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Grant Funding Available – up to \$20,000 for the Purchase of Recycling Equipment

Funding for these recycling equipment grants is provided by the Nebraska Recycling Council. Schools, municipalities, other government entities, nonprofit organizations, and recycling companies are eligible.

Forklifts, skid loaders, balers, recycling trailers, recycling carts, indoor and outdoor recycling bins, cargo trailers, semi-trailers, lift-gates, can crushers, dumpsters, trucks, portable loading ramps, approved recycling labels, equipment for compost operations, and more. Equipment may be new, used, or in need of refurbishing. In some cases, applicant's existing equipment can be refurbished or rebuilt with grant funds.

For more information go to: <https://nrcne.org/recycling-equipment-grants/>



“The only sure thing about luck is that it will change.” – Wilson Mizner

Garfield County Fair and Rodeo Grounds Improvement Project

Garfield County has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of **\$435,000**. The proposed project is improving the Burwell fairgrounds, which has been home to Nebraska's Big Rodeo for the past 99 years. The County raised **\$310,000 in matching funds**, with the **total cost** of the project to be **\$745,000**.



With the 100th anniversary this year, it is especially important the fair and rodeo grounds be at their best! Improvements include the replacement of wind-damaged bleachers; construction of bathrooms; pouring concrete for boxed seating, sidewalks, concession area, and parking lot; as well as construction of a cover for the safety of visitors, following and improving accessibility for those with mobility issues under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Construction will begin as soon as release of funds is awarded from the state.

CNEDD has worked closely with Garfield County in the past to oversee and administer federal grand funded projects. We are beyond excited to be helping with this momentous project. **“These improvements will make a lasting impact on Nebraska's Big Rodeo for future generations,”** said Judy Petersen, CNEDD Executive Director.

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of Nebraska's Big Rodeo. This year's rodeo will be held **on July 28-31**. Nebraska's Big Rodeo was started in September of 1921 by the citizens of Burwell, who wanted to reflect the western heritage of the town. Since then, it has drawn visitors from around the world.