing state cost-share programs to aid in proper use, management and protection of Nebraska's water resources.

## **GOALS:**

The goals of the NeDNR are to establish and maintain fair and equitable standards for the use and preservation of Nebraska's water resources and, where authorized, to enforce rules and regulations governing their use. To accomplish these goals, the NeDNR proactively researches, develops, and updates information utilizing the best science which will assist the State's efforts in effectively managing and developing Nebraska's water resources. This involves striving to work in a cooperative manner with local units of government and stakeholders representing various interests to address complex water resources issues.

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### Financial Data

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approp	FY18 Request	FY18 Recomm	FY19 Request	FY19 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	11,935,202	11,286,789	11,510,326	11,050,310	11,742,867	11,169,870
Cash Fund	321,274	958,770	964,444	932,502	970,348	935,064
Federal Fund	1,120,442	761,697	793,463	769,756	826,907	778,279
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>13,376,918</b>	<b>13,007,256</b>	<b>13,268,233</b>	<b>12,752,568</b>	<b>13,540,122</b>	<b>12,883,213</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	5,521,218	5,458,361	5,458,361	5,294,610	5,458,361	5,294,610
Cash Fund	11,231,733	19,182,993	19,182,993	18,277,503	19,182,993	18,277,503
Federal Fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>16,752,950</b>	<b>24,646,354</b>	<b>24,646,354</b>	<b>23,577,113</b>	<b>24,646,354</b>	<b>23,577,113</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	17,456,419	16,745,150	16,968,687	16,344,920	17,201,228	16,464,480
Cash Fund	11,553,006	20,141,763	20,147,437	19,210,005	20,153,341	19,212,567
Federal Fund	1,120,442	766,697	798,463	774,756	831,907	783,279
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>30,129,868</b>	<b>37,653,610</b>	<b>37,914,587</b>	<b>36,329,681</b>	<b>38,186,476</b>	<b>36,460,326</b>

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## Program 303 - STATE AID - SMALL WATERSHEDS

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund was established in 1963 to provide state financial assistance for the acquisition of the necessary land rights for flood control structures. Land rights can be in the form of easements, rights-of-way or purchases. The fund can financially participate in only 25 percent of the individual land rights involved. When land is purchased for a project using this fund it must be sold within ten years with proceeds of the sale being returned to the fund for reuse. A special provision of the law allows any political subdivision to acquire such fee title property at appraised value, provided that the property is utilized for public purposes such as recreation or fish and wildlife enhancement. To date a total of 38 tracts have been retained for public use.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The objective of the program is to provide financial assistance to local units of government in the procurement of lands, easements, and rights-of-way that are needed for construction of flood control projects upon approval from the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (Commission). Secondary objectives are to assist in accelerating the watershed planning process and to assist sponsors in all aspects of land rights acquisition and land management. The financial assistance provided to local sponsors for land rights acquisition under this program is an integral part of the total flood control program.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Money from sales of fee title property following completion of projects for which the property was acquired is the primary source of funding for this program. While the law provides for sales within ten years, an attempt is made to sell the property as soon as it is considered to be in optimum condition for resale - usually within six years. This practice enables the Commission to more quickly commit funding to new projects. Another goal is to resell property at a premium over the purchase price which helps offset the loss of funds committed for acquiring easements and rights-of-way.

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**Program 303 - STATE AID - SMALL WATERSHEDS**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Approp</b>	<b>FY18 Request</b>	<b>FY18 Recomm</b>	<b>FY19 Request</b>	<b>FY19 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	475,000	475,000	76,100	475,000	76,100
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>76,100</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	475,000	475,000	76,100	475,000	76,100
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>76,100</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>76,100</b>

