

Agency 084 - DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Department's statutory responsibilities are based on the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act as well as numerous other statutory programs.

VISION:

The vision of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality is to fulfill the intent of the Legislature in the agency's creation; to protect each element of Nebraska's environment, air, land, and water. In achieving the agency's vision the department will cooperate with other states and the federal government in a manner that is responsive to Nebraska's citizens.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) is to fulfill the role described by the Nebraska Legislature in Section 81-1501:

To accomplish this mission, the Legislature granted the Department the authority to perform certain tasks including issuing permits, inspecting facilities, assuring compliance with standards and regulations and requiring remediation where necessary. These basic tasks are best accomplished by assembling an effective workforce which is organized and trained to carry out the agency's responsibilities. In situations where it is most effective and efficient the Department collaborates with other entities, uses private contractors, and utilizes other creative approaches.

GOALS:

The Department will pursue the following goals:

Effective workforce, Timely permitting process, Balanced enforcement, Simplify regulations, Community presence and relations, "Back to the basics", Assistance, Measure Environmental Quality, Meaningful Reporting and Assess Needs

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Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	3,375,229	3,393,198	3,413,574	3,508,939	3,434,402	3,600,633
Cash Fund	12,869,214	16,040,973	16,448,673	16,648,680	16,865,601	17,223,311
Federal Fund	16,095,964	16,342,375	16,342,375	16,552,910	16,342,375	16,714,422
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	32,340,407	35,776,546	36,204,622	36,710,529	36,642,378	37,538,366
Aid Funding						
General Fund	2,094,268	2,141,196	2,141,196	2,141,196	2,141,196	2,141,196
Cash Fund	10,789,349	15,968,000	17,468,245	17,468,245	19,077,601	19,077,601
Federal Fund	12,941,220	13,905,000	18,205,000	18,205,000	15,705,000	15,705,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	25,824,838	32,014,196	37,814,441	37,814,441	36,923,797	36,923,797
Total Funding						
General Fund	5,469,497	5,534,394	5,554,770	5,650,135	5,575,598	5,741,829
Cash Fund	23,658,564	32,008,973	33,916,918	34,116,925	35,943,202	36,300,912
Federal Fund	29,037,184	30,247,375	34,547,375	34,757,910	32,047,375	32,419,422
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	58,165,245	67,790,742	74,019,063	74,524,970	73,566,175	74,462,163

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Program 513 - ADMINISTRATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 513 contains the Department's operating budget. Included are all staffing and operations resources as well as most department aid programs. Aid programs not included in Program 513 are the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Department is dedicated to its legislative purposes of ensuring and protecting the quality of the natural environment both today and for future generations. Nebraska statutes direct the Department to address contamination problems created in the past, assure that current activities are conducted in accordance with recognized principles of sound environmental management, and enhance the environment of the future by taking the opportunity for pollution prevention. This program identifies funding necessary to accomplish our mission.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

This program reflects the department's operating budget. The department conducts a wide variety of activities including permitting, inspections, monitoring, complaint response and compliance assistance. Those activities are related to water, waste and air programs. Performance measures reflect priority activities in those programs.

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Program 513 - ADMINISTRATION

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	3,375,229	3,393,198	3,413,574	3,508,939	3,434,402	3,600,633
Cash Fund	12,869,214	16,040,973	16,448,673	16,648,680	16,865,601	17,223,311
Federal Fund	16,095,964	16,342,375	16,342,375	16,552,910	16,342,375	16,714,422
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	32,340,407	35,776,546	36,204,622	36,710,529	36,642,378	37,538,366
Aid Funding						
General Fund	2,094,268	2,141,196	2,141,196	2,141,196	2,141,196	2,141,196
Cash Fund	10,228,003	13,500,000	15,000,245	15,000,245	16,145,601	16,145,601
Federal Fund	316,469	265,000	265,000	265,000	265,000	265,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	12,638,741	15,906,196	17,406,441	17,406,441	18,551,797	18,551,797
Total Funding						
General Fund	5,469,497	5,534,394	5,554,770	5,650,135	5,575,598	5,741,829
Cash Fund	23,097,218	29,540,973	31,448,918	31,648,925	33,011,202	33,368,912
Federal Fund	16,412,433	16,607,375	16,607,375	16,817,910	16,607,375	16,979,422
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	44,979,148	51,682,742	53,611,063	54,116,970	55,194,175	56,090,163

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Program 523 - WASTEWATER LOAN FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) program provides low interest loans and town grants to municipalities for construction of wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer collection systems to alleviate public health and environmental problems.

The loan principal repayments go into new loans and interest earnings on the Fund are used 1) to pay off the state match bond issues and 2) to make new loans.

This Program has accumulated assets of over \$232 million. There are 182 loans outstanding with a loan balance of over \$157 million. The program also has \$29 million in loan obligations.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Nebraska Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) Program provides low interest loans and town grants to municipalities for construction of wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer collection systems to alleviate public health and environmental problems.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The purpose of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund is to provide financial assistance to owners of public water systems. The assistance is primarily through loans, small town grants and/or loan forgiveness. Performance measures reflect those activities.

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Program 523 - WASTEWATER LOAN FUND

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations 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
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	561,346	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Federal Fund	5,099,942	5,140,000	6,940,000	6,940,000	6,940,000	6,940,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	5,661,288	6,340,000	8,140,000	8,140,000	8,140,000	8,140,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	561,346	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
Federal Fund	5,099,942	5,140,000	6,940,000	6,940,000	6,940,000	6,940,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	5,661,288	6,340,000	8,140,000	8,140,000	8,140,000	8,140,000

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Program 528 - DRINKING WATER LOAN FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program is jointly administered by agreement between the NDEQ and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health. The program provides low interest loans and loan forgiveness to owners of public water supply systems for construction or storage, wells, distribution, and treatment.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund receives annual federal capitalization grants to provide low interest loans. The required 20% state match is obtained through Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) revenue bonds or by utilizing Drinking Water Administration Cash Funds to pay off bonds with interest earnings on loans leading to a self-sustaining fund. The DWSRF is unique in that loans may be awarded to privately-owned public water systems. Other program differences include the availability of up to 35% loan forgiveness and set-asides for program administration, technical assistance, wellhead protection, capacity development, and operator certification.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The purpose of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is to provide financial assistance to owners of public water systems. The assistance is primarily through loans and/or loan forgiveness. Performance measures reflect those activities.

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Program 528 - DRINKING WATER LOAN FUND

Financial Data

	FY14 Actual	FY15 Approp	FY16 Request	FY16 Recomm	FY17 Request	FY17 Recomm
Operations 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
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	1,268,000	1,268,000	1,268,000	1,732,000	1,732,000
Federal Fund	7,524,809	8,500,000	11,000,000	11,000,000	8,500,000	8,500,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Aid Funding	7,524,809	9,768,000	12,268,000	12,268,000	10,232,000	10,232,000
Total Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	1,268,000	1,268,000	1,268,000	1,732,000	1,732,000
Federal Fund	7,524,809	8,500,000	11,000,000	11,000,000	8,500,000	8,500,000
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Program	7,524,809	9,768,000	12,268,000	12,268,000	10,232,000	10,232,000