

Honoring Our Community

GRANTS

July – September 2021

OPPD is pleased to support the communities we serve by identifying and sharing grant-funding opportunities. Quarterly, we will highlight grants that may be of interest to you. If you have a specific grant need, please let us know.

Community Betterment

Recreational Trails Program

Deadline: Sept. 3, 2021

Eligibility: Must have the financial means to undertake and maintain the project and all funding should be on hand as this is a reimbursable grant program.

Funding source is for both motorized and non-motorized trail projects. It is divided by category: motorized (30% of funding utilized for these projects), non-motorized (30% of funding) and diversified or shared use trail projects (40%).

Description: Grant program through the Federal Highway Administration that reimburses political subdivisions, such as communities, counties, natural resources districts, up to maximum of \$250,000 or 80% of project costs for trail acquisition, development, renovation and support facilities.

Website: <http://outdoornebraska.gov/rtp/>

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Deadline: Sept. 17, 2021

Eligibility: Political subdivision, such as a city, county government or Natural Resource District, etc. The LWCF provides reimbursable matching grants for up to 50% of total project costs.

Description: Projects include, but are not limited to, ballfields, soccer fields, swimming pools, picnicking facilities, playgrounds, pool renovations, splash pads, park acquisitions and development, and park related support facilities. All projects must encourage or promote outdoor recreation.

Website: <http://outdoornebraska.gov/lwcf/>

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant

Deadline: On-going

Eligibility: Public bodies, community-based nonprofit organizations and federally-recognized tribes.

Description: Affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

Community Betterment, continued

Examples of essential community facilities include:

- health care facilities – hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
- public facilities – town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
- community support services – child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
- public safety services – fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
- educational services – museums, libraries or private schools
- utility services – telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- local food systems – community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses

Website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/ne>

Education

Community Action Grants

Deadline: Dec. 1, 2021

Eligibility: Individuals, American Association of University Women (AAUW) branches, AAUW state organizations or local community-based nonprofit organizations (including universities). Organizations (including universities) must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. AAUW branch and state applicants must have 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax-exempt status.

Description: Promote education and equity through projects focused on encouraging girls to select, before entering college, the physical sciences or engineering as a career.

Website: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/community-action/>

