



UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT Educational Capital Projects Fund (ECAP) Application

ECAP Program Qualifications

The Upper Big Blue NRD offers an Educational Capital Projects Fund (ECAP) to create, develop, or enhance natural resources related educational capital projects that create experiential learning environments and opportunities for District citizens.

Qualifications

To qualify for the Educational Capital Fund Program (ECAP) educational/conservation projects must be physically located, constructed, and maintained within the Upper Big Blue NRD boundary. These educational capital projects are generally constructed on school property, however can be located elsewhere in the NRD boundary if there is a more suitable eco-system which again is determined on a case-by-case basis for funding determination by the Education Committee.

This fund is for capital items only, deemed to have educational/conservation value, and determined worthy of funding on a case-by-case basis by Upper Big Blue NRD. (This is not a scholarship fund for individual/group of students).

Examples

Examples of such projects include, but are not limited to greenhouses; commercial and botanical gardens/vegetative learning plots; beekeeping/honey production equipment; rain/flood/dam/erosion/wind simulators; interactive and hands-on exhibits; educational learning displays/pods; digital/electronic equipment/devices; and research/demonstration equipment, etc.

Funding Parametric

If the total project cost is \$1,000 or less, then the cost-share may be 100% of the actual cost. If the total project cost is greater than \$1,000, then the cost-share may be \$1,000 + 5% of the total cost not to exceed \$10,000 (refer to funding scale on page 5).

Funds Available to Cooperators:

Maximum Payment from NRD Funds: \$10,000.00 (labor costs excluded).

Minimum Payment from NRD Funds: \$100.00 (labor costs excluded).

State Cost-Share: None.

Federal Cost-Share: None.

Please complete the following application in its entirety and submit to:
UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Attn: Education Committee
c/o David A. Eigenberg, General Manager
319 East 25th Street
York, NE 68467

Application Open period:
March 1-October 15

DEADLINE:
October 15, 2019
5:00 p.m.



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Applicant Information

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Name (Last): | | (First): | |
| Job Title: | | | |
| Institution (School) Name: | | | |
| Principal/Superintendent: | | | |
| Address: | | Phone: () | |
| City: | State: <i>Nebraska</i> | Zip Code: | |

Project Information

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| Project Title: | |
| Physical location of project (where will it be constructed, equipment housed, or stored): | |
| Project Start Date: | |
| Project Completion Date: | |
| Amount requested (Not to exceed \$10,000): | \$ |
| Total project cost: | \$ |
| List contributors that you have and/or will receive funding from toward this project and funding amounts: | |

What experiences have you or your institution had with projects similar to this newly proposed project?



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Project Title Name (continued):

Please complete the following questions in the space provided:

Describe the proposed project in 250 words or less. (You may attach conceptualized drawings and schematics as an addendum on separate sheets to support your project description).



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Project Title Name (continued):

Please complete the following questions in the space provided:

(Continue project description as needed)



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ECAP Program Funding Scale

The cost-share rate is as follows:

If the total project cost is \$1,000 or less the cost-share may be 100% of the actual cost. If the total project cost is greater than \$1,000 the cost-share may be \$1,000 + 5% of the total cost not to exceed \$10,000.



These are real examples of the types of projects that have been funded through various sources as compiled by the State FFA Organization:

| Project Cost: | Cost-share Rate: | Cost-share Amount: |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| \$100 | 100.0% | \$100 |
| \$200 | 100.0% | \$200 |
| \$300 | 100.0% | \$300 |
| \$400 | 100.0% | \$400 |
| \$500 | 100.0% | \$500 |
| \$600 | 100.0% | \$600 |
| \$700 | 100.0% | \$700 |
| \$800 | 100.0% | \$800 |
| \$900 | 100.0% | \$900 |
| \$1,000 | 100.0% | \$1,000 |
| \$10,000 | 15.0% | \$1,500 |
| \$20,000 | 10.0% | \$2,000 |
| \$30,000 | 8.3% | \$2,500 |
| \$40,000 | 7.5% | \$3,000 |
| \$50,000 | 7.0% | \$3,500 |
| \$60,000 | 6.7% | \$4,000 |
| \$70,000 | 6.4% | \$4,500 |
| \$80,000 | 6.3% | \$5,000 |
| \$90,000 | 6.1% | \$5,500 |
| \$100,000 | 6.0% | \$6,000 |
| \$110,000 | 5.9% | \$6,500 |
| \$120,000 | 5.8% | \$7,000 |
| \$130,000 | 5.8% | \$7,500 |
| \$140,000 | 5.7% | \$8,000 |
| \$150,000 | 5.7% | \$8,500 |
| \$160,000 | 5.6% | \$9,000 |
| \$170,000 | 5.6% | \$9,500 |
| \$200,000 | 5.0% | \$10,000 |

- Valentine agricultural education program received \$10,000 for a Torchmate plasma table.
- Rock County FFA received \$3,850 for its school-based enterprise called "On-the-go Gelato."
- Ogallala FFA received \$3,500 for its school-based enterprise for a bee cooperative.
- Wauneta-Palisade ag education program received \$9,363 for updating shop equipment.
- Amherst ag education program received \$8,000 for a new greenhouse.
- McCook ag education program received \$5,000 for tower gardens.
- Lakeview FFA received \$4,500 for updating and fixing its greenhouse.
- McPherson County ag education program received \$4,139 for a CNC router.
- Tri-County ag education program received \$2,500 for updating greenhouse equipment.
- Norfolk ag education program received \$500 for its "Grow, Show, Know" fish project.
- High Plains ag education program received \$3,750 for an animal learning lab shelter.