

Agency 047 - EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMM

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission was created for three purposes: to promote and establish noncommercial educational telecommunications facilities within the State of Nebraska; to provide noncommercial educational telecommunications programs throughout the State of Nebraska by standard broadcast, by closed-circuit transmission, or by other telecommunications technology distribution systems, and to operate statewide educational and public radio and television networks and services. The Commission's duties and responsibilities are outlined in Chapter 79, sections 1313-1325 of the 1997 Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

VISION:

NET will meet the needs of learners of all ages, engage diverse communities in civil conversations and celebrate Nebraska's cultural and creative achievements through exceptional content, educational services, advanced technologies and partnerships of mutual value.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET) is to enrich lives and engage minds, connecting communities and celebrating Nebraska with services that educate and enlighten.

NET is dedicated to the principle of employing telecommunications technology to serve the cultural and educational needs of Nebraskans, both the general public and audiences with specific needs (such as the hearing and visually impaired) through the highest quality programming and services possible. NET's mission is to connect Nebraska with stories and events that challenge and inspire every individual. NET's mission is to connect Nebraska with services that honor the history, enrich the people and strengthen the future of every community. NET's mission is to connect Nebraska.

GOALS:

Content and Services - Acquire, produce and distribute quality content and services that will educate, inform and connect Nebraskans

Education - NET will be a valued partner in support of quality education for traditional and non-traditional Nebraska learners

Public Awareness - Increase the recognized value of the NET brand

Financial Resources - Improve organizational sustainability through increased revenues and operational efficiencies

Human Resources - Ensure the workforce has the appropriate skills through recruitment, retention, training and career opportunities

Technology - Achieve technical proficiency through planning, design and implementation that supports content creation, management and distribution

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Financial Data

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	9,345,742	9,558,708	9,774,645	9,625,564	9,929,945	9,694,415
Cash Fund	294,255	337,755	337,755	337,725	337,755	337,725
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	9,639,997	9,896,463	10,112,400	9,963,289	10,267,700	10,032,140
Aid Funding						
General Fund	210,672	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
Total Aid Funding	210,672	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 533 - NETWORK OPERATIONS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

For Nebraskans, NET Television is a trusted storyteller and preserver of history and culture.
For children and families, NET Television is a trusted entertainer and educator.
For teachers NET Television is a trusted wealth of information.
For Nebraska's communities NET Television is a trusted repository of resources.

NET is perhaps best known for its public television and radio services, with its online services also playing an important role. Through this package of public broadcasting services, NET provides Nebraskans with programs ranging from breaking news and public affairs--local to international; varied entertainment--performing arts to sports; breakthroughs in science and the mysteries of nature; and opportunities for education and life-long learning.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

To provide noncommercial educational and public service programming to meet the ascertained needs and interest of citizens of all ages throughout the state.

To administer and operate Commission licensed-network stations and the statewide interconnection system.

To provide instructional television for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational institutions.

To have principal responsibility for the Nebraska telecommunications delivery system operations and technical delivery on behalf of all segments of Nebraska education.

To provide administrative and operational support for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

NET will continue the development of alternative delivery channels on new media, focusing on cable and on-line video on-demand, and delivery of video thru social media.

NET will continue its use of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube & Flickr, to provide diverse channels of content and new ways to interact with Nebraskans.

NET will be proactive in the pursuit of business and community partnerships in the growth of its public media service.

NET will continue its development of a multi-platform news unit to realize efficiencies in video, audio, and multimedia production, and to assure high standards of journalistic quality.

NET will adjust its NET 1 schedule to maximize the number and diversity of households viewing NET during the four "measurable months".

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Operations Funding						
General Fund	8,883,964	9,097,867	9,284,404	9,160,171	9,431,004	9,224,366
Cash Fund	274,706	310,206	310,206	310,176	310,206	310,176
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	9,158,670	9,408,073	9,594,610	9,470,347	9,741,210	9,534,542
Aid Funding						
General Fund	210,672	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 566 - PUBLIC RADIO

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

NET Radio was created through a gift of capital assets from Lincoln's Union College and its station KUCV in combination with a statewide capital campaign. NET Radio brings cultural, current events, entertaining, and educational programming to listeners across the state. In-depth, quality news, classical and jazz music, compelling commentary...a variety of unique programming options on NET Radio to please every taste. NET Radio is available via radio, on-line web streaming and a free mobile app for use on smart phones and tablets.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

NET Radio: Informing Citizens, Enriching Lives.

Nebraska Public Radio Network brings cultural, current events and educational programming to listeners across the state.

Over 110,000 listeners tune in to NET Radio each week from across the state for the latest news, weather, music and discussion. NET Radio is comprised of nine FM stations throughout the state, along with 5 HD radio transmitters. NET Radio broadcasts classical and other music, news, public affairs and talk shows. Local programming is blended with programs acquired from National Public Radio and other sources.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

These goals and objectives are outlined in the NET Strategic Plan and are the basis for NET's radio service. NET measures success by a variety of factors including independent ratings information provided by the Radio Research Consortium, AudiGraphics, Arbitron, and internal research of the reach and impact of our local outreach initiatives.

NET Radio will improve key current trends in strategic audience development

NET Radio will support and expand the delivery of content through multiple distribution channels

NET Radio will create meaningful high-impact projects and services with key partners

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Financial Data

	FY12 Actual	FY13 Approp	FY14 Request	FY14 Recomm	FY15 Request	FY15 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	461,777	460,841	490,241	465,393	498,941	470,049
Cash Fund	19,549	27,549	27,549	27,549	27,549	27,549
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	481,326	488,390	517,790	492,942	526,490	497,598
Aid Funding						
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
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