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## Program 304 - NE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Soil and Water Conservation Fund was created in 1977 to provide financial assistance to private landowners for installation of soil and water conservation practices. Various conservation practices are eligible for cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent. The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (Commission) determines the list of eligible practices, establishes operating procedures, and annually allocates the funds among all of the 23 natural resources districts (NRDs). The United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance needed in planning and verifying proper installation of conservation measures. NRDs are responsible for the administration of the funds provided through this program at the local level.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The objective of the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Fund is to promote efforts by landowners to better manage and conserve the State's natural resources. Funds allocated to NRDs are used to reimburse landowners for costs incurred in implementing conservation practices approved by the Commission and deemed appropriate by each NRD for conditions in their jurisdictions. These practices and conservation measures often include terraces, windbreaks and irrigation water management.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The primary measure of performance for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program is the degree to which available funds are used to implement eligible soil and water conservation practices. Except for two percent of funds received that must be retained by the NeDNR for grants to landowners ordered by natural resources districts pursuant to the Erosion and Sediment Control Act to install permanent soil and water conservation measures, all appropriated funding is allocated to natural resources districts. These funds are almost always fully committed each year by NRDs to landowners requesting assistance for voluntary implementation of conservation measures. If an NRD is unable to commit all funds allocated to it, the uncommitted amounts are relinquished for reallocation to other NRDs in February and June.

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Approp</b>	<b>FY18 Request</b>	<b>FY18 Recomm</b>	<b>FY19 Request</b>	<b>FY19 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	2,399,944	2,318,036	2,318,036	2,154,285	2,318,036	2,154,285
Cash Fund	0	50,000	50,000	47,000	50,000	47,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>2,399,944</b>	<b>2,368,036</b>	<b>2,368,036</b>	<b>2,201,285</b>	<b>2,368,036</b>	<b>2,201,285</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	2,399,944	2,318,036	2,318,036	2,154,285	2,318,036	2,154,285
Cash Fund	0	50,000	50,000	47,000	50,000	47,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>2,399,944</b>	<b>2,368,036</b>	<b>2,368,036</b>	<b>2,201,285</b>	<b>2,368,036</b>	<b>2,201,285</b>

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## Program 306 - WATER WELL DECOMMISSIONING

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Water Well Decommissioning Fund was established in 1994 to provide cost-share assistance to encourage proper and safe decommissioning or plugging of abandoned water wells. Assistance per well decommissioned varies from a few hundred dollars up to the maximum of \$700, depending on well type and size. The source of funding is presently \$21.50 from each well registration fee received by the NeDNR. Participation in the program requires natural resources districts (NRDs) to establish a program with availability for at least 30 wells per year.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The objective of the Water Well Decommissioning Fund is to encourage proper decommissioning of abandoned water wells in the State. This is accomplished through providing financial incentives in the form of cost-share assistance. Due in part to their local relationships and staff, funds are channeled through participating natural resources districts that administer the application, inspection and reimbursement processes.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The number of abandoned wells that have been decommissioned in a manner that eliminates the potential for ground water contamination and other hazards is the only performance measure for this program. The number of wells decommissioned with assistance from this program for the past several years is dependent upon funds available, but total wells decommissioned per year has ranged from 715 to 2,276. Even though funds available to cost-share have declined over the past few years, the total number of wells decommissioned has increased. New well registrations are projected to remain at approximately the current level through the 2017 – 2019 biennium, so the numbers of wells decommissioned with aid from the fund is expected to stay at about the same level.

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**Program 306 - WATER WELL DECOMMISSIONING**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Approp</b>	<b>FY18 Request</b>	<b>FY18 Recomm</b>	<b>FY19 Request</b>	<b>FY19 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	83,766	100,000	100,000	97,000	100,000	97,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>83,766</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	83,766	100,000	100,000	97,000	100,000	97,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>83,766</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>



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## Program 307 - NE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Nebraska Resources Development Fund provided grants and/or loans on a cost share basis to political subdivisions for natural resources projects through the Natural Resources Commission. As of the passage of LB106 in 2014, no new projects can be approved. Once the approved projects are funded and cost share reimbursements for approved costs have been completed, the fund will cease to operate.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The Nebraska Resources Development Fund was intended to help fund efforts to conserve the State's natural resources and enable other uses beneficial to Nebraskans. State agencies or political subdivisions propose projects with purposes such as pollution abatement, reduction of flood damages, improvement of public irrigation facilities, preservation and development of fish and wildlife resources, providing of public outdoor recreation lands and facilities, and preservation of the waters of Nebraska for all beneficial uses. The Fund was established with the intent that it be used on a cost share basis only after possible funding through other sources has been explored.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The primary measures of the success of this program are:

- Effective use of State dollars to leverage other funding sources available to each project,
- Successful completion of approved projects, and
- Realization of expected benefits to the State and its citizens which exceed costs over the life of the project.

