

# Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Authority for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is contained in: Nebraska Constitution (Article XV, Sections 4, 5, 6 and 7); Nebraska Statutes (Chapter 2, Articles 15,32 and 46; Chapter 11, Article 1; Chapter 16, Article 6; Chapter 31, Articles 4, 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, Articles 1, 15 and 26; and Chapter 84, Articles 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 11, 12 and 14) and Reissued Revised Statutes of Nebraska including the Cumulative Supplements for 2006 and the Supplement for 2007.

## **VISION:**

The Department of Natural Resources 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 and land resources. We are committed to providing the data and analyses needed to make wise resource decisions for the benefit of all Nebraskans, both now and in the future. This is accomplished through 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 Department of Natural Resources is committed to performing its statutory responsibility to effectively and efficiently manage and conserve the State's water and soil resources. Obligations include: administering and regulating surface water including helping to assure compliance with interstate agreements; directing floodplain management and dam safety programs; operating the stream gaging program; assembling and sharing natural resources data; providing natural resources planning assistance to, and working closely with, local natural resources interests; registering ground water wells and issuing permits; and managing state cost-share programs to aid in proper use and protection of Nebraska's water, land, and related resources.

## **GOALS:**

The goal of the Department of Natural Resources is to proactively research and develop information with which to direct the State's efforts to protect and conserve Nebraska's water and land resources. We strive to work cooperatively with stakeholders representing various and often conflicting political, social and economic views to address complex natural resources issues with the aim of finding satisfactory solutions - -solutions that achieve an acceptable balance among all stakeholders while minimizing negative impacts on Nebraska's resources for the future.

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## Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	8,103,161	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678
Cash Fund	22,918	498,250	498,250	499,475	498,250	500,729
Federal Fund	400,198	530,887	430,887	440,719	430,887	450,519
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>8,526,277</b>	<b>10,446,815</b>	<b>10,346,815</b>	<b>10,357,872</b>	<b>10,346,815</b>	<b>10,368,926</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	6,619,421	8,474,374	8,474,374	8,474,374	8,474,374	8,474,374
Cash Fund	3,815,120	5,445,840	5,445,840	5,445,840	5,445,840	5,445,840
Federal Fund	0	172,327	72,327	72,327	72,327	72,327
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>10,434,541</b>	<b>14,092,541</b>	<b>13,992,541</b>	<b>13,992,541</b>	<b>13,992,541</b>	<b>13,992,541</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	14,722,582	17,892,052	17,892,052	17,892,052	17,892,052	17,892,052
Cash Fund	3,838,038	5,944,090	5,944,090	5,945,315	5,944,090	5,946,569
Federal Fund	400,198	703,214	503,214	513,046	503,214	522,846
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>18,960,818</b>	<b>24,539,356</b>	<b>24,339,356</b>	<b>24,350,413</b>	<b>24,339,356</b>	<b>24,361,467</b>

**Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**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% of the number of land rights involved. When land is purchased for a project 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 any 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 Commission approved flood control projects. 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 Commission has been assigned, by statute, the responsibility for flood control programs, and 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 Natural Resources Commission to more quickly commit funding to new projects. Another goal is to resell property at a premium over the purchase price. This helps offset the loss of funds used to acquire easements and rights-of-way.

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

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 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	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
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>0</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
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>0</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>

# Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## 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 the installation of soil and water conservation practices. Various conservation practices are eligible for cost-share assistance. The Natural Resources Commission determines the list of eligible practices, establishes the operating procedures for the fund and annually allocates the funds among the 23 Natural Resource Districts (NRDs). The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance needed in planning and installing the conservation measures. NRDs are responsible for the administration of the 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 natural resources districts (NRDs) are used to reimburse landowners for up to 50 percent of costs incurred in implementing conservation practices approved by the Natural Resources Commission and deemed appropriate by each NRD for conditions in their jurisdictions. Funds can only be requested if federal programs do not address the specified practice, or if federal funds were insufficient to satisfy landowner requests.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Performance measures for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program are the number and extent of water and soil conservation practices implemented with cost-share available through the fund. A summary of implementation activity by practice follows.

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**Program 304 - NE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 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	2,450,549	2,688,454	2,688,454	2,688,454	2,688,454	2,688,454
Cash Fund	13,424	405,000	405,000	405,000	405,000	405,000
Federal Fund	0	100,000	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>2,463,973</b>	<b>3,193,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	2,450,549	2,688,454	2,688,454	2,688,454	2,688,454	2,688,454
Cash Fund	13,424	405,000	405,000	405,000	405,000	405,000
Federal Fund	0	100,000	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>2,463,973</b>	<b>3,193,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>	<b>3,093,454</b>

# Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## 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 the decommissioning or plugging of illegal water wells. The source of funding is presently \$21.50 from each well registration fee received by the department. Participating natural resources districts (NRDs) administer the program at the local level. The 21 participating NRDs receive an allocation of state funds based on the annual average number of wells decommissioned in their jurisdictions over the previous three years as compared to the total number decommissioned by all participating NRDs.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The objective of the Water Well Decommissioning Fund is to encourage proper decommissioning of illegal 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 which 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 table below depicts actual numbers for the past several years and projects expected activity through Fiscal Year 2011.

