

# Agency 052 - STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Neb. Rev. Stat. §§2-101 through 2-130 deals with the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. Section 2-101 reads in part: “. . . State Fair shall be held at or near the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster County, under the directions and supervision of the State Board of Agriculture . . .”

In 2008, the Nebraska Legislature enacted LB 1116, which will permanently locate the Nebraska State Fair within the City of Grand Island on land owned by the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, also known as Fonner Park.

## **VISION:**

The Nebraska State Fair Board's vision is to continue the success of the Fair in recent years by:

1. Creating avenues for participation and partnerships.
2. Continue to target the high guest customer satisfaction ratings as achieved in recent years by providing high-quality family activities and outstanding customer service.
3. Provide economic benefit to the State and local economy by attracting visitors from surrounding states to the region.
4. Increase attendance as measured by first-time visitors, repeat visitors, visitor region, and percentage of population base.
5. Build a venue around agriculture the primary industry of the state.

## **MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:**

Mission Statement – through participation, the Nebraska State Fair educates, entertains, and showcases achievements of Nebraskans by sharing diverse cultures reflecting our State pride.

## **GOALS:**

Goals State Fair Board can be grouped into the following main topics:

- Support and promote Agriculture in the State of Nebraska
- Support and promote Education in the State of Nebraska
- Support and promote Entertainment in the State of Nebraska
- Support and promote Tourism in the State of Nebraska

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## Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
<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	3,970,216	3,500,000	4,250,000	4,250,000	4,250,000	4,250,000
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>3,970,216</b>	<b>3,500,000</b>	<b>4,250,000</b>	<b>4,250,000</b>	<b>4,250,000</b>	<b>4,250,000</b>
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## Program 694 - FAIR SUPPORT & IMPROVEMNT

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

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### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

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### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Each year during the Nebraska State Fair, an independent vendor conducts an electronic survey on the grounds. Historically, these surveys are completed by over 11,000 fairgoers. Various aspects of the Nebraska State Fair are rated by fairgoers, with the key overall satisfaction rating ranging from the mid-eighties to the mid-nineties. The Executive summary of the 2014 survey has been completed.

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