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**Program 307 - NE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Approp</b>	<b>FY18 Request</b>	<b>FY18 Recomm</b>	<b>FY19 Request</b>	<b>FY19 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	2,622,644	3,140,325	3,140,325	3,140,325	3,140,325	3,140,325
Cash Fund	2,576,840	3,047,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>5,199,484</b>	<b>6,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	2,622,644	3,140,325	3,140,325	3,140,325	3,140,325	3,140,325
Cash Fund	2,576,840	3,047,500	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>5,199,484</b>	<b>6,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>	<b>3,187,825</b>

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## Program 309 - NAT RESOURCES WATER QUALITY

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Natural Resources Water Quality Fund was established by the Legislature in 2001 to provide funds to natural resource districts (NRDs) for support of their water quality programs. The sources of funds are pesticide registration fees and pesticide applicators license fees collected by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The NeDNR serves as the administrative body for passing funds through to NRDs. Funds are allocated among the NRDs and administered based on rules and regulations established by the Natural Resources Commission. Although annual receipts vary from year to year, these annual allocations are expected to average about \$1,000,000 per year. Districts must provide three dollars of local matching money for every two dollars allocated from the fund.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

By statute, Water Quality Fund monies can only be used by NRDs and only for water quality programs. The fund helps enable NRDs to implement and manage a wide variety of water quality-related measures, both for surface water and ground water. NRDs must provide three dollars match for each two dollars of state funds received.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The performance measure for this fund is the distribution of all available funding to natural resources districts for their use in district water quality programs. Distributions of funds for fiscal years 2014 through 2016 and estimates for fiscal years 2017 through 2019 are listed on the attached Performance Measures Worksheet.

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**Program 309 - NAT RESOURCES WATER QUALITY**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Approp</b>	<b>FY18 Request</b>	<b>FY18 Recomm</b>	<b>FY19 Request</b>	<b>FY19 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,035,000	1,187,500	1,187,500	1,150,826	1,187,500	1,150,826
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>1,035,000</b>	<b>1,187,500</b>	<b>1,187,500</b>	<b>1,150,826</b>	<b>1,187,500</b>	<b>1,150,826</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,035,000	1,187,500	1,187,500	1,150,826	1,187,500	1,150,826
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>1,035,000</b>	<b>1,187,500</b>	<b>1,187,500</b>	<b>1,150,826</b>	<b>1,187,500</b>	<b>1,150,826</b>

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## Program 313 - WATER SUSTAINABILITY FUND

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Water Sustainability Fund was established by the Legislature in 2014 with the passage of LB1098. The goals of this program are to provide cost-shared financial assistance to programs, projects, or activities addressing water quantity, water quality, flood mitigation and other water-related issues.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The Legislature stated that the goals of the Water Sustainability Fund could be met by equally considering programs, projects, or activities in the following categories: (a) Research, data, and modeling; (b) rehabilitation or restoration of water supply infrastructure, new water supply infrastructure, or water supply infrastructure maintenance or flood prevention for protection of critical infrastructure; (c) conjunctive management, storage, integrated management of ground water and surface water; and (d) compliance with interstate compacts or agreements or other formal state contracts or agreements or federal law.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The primary measures of the success of this program are:

- Utilization of funds for water sustainability in both quality and quantity,
- Effective use of State dollars to leverage other funding sources available to each project,
- Successful completion of approved projects, and
- Realization of expected benefits.