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**Program 306 - WATER WELL DECOMMISSIONING**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 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	88,983	240,840	240,840	240,840	240,840	240,840
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>88,983</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	88,983	240,840	240,840	240,840	240,840	240,840
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>88,983</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>	<b>240,840</b>

# Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Program 307 - NE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Resources Development Fund provides grant and/or loan funds to political subdivisions for natural resources projects. Natural Resources Districts are the most common project sponsors, but cities, counties and irrigation districts have also been sponsors. Projects are generally multipurpose in nature, but often include flood damage reduction, sediment and erosion control, recreational development, groundwater recharge, improved irrigation water management and fish and wildlife enhancement. Projects must be economically and financially feasible, and development plans must be satisfactory and minimize impact to the natural environment. Since the inception of the fund in 1974, a total of 65 projects totaling over \$81.5 million have been approved across the state.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The Nebraska Resources Development Fund is 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 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 sources of funding available to each project.
- Successful completion of approved projects.
- Realization of expected benefits to the State and its citizens which exceed costs over the life of the project.

This can best be achieved by keeping a balance of new projects, projects under construction, and projects nearing completion in the mix of approved projects.

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**Program 307 - NE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 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	2,457,380	3,373,066	3,373,066	3,373,066	3,373,066	3,373,066
Cash Fund	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
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>2,457,380</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	2,457,380	3,373,066	3,373,066	3,373,066	3,373,066	3,373,066
Cash Fund	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
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>2,457,380</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>	<b>3,423,066</b>

**Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Program 308 - NE SOIL SURVEY**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Funding for this program ended in FY2008. No appropriation is requested for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

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**Program 308 - NE SOIL SURVEY**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	75,318	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>75,318</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	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 Aid Funding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	75,318	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 Program</b>	<b>75,318</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**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 Department of Natural Resources 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. Annual allocations are expected to be about \$1,000,000, and 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 natural resources districts (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 only performance measure for this fund is the distribution of available funding to natural resources districts for their use in district water quality programs.

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**Program 309 - NAT RESOURCES WATER QUALITY**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 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	1,065,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
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>1,065,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	1,065,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
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>1,065,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>

# Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Program 311 - INTERRELATED WATER MGMT

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Fund was established in FY2006 with the passage of LB 1226, Section 20 to facilitate and fund the duties of natural resource districts arising under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act. It functions as a grant program administered by the Natural Resources Commission (Commission) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR staff evaluates and ranks requests submitted in March by natural resources districts based on guidelines established by the Commission. DNR presents recommendations to the Commission's decisions at its May meeting for review and obligation of funds. A local revenue match totaling twenty percent of total project costs is required.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

This grant program is intended to facilitate the duties of natural resource districts arising under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act, and to help offset costs incurred in performing those duties. The Department of Natural Resources tracks the status of each funded project, and reports this as well as overall program status at each Commission meeting.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The primary measure of success for the Interrelated Water Management Planning Program relates directly to the adoption of integrated management plans and the timeliness of subsequent actions in better managing the State's water resources. By helping to fund research and study, sponsors can apply additional science to their basins' environment, hydrology, and hydraulics to determine appropriate actions and assure that planned improvements are sound.

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**Program 311 - INTERRELATED WATER MGMT**

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 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	1,072,259	2,412,854	2,412,854	2,412,854	2,412,854	2,412,854
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 Aid Funding</b>	<b>1,072,259</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	1,072,259	2,412,854	2,412,854	2,412,854	2,412,854	2,412,854
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 Program</b>	<b>1,072,259</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>	<b>2,412,854</b>

# Agency 029 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Program 334 - SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

This program comprises the majority of the agency's functions and all personnel. The twenty-two subprograms within this program area make up the core of the agency's business and administrative functions and encompass all state-funded personnel within the agency. Only the six aid programs that the Natural Resources Commission is responsible to oversee 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 reach defensible policy decisions, while working cooperatively with other committed stakeholders to find a sustainable balance among competing demands. The Department's goal is to provide Nebraska's leaders and citizens with the information and analyses they need to make wise resource decisions for the benefit of all Nebraskans, both current and future.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

A limited number of empirical performance measures are available in this program because most employees are involved in work which is difficult to quantify. Examples include database development and integration, hydrology studies, computer modeling, GIS tools and applications development, program administration, floodplain delineations, floodplain administration, review of dam construction plans, and cooperative work with NRDs, irrigation districts, and other natural resource interests. The empirical measures presented below represent only a small portion of the work being accomplished by the employees in this program.

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**Financial Data**

	<b>FY08 Actual</b>	<b>FY09 Approp</b>	<b>FY10 Request</b>	<b>FY10 Recomm</b>	<b>FY11 Request</b>	<b>FY11 Recomm</b>
<b>Operations Funding</b>						
General Fund	8,032,249	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678
Cash Fund	22,918	498,250	498,250	499,475	498,250	500,729
Federal Fund	400,198	530,887	430,887	440,719	430,887	450,519
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>8,455,366</b>	<b>10,446,815</b>	<b>10,346,815</b>	<b>10,357,872</b>	<b>10,346,815</b>	<b>10,368,926</b>
<b>Aid Funding</b>						
General Fund	591,782	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	2,647,713	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
Federal Fund	0	72,327	72,327	72,327	72,327	72,327
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Aid Funding</b>	<b>3,239,495</b>	<b>3,072,327</b>	<b>3,072,327</b>	<b>3,072,327</b>	<b>3,072,327</b>	<b>3,072,327</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>						
General Fund	8,624,032	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678	9,417,678
Cash Fund	2,670,631	3,498,250	3,498,250	3,499,475	3,498,250	3,500,729
Federal Fund	400,198	603,214	503,214	513,046	503,214	522,846
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>11,694,861</b>	<b>13,519,142</b>	<b>13,419,142</b>	<b>13,430,199</b>	<b>13,419,142</b>	<b>13,441,253</b>