

Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission

Statutory Authority:

The duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the Game and Parks Commission are outlined in the Revised Statutes of Nebraska as follows: Chapter 37, Game and Parks, Articles 1 through 10 and Article 12, and Chapter 81, Environmental Trust, Article 15. In addition, numerous miscellaneous statutes applicable to our law enforcement activities are contained in Chapters 28, 29, 39, 53, 54, 60 and 74.

Vision Statement:

Strive to: establish, maintain, and enhance fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreational opportunities; enhance public support for and awareness of agency activities, and maintain a public perception of fairness in resource allocation and conflict resolution; be sensitive to politics and maintain credibility with others in state and federal government; be adaptable and innovative in response to change; operate through participative decision making; and, maintain a motivated workforce.

Mission Statement:

The Game and Parks Commission has adopted the following Mission Statement to describe the agency's purpose and to serve as a foundation for its organization: "The Game and Parks Commission is responsible for stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park and outdoor recreation resources in the best long-term interests of the people and those resources."

Goals:

The Commission is responsible for the stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreational resources in the best long-term interest of the people and resources. Each of our operating and capital programs have defined goals and objectives, which if examined collectively, translate into six broad agency goals.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	8,275,406	9,113,376	9,621,650	9,380,011	9,847,759	9,800,841
Cash Fund	32,044,004	39,860,989	46,166,082	44,957,234	46,500,902	46,327,891
Federal Fund	400,966	178,880	95,100	97,070	95,100	101,877
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	40,720,376	49,153,245	55,882,832	54,434,315	56,443,761	56,230,609

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Program Objectives:

The Nebraska Environmental Trust was created during the Ninety-Second Legislature, Second Session. The Trust, which is funded under the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (2329), seeks to conserve, enhance, and restore the natural physical and biological environment in Nebraska specifically through the preservation and/or restoration of critical habitat, surface water quality, ground water quality, and the development of recycling markets and reduction of solid waste volume and toxicity. Grants are made by the Trust to private and governmental agencies, individuals, and various organizations to accomplish its goal.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	5,509,420	10,511,336	14,234,360	14,197,194	14,225,797	14,193,395
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 Agency	5,509,420	10,511,336	14,234,360	14,197,194	14,225,797	14,193,395

Performance Measures:

Audits conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts will serve to measure the administrative handling and accountability of Trust funds.

On-site inspections of Trust-funded projects will ensure that monies are spent for program purposes and will serve to measure their role in satisting the goal of the Trust.

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Program 330 - Habitat Development

Program Objectives:

This program satisfies elements of the Wildlife Habitat Plan which was approved by the Legislature during the 1977 session. More specifically, this program provides for the preservation and development of wildlife habitat on privately owned lands and for the improvement of wildlife habitat on existing and recently acquired State Wildlife Management Areas and on other public lands when compatible with the primary ownership objectives of such lands.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	2,105,947	2,632,624	3,092,031	2,970,623	3,097,223	3,002,978
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 Agency	2,105,947	2,632,624	3,092,031	2,970,623	3,097,223	3,002,978

Performance Measures:

Evaluation measures, which are partially cost/benefit based, focus on habitat establishment or habitat improvement success, wildlife production response, and constituency satisfaction.

Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 336 - Wildlife Conservation

Program Objectives:

This program provides for the perpetuation and enhancement of all fish and wildlife resources for consumptive and nonconsumptive uses and for the protection and enhancement of associated habitats. Included is a wide array of functions to include activities such as protection of wildlife resources and their habitats, propagation of wildlife resources and their habitats, management of outdoor recreations opportunities, education of public and special interest groups (youth, hikers, boaters, etc.), technical assistance to private landowners and other governmental agencies, etc.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	942,178	960,911	1,002,551	1,028,654	1,027,065	1,107,087
Cash Fund	11,639,257	13,335,028	14,658,271	13,935,100	14,708,901	14,704,891
Federal Fund	263,966	178,880	95,100	97,070	95,100	101,877
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	12,845,401	14,474,819	15,755,922	15,060,824	15,831,066	15,913,855

Performance Measures:

Performance measures, which will be diverse and vary greatly from subprogram to subprogram, will include activities or measurements such as: numbers of field checks and arrests; level of compliance to statutes, rules and regulations; wildlife (all inclusive) population levels; participation levels and harvest success; public's response to, demand for, and acceptance of services and goods; demand for outdoor educational programs; numbers of accidents and fatalities related to outdoor activities; and, cost/benefit ratios.

Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 337 - Administration

Program Objectives:

This program provides for administrative and support functions for the entire agency. Included in this Program are the following entities: Director and staff; Budget and Fiscal Division to include Customer Service, Permits, Purchasing and Inventory Sections; Realty and Environmental Services Division; Board of Commissioners; Administrative Division to include Word Processing Center, Personnel Section, Building Maintenance, Library, Switchboard and clerical personnel in the district offices; Federal Aid Section; and, Information and Technology Section.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	583,043	649,066	674,591	672,785	699,044	703,093
Cash Fund	2,377,575	2,491,391	2,596,836	2,585,265	2,647,938	2,702,125
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 Agency	2,960,618	3,140,457	3,271,427	3,258,050	3,346,982	3,405,218

Performance Measures:

Established procedures, rules, policies and/or guidelines governing the administrative and support functions provided to the entire agency under this program are reviewed and monitored on a regular and ongoing basis by staff and by representatives of various other agencies, both state and federal. Their findings serve as performance measures.

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Program 338 - Niobrara Scenic River Local Management Council

Program Objectives:

The Nebraska Legislature acknowledged the importance of the Niobrara River corridor and of the need to preserve the natural diversity of the corridor and of the leadership role that the Niobrara Scenic River Local Management Council will play in maximizing cooperation between local landowners, other Nebraska citizens, and local, state and federal governments when it adopted LB 656: AM2782 and provided financial assistance to the Council under LB 656A (Ninety-fifth Legislature, Second Session).

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	100,000	50,000	50,000	25,000	25,000
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 Agency	0	100,000	50,000	50,000	25,000	25,000

Performance Measures:

The terms and conditions established by the Legislature in LB 656: AM2782 applicable to the Council's membership and to the use of the appropriated funds will serve as performance measures.

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Program 549 - Administration & Operation Of Parks

Program Objectives:

This program is responsible for the administration and management of the Nebraska State Park system, which includes 8 State Parks, 67 State Recreation Areas, 11 State Historical Parks and sites, and 1 State Recreational Trail. The program, which is funded under the General Fund and the State Park Cash Revolving Fund (2333), consists of two subprograms, one of which provides for administrative activities and the other provides for operating and maintenance functions.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	4,307,843	4,595,657	4,872,376	4,765,077	4,948,173	4,983,102
Cash Fund	8,583,391	8,781,256	9,330,957	9,065,203	9,454,954	9,427,233
Federal Fund	137,000	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	13,028,234	13,376,913	14,203,333	13,830,280	14,403,127	14,410,335

Performance Measures:

Administrative reviews to include on-site inspections are conducted to ensure areas in the State Parks system are providing quality recreational experiences to the visiting public, are maintained in the best long-term interest of the State and are operated and maintained within the fiscal limits as defined by the budget that is developed for each area.

Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 550 - Planning & Trails Coordination

Program Objectives:

This program provides for activities related to federal and state grant program administration, comprehensive planning, trails coordination, and canoe assess site administration and maintenance.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	218,071	391,944	438,519	361,582	445,883	372,274
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 Agency	218,071	391,944	438,519	361,582	445,883	372,274

Performance Measures:

Administering grant programs and funds efficiently and equitably in accord with established guidelines, satisfying requests for information and assistance in a timely manner, successfully meeting established deadlines for the preparation and distribution of plans and updated plans, and the public's response to and acceptance of recreational trails and riverine or canoe trails are but a few of the performance measures that will be used to evaluate this program.

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Program 617 - Engineering, Area Maintenance & Snowmobile

Program Objectives:

This program consists of three subprograms and provides for services and activities relating to general engineering functions associated with capital development and major renovation projects, site planning and design of areas and facilities, general maintenance of all areas and facilities, and for the establishment of snowmobile trails on public and private lands.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	2,224,271	2,415,798	2,583,613	2,501,913	2,702,594	2,610,285
Cash Fund	1,782,217	2,069,354	2,193,627	2,143,849	2,306,089	2,237,269
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 Agency	4,006,488	4,485,152	4,777,240	4,645,762	5,008,683	4,847,554

Performance Measures:

The three subprograms covered under this program provide for a variety of activities pertaining to the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operations of commission owned or managed areas and facilities that satisfy a wide range of administrative needs and public demands. Comments communicated to the agency by professionals in such fields as park planning, landscape architecture, wildlife management, and engineering, and by the public serve as indicators of the subprogram's effectiveness.

Agency 33 - Game & Parks Commission Program 628 - Credit Card Discount Sales

Program Objectives:

This program is an accounting program established by the Department of Administrative Services to record as an expenditure the difference between the fee charged for goods or services as established by the Commission and the amount actually received for such sales when the customer uses a credit card. Any negotiated discount, processing, or transaction fee imposed by a credit card company or third-party merchant bank will be considered as an administrative expense and charged to this program.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY98	Approp FY99	Request FY00	Recom FY00	Request FY01	Recom FY01
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	46,197	40,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	46,197	40,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000

Performance Measures:

To ensure that this program is administered in an efficient manner, the cost-benefit ratio will be considered before additional areas are brought on-line and our cost accounting system will be monitored to make sure that administrative costs (discount, processing and transaction fees) are charged to the applicable fund.