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Title 137 - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

Chapter 2 - FUNDING CATEGORIES

001 Initial Statutory Funding Categories. The Board shall observe the following initial funding categories for allocating funds prior to July 1, 1995. The funding categories listed below are not listed with any particular significance as to their priority.

001.01 Critical habitat areas, including wetlands acquisition, preservation, and restoration and acquisition and easements of areas critical to rare or endangered species.

001.02 Surface water quality, including actions to preserve lakes and streams from degradation;

001.03 Ground water quality, including fostering "best management" practices as defined in ~~section 46-657~~ Nebraska Revised Statute § 46-706, actions to preserve ground water from degradation, and remediation of soils or ground water; and

001.04 Development of recycling markets and reduction of solid waste volume and toxicity.

002 Refining and Clarifying Initial Funding Categories. The Board may make any desired refinements and clarifications in these initial funding categories as appropriate. Before making such refinements and clarifications, the Board shall hold at least one public meeting where the public is offered the opportunity of commenting on the proposed refinements and clarifications.

003 Establishing Five-Year Funding Categories. The Board shall establish funding categories for Trust Fund allocations for five-year periods, the first period beginning on July 1, 1995. The Board will conduct at least one public meeting in each of the three congressional districts to obtain input and recommendations for the first five-year funding categories. Decisions on the initial five-year categories shall be made in accordance with the adopted calendar and shall govern allocations made from the fund after July 1, 1995. Projects which have received allocations in accordance with the statutory categories lasting until July 1, 1995, will remain eligible for disbursements until the project is completed consistent with the original grant agreement.

004 Refinements and Clarifications in Five-Year Funding Categories. The Board may make any desired refinements and clarifications in five-year funding categories at any time. However, such refinements and clarifications shall not adversely affect the eligibility of a project for funding assistance unless they were adopted prior to the date established by the Board opening the subsequent applications cycle. Before making such refinements and clarifications, the Board

shall hold at least one public meeting where the public is offered the opportunity of commenting on the proposed refinements and clarifications.

005 Annual Priorities Within the Funding Categories. The Board may establish annual priorities within the Five-Year Categories. The Board will conduct at least one public meeting in each of the three congressional districts to obtain input and recommendations on any annual priorities it may designate.