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To: Nebraska Environmental Quality Council

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Subject: Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program
2023 Funding Percentage Allocations

The Litter Reduction and Recycling Act states: “The department shall allocate and distribute funds in percentage amounts to be determined by the council on an annual basis.” Each year, the Environmental Quality Council establishes the percentage of how the funds will be allocated for each grant category.

The department’s recommended percentage allocations for the 2023 grant year, along with the funding amounts requested, are as follows:

Category	2023 eligible requests		2022 eligible requests	
Recycling	34%	\$ 825,104	32%	\$ 740,681
Public Education	63%	\$1,526,992	66%	\$1,542,174
Cleanup	<u>3%</u>	<u>\$ 81,458</u>	<u>2%</u>	<u>\$ 48,996</u>
Totals	100%	\$2,433,554	100%	\$2,331,851

Note: The 2023 amounts are requests, and not necessarily the amount that will be available for award. The amount available will be known in late November.

These recommended percentages are based on the actual applications received for the 2023 and 2022 grant years. For the 2022 grant year, the council granted the department the ability to adjust these percentages by up to 20% if it determined it was necessary to enable the funding of good projects. The department asks and recommends that it again be allowed to adjust these percentages by up to 20% for the 2023 grant year if warranted.

Below are the actual percentages and award amounts for 2022:

Category	Award Amounts	
Recycling	27%	\$ 587,552
Public Education	70%	\$1,535,349
Cleanup	<u>3%</u>	<u>\$ 56,349</u>
Actual Awards	100%	\$2,179,271