OPPD is pleased to support the communities we serve by identifying and sharing grant-funding opportunities. Quarterly, we highlight grants that may be of interest to you. If you have a specific grant need, please let us know.

**Community**

*Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grants*

**Deadline:** Opens Oct. 12, 2023, for Q1 2024  
**Eligibility:** Fire departments, law enforcement, emergency medical services, municipal/state organizations and public safety organizations (nonprofits and schools are encouraged to apply for lifesaving equipment).  
**Description:** Provide lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations. Funding areas include lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, disaster relief and support for members of the military.  
**Website:** [https://grants.firehousesubs.com/](https://grants.firehousesubs.com/)

*Nebraska Game and Parks Commission*

**Deadline:** Sept. 23, 3023  
**Eligibility:** Nebraska villages, cities, public power districts, and natural resource districts (political subdivisions except for schools). Examples include playgrounds, picnic facilities, trails, ball fields, soccer fields, shelter houses, tennis courts, multipurpose courts and modest related support facilities. In addition, acquisition of land for a new park or for land that is adjacent to an existing park and to be donated by a private individual or a corporation after federal project approval. Professional consultant services to prepare the application or provide cost estimates, also included.  
**Description:** Funding for community outdoor recreation projects and facilities on land owned or controlled by the project sponsor.  
**Website:** [https://outdoornebraska.gov/about/community-resources/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/](https://outdoornebraska.gov/about/community-resources/grants/land-and-water-conservation-fund/)

*Community Betterment*

*Bloom Box @ School Grant Program*

**Deadline:** Commitments for future planting seasons January through spring 2024  
**Eligibility:** Nebraska 21st Century Learning Centers
Description: Provide gardening and/or tree planting experiences to 21st Century Community Learning Center students for a free 100-sq. ft. pollinator garden and/or up to 10 trees for planting at your school.

Website: https://plantnebraska.org/what-we-do/bloom-box/bloom-box-school.html

Gro More Grassroots Grant Program

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2024

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, school districts, universities, government entities, or tax-exempt organizations like religious organizations and Tribal governments in the United States (U.S.) and U.S. Territories serving at least 15 youth.

Description: Install new or expand existing youth gardens or greenspaces.

Website: https://kidsgardening.org/grant-opportunities/gromoregood-grassroots-grant-22/

Workforce Development

2023 Stephen L. Tadlock Veteran Grant

Deadline: Oct. 18, 2023

Eligibility: Must be a United States (U.S.) military veteran who is a CEO, president, or business owner with a U.S. based business and has 2 – 50 employees.

Description: Used as needed by veteran-owned employers, i.e., seeking professional assistance with preparing documents to qualify for fundings.

Website: https://foundersfirstcdc.org/stephen-tadlock

Civic and Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF – Nebraska)

Deadline: Jan. 15, 2024

Eligibility: Nebraska municipalities, including rural cities and villages. Not eligible are the cities of Omaha and Lincoln, or other municipalities that have received assistance under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act or the Sports Arena Facility Financial Assistance Act, which includes Ralston.

Description: Construct and/or improve community facilities, such as libraries, recreation and wellness centers, gathering spaces, convention centers, town squares and cultural centers. Projects may include the conversion, rehabilitation, reuse of historic buildings or preliminary planning related to the development or rehabilitation of eligible projects.

Website: https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/programs/community/cccff/