

Guidance Document

University of Nebraska

UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources Climate Study Project

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Climate change is an issue that elicits a strong response regardless of personal perspective or beliefs. We see examples every day of weather events that seem to be more extreme than historical norms. Nebraskans have a vested interest in understanding the impacts generated by climate change due to our reliance on the natural resources of our state to support our largest industry, agriculture. It is clear based upon the passionate and often contradictory viewpoints regarding climate change that neutral, science-based data is needed to fuel informed future discussion and action.

The University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources will update the Assessing Climate Change report released in 2014. A third-party science-based organization will be engaged to develop an independent report that identifies and recommends specific prescriptive measures to be taken by the State of Nebraska relating to the updated Assessing Climate Change report. The prescriptive measures will include (1) a conservation and management plan under section 320 of the federal Clean Water Act and (2) plans for green infrastructure investments and projects to improve resilience to climate change. The Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources will deliver electronically to the Governor and the Nebraska State Legislature both the updated Assessing Climate Change report and independent third-party report providing recommendation by December 1, 2024.

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- **Grants/Project Summary**
 - The University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources will update the Assessing Climate Change report released in 2014.
- **Goals of the Grant/Project**
 - An updated Assessing Climate Change report will be generated
 - A third-party science based organization will be engaged to develop an independent report that identifies and recommends specific prescriptive measures to be taken by the State of Nebraska relating to the updated Assessing Climate Change report. Such prescriptive measures shall include:
 - A conservation and management plan under section 320 of the federal Clean Water Act
 - Plans for green infrastructure investments and projects to improve resilience to climate change
 - The University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources will deliver electronically to the Governor and the Nebraska State Legislature both the updated Assessing Climate Change report and independent report providing recommendations from the third-party science-based organization by December 1, 2024.
- **Program Guidelines to Apply and Conform with State Law**
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- **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Eligibility Case**
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- **Capital Expenditures over \$1 million need written justification to Treasury**
 - N/A
- **In-depth Grant/Project Planning & Process**
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- **Create Process to Administer Funds with Military & State Accounting**
 - The University is coordinating with State Accounting to establish University business units to spend directly from the Military fund at NIS.