

## **WOODY BIOMASS HEATING**

**ABOUT:** Funding for converting a facility to utilize woody biomass for heating and/or cooling. Reimbursement up to 50% of the cost of contracted engineering, construction, and installation costs upon project completion.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** Any public, private, or nonprofit organization in Nebraska.

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# **WOOD PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT**

**ABOUT:** Reimbursement up to 100% of the cost of developing innovative wood products or uses for established products. Awards may include proof-of-concept projects, product development and testing, product marketing, or outreach and education.

**WHO CAN APPLY**: Local, regional, state agencies, and private businesses statewide.

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# GETTING STARTED

here are several opportunities available for financial assistance with the Nebraska Forest Service. Each grant has its own unique requirements but all will include an element of cost-sharing of the project. Cost-share is reimbursed to the applicant after a project's successful completion.

Our staff is available to help you assess your project, determine the best source of funding, and help you get paperwork in order. It is a no cost service we provide to help you reach your project's end goals.

# **FIND THE RIGHT GRANT**



TREE PLANTING OR GREEN SPACE



**FUELS TREATMENT** 



FIRE DEPARTMENTS



**FOREST THINNING** 



WOOD UTILIZATION



#### HAZARDOUS FUELS TREATMENT

**ABOUT**: Reimbursements up to 100% of the costs of thinning dense forests and removal of ladder fuels—live or dead vegetation—that allow fires to climb from the landscape floor into the tree canopy.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** State and private forest landowners with treatment acres adjacent to US Forest Service land in the Pine Ridge.

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### **FOREST FUELS TREATMENT**

**ABOUT:** Reimbursement up to 75% of the cost of forest thinning and debris disposal. Per-acre caps apply.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** Any state or private forest landowner in Nebraska.

**VISIT**: www.nfs.unl.edu/foresters to find the forester for your area.



# FIREWISE™ DEFENSIBLE SPACE

**ABOUT**: Reimbursement up to 75% of the cost of removing flammable trees and shrubs to create "defensible space" around homes, buildings, or other infrastructure.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** Any utility or state or private forest landowner in Nebraska.

**VISIT**: www.nfs.unl.edu/foresters to find the forester for your area.



### **VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE**

**ABOUT:** Reimbursement up to 50% of the cost to acquire necessary equipment, prevention material, and/or training for fighting wildland fires. Individual awards are capped at \$5,000 and online fire reporting must be current.

**WHO CAN APPLY**: Volunteer fire departments in Nebraska. Application is available annually in April or May.

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#### PINE REFORESTATION

**ABOUT**: Reimbursement up to 90% of the cost of replanting ponderosa pine tree seedlings.

**WHO CAN APPLY**: Any state or private forest landowner in Nebraska's Pine Ridge or Niobrara Valley.

#### **CONTACTS**:

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Niobrara Valley: Jason Severe 402-480-5657 | jsevere2@unl.edu



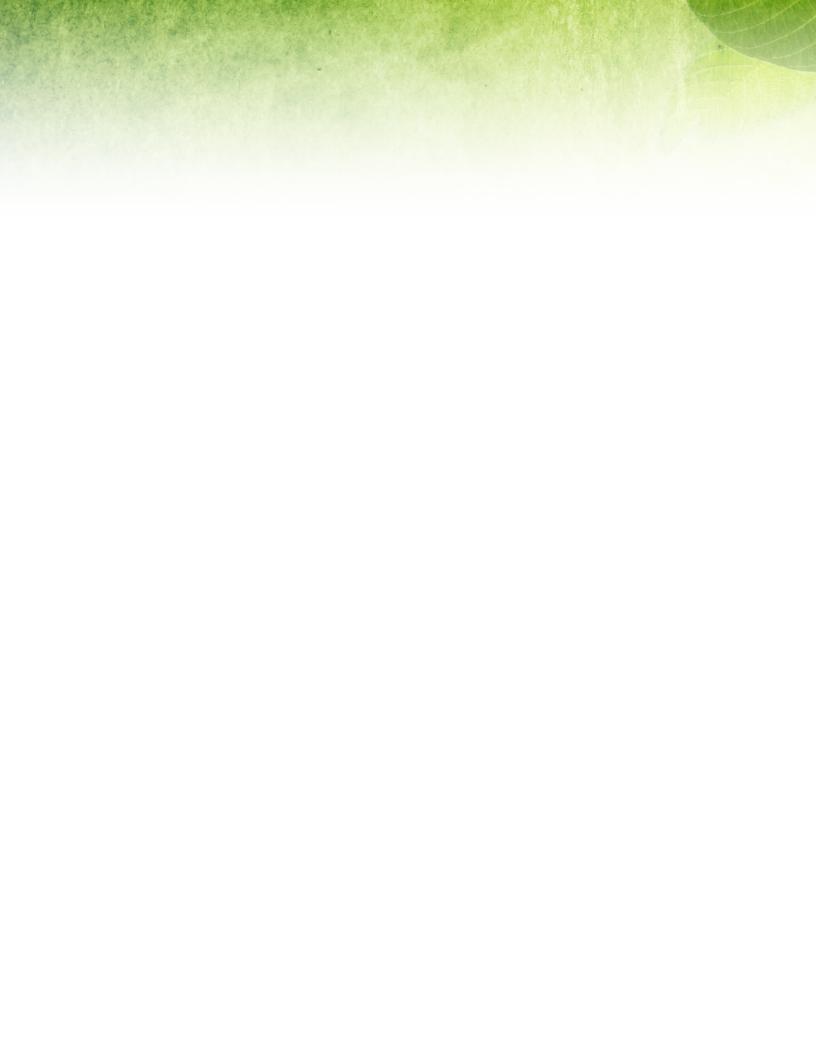
# **COMMUNITY FOREST & OPEN SPACE**

**ABOUT**: The grant aims to protect forestland from conversion while providing access for recreation, education, wildlife protection, and sustainable forest management.

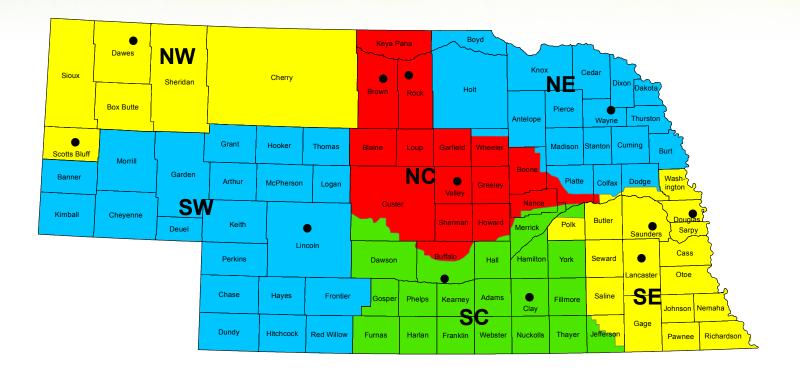
**WHO CAN APPLY:** Communities and qualifying nonprofits can apply for funding to establish "community forests" through the acquisition of private forestlands. Grants are available as a 50% cost-share match with a maximum award of \$400,000. Match can include cash, in-kind services, or donations.

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# **NFS DISTRICTS AND FORESTERS**



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