

4. Funding

Section Overview

The Funding section of this plan establishes guidelines and limitations related to funding for carrying out the goals, objectives, and action items of the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan (Plan).

Guidelines

When possible, NeDNR and the NRDs will work together to pursue external funding or appropriate incentive programs to implement the goals, objectives, and action items of this Plan.

Some existing potential funding sources are summarized in Table 0.1.

Table 0.1. Some existing funding sources to consider that could potentially support management actions related to implementation of this Plan.

Program	Administering agency or commission
CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)	Farm Service Agency, US Department of Agriculture
EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)	Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Districts' funding (e.g., occupation taxes and levies)	Natural Resources Districts
Nebraska Environmental Trust grants	Nebraska Environmental Trust
Water Resources Cash Fund	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
WaterSMART Grants (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow)	US Bureau of Reclamation
Water Sustainability Fund	Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Limitations

The ability of NeDNR and the NRDs to implement the goals, objectives, and action items for this Plan, including their ability to meet the implementation timeline and intermediate deadlines set forth herein, may be limited by the availability of resources, including (but not limited to) funding or staff resources.

If limited resources prohibit completion or initiation of a specific management action, or if they delay the ability of NeDNR or an NRD to complete a task by an established deadline, such limitations and delays will be discussed by NeDNR and the NRDs at an Annual Meeting [Cross reference to Annual Meeting section]. If such a delay results in the need for revisions to this Plan, the necessary revisions will be made following the procedures set forth in [Cross reference to plan revisions section].