



## 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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# TREE AND FOREST FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



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# GETTING STARTED

There 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](http://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.

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### 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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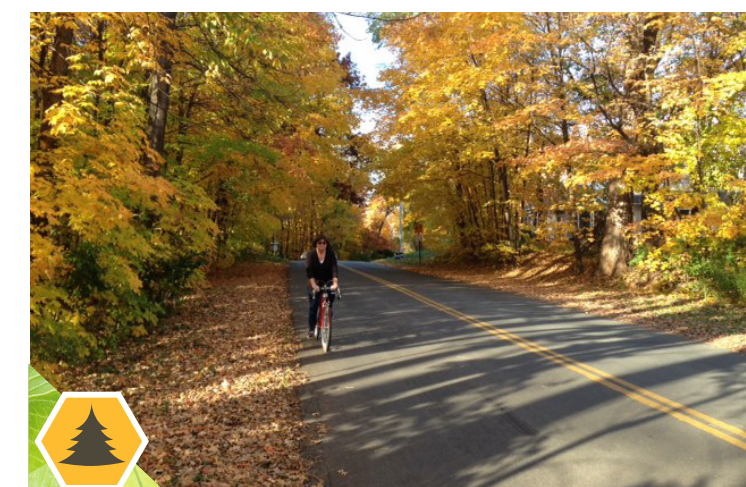


### PINE REFORESTATION

**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.

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### 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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