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**Program 313 - WATER SUSTAINABILITY FUND**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Approp</b>	<b>FY18 Request</b>	<b>FY18 Recomm</b>	<b>FY19 Request</b>	<b>FY19 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	162,764	134,967	3,378	0	6,880	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>162,764</b>	<b>134,967</b>	<b>3,378</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,880</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	7,872,993	10,872,993	10,409,077	10,872,993	10,409,077
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,872,993</b>	<b>10,872,993</b>	<b>10,409,077</b>	<b>10,872,993</b>	<b>10,409,077</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	162,764	8,007,960	10,876,371	10,409,077	10,879,873	10,409,077
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>162,764</b>	<b>8,007,960</b>	<b>10,876,371</b>	<b>10,409,077</b>	<b>10,879,873</b>	<b>10,409,077</b>

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**Program 314 - CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FAC.**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund was established by LB957 Section 21, 2016, to be used by the NeDNR to provide a grant to a natural resource district (NRD) to offset costs related to soil and water improvements intended to protect critical infrastructure facilities within the NRD which includes military installations, transportation routes, and wastewater treatment facilities.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund is intended to help fund efforts to protect and enhance critical infrastructure facilities within an NRD's boundary including:

- military installations,
- transportation routes, and
- wastewater treatment facilities.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The primary measures of the success of this program are:

- Effective use of State dollars to offset a natural resources district's project related funding requirements,
- Successfully complete an approved project, and
- Realization of expected benefits to the State and its citizens from this project.

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## Program 334 - SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

This program comprises the majority of the NeDNR's functions and all personnel, except for two staff positions funded through Program 313. The twenty-one subprograms within this program area make up the core of the NeDNR's business and administrative functions. Only the six aid programs that the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission is responsible to oversee, and the new Critical Infrastructure Facilities Fund, administered by NeDNR, are separately budgeted.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The objective of the Water and Soil Conservation Program is to effectively and efficiently administer and enforce regulations and policies affecting the use of Nebraska's water and soil resources. This entails providing the scientific, technical, and administrative resources and information needed to fulfill NeDNR's statutory responsibilities and reach defensible policy decisions, while working cooperatively with other committed stakeholders to find a sustainable balance among competing demands. The NeDNR's goal is to provide Nebraska's leaders and citizens with the information and analyses they need to make wise water resource decisions for the benefit of all Nebraskans, both current and future.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

A limited number of empirical performance measures are identified for this program as many employees perform work which is difficult to quantify. This is the case in several of the NeDNR's highest priority areas, such as: hydrology studies; modeling for water accounting and conjunctive management; cooperative work with natural resources districts, irrigation districts, and other interests; and floodplain administration. Metrics for other activities such as GIS tools development, database integration, and program administration are also difficult to directly measure in meaningful terms. On these bases, empirical measures presented on the attached Performance Measures Worksheet represent only a portion of the work accomplished in this program.



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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY16 Actual</b>	<b>FY17 Approp</b>	<b>FY18 Request</b>	<b>FY18 Recomm</b>	<b>FY19 Request</b>	<b>FY19 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	11,935,202	11,286,789	11,510,326	11,050,310	11,742,867	11,169,870
Cash Fund	158,510	823,803	961,066	932,502	963,468	935,064
Federal Fund	1,120,442	761,697	793,463	769,756	826,907	778,279
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>13,214,154</b>	<b>12,872,289</b>	<b>13,264,855</b>	<b>12,752,568</b>	<b>13,533,242</b>	<b>12,883,213</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	498,630	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	7,536,128	6,450,000	6,450,000	6,450,000	6,450,000	6,450,000
Federal Fund	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>8,034,757</b>	<b>6,455,000</b>	<b>6,455,000</b>	<b>6,455,000</b>	<b>6,455,000</b>	<b>6,455,000</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	12,433,832	11,286,789	11,510,326	11,050,310	11,742,867	11,169,870
Cash Fund	7,694,637	7,273,803	7,411,066	7,382,502	7,413,468	7,385,064
Federal Fund	1,120,442	766,697	798,463	774,756	831,907	783,279
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>21,248,911</b>	<b>19,327,289</b>	<b>19,719,855</b>	<b>19,207,568</b>	<b>19,988,242</b>	<b>19,338,213</b>