

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
February 14, 2019
Neil Jensen, District Conservationist**



**NRCS NEBRASKA SEEKING PROPOSALS FOR 2019
CONSERVATION COLLABORATION GRANTS**

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is seeking Conservation Collaboration Grant proposals to help address natural resource concerns. Proposals are due February 20.

According to NRCS, the purpose of these grant agreements is to leverage agency resources with partner organizations to improve soil health, improve water quality, provide wildlife habitat, improve agricultural land, and assist communities and groups with building local food projects that provide healthy food and economic opportunities.

An emphasis will be placed on projects that build capacity and collaboration between NRCS and partner organizations to implement Farm Bill conservation programs and help local partners develop and implement effective projects.

Nebraska NRCS anticipates up to \$2.5 million will be available for projects lasting between 1 and 3 years. Individual projects are eligible to receive a minimum of \$20,000 and no project will be awarded more than \$1 million.

There is no funding match requirement for these grants/agreements, but it is favorable. Proposals will be evaluated in part on the relative contribution of non-federal resources to the project.

Complete application packages must be submitted to NRCSNEBProposals@nrcs.usda.gov by February 20 at 4 p.m. CST. The opportunity number USDA-NRCS-MULTI-STATE-CENTRAL-19-01 is posted on www.grants.gov.

For more information on how to apply, contact Julie Crew at (402) 437-4131 or Julie.Crew@usda.gov, or **[CLICK HERE](#)**.



Kyle Madsen, Survey Technician, has been hired in the Blair Field Office in a contract position. We welcome Kyle to our team.



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