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PLANTNEBRASKA AWARDS NEARLY \$800,000 IN COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS TO 9 NEBRASKA RECIPIENTS

Lincoln, Neb. (May 19, 2026) – PlantNebraska has awarded \$795,797 in urban and community forestry grants to 9 recipients across Nebraska. The grants are part of \$10 million in funds awarded to PlantNebraska in 2024 by the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program.

The following cities, towns and organizations recently received grant awards:

Middle Niobrara NRD (Valentine)
Village of Craig
Village of Decatur
City of Ponca
City of Kimball
City of Terrytown
City of Omaha Planning Department
City of Arapahoe
North Platte NRD (Scottsbluff)

The goal of the grant program is to improve Nebraska’s community forestry infrastructure by removing hazardous and dangerous trees; supporting tree care and planting to preserve tree canopy cover; and completing workforce training in the tree care industry.

This round of funding completes distribution of the USDA Forest Service grant.

“With the final distribution of the funds for tree infrastructure support, we are pleased to work with diverse communities and partners from across the state,” said Hanna Pinneo, executive director of PlantNebraska. “From tree canopy recovery to Panhandle workforce development to tree planting in newly built communities, this round of projects offers something to support all Nebraskans.”

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PlantNebraska is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 1978 that plants Nebraska for healthy people, vibrant communities and a resilient environment. We do this through tree planting, garden making, education and community building. We value our partnerships with our more than 100 affiliate sites throughout the state, more than 1,200 members and with the Nebraska Forest Service and the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska. Over the last 30 years we’ve distributed more than \$10 million in grant funds to communities across the state to help make Nebraska a place where everyone wants to live, work, and play.