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Ted Cook, Mayor
PO Box 70, 406 E 7th Street
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Dear Mr. Cook,

The Nebraska Legislature passed LB1226 in 2006, which established the Storm Water Management Plan Program. This grant program will provide funding to cities and counties with Storm Water permits to implement their local Storm Water Management Plans (SWMPs). An annual allocation less administrative expenses will be distributed to applicants according to population size. The City of Lexington, permit #NER300003, is entitled to at least \$21,870 and no more than \$492,000 of these funds. Applicants located within urbanized areas will receive 80% of the available funds and those in non-urbanized areas will receive 20%; funds from each category will be distributed evenly amongst the applicants based on their population. If every eligible applicant in your category requests funding, you will receive the minimum amount – if fewer apply, you will receive a larger share.

Requirements and restrictions:

- This money must be used to implement aspects of your SWMP.
- Other appropriate activities may be eligible if your SWMP is amended to include them.
- This money may not be used for operations and maintenance or flood control expenditures.
- You must provide a 20% cash match for any funds received; for example, a \$20 match for every \$100 received.
- The grant award and your cash match must be kept together in their own account.
- Project duration may not go beyond June 30, 2008.
- Annual reports must be submitted yearly for the duration of the project.

If interested in obtaining funding, you must complete the enclosed application and return it to me at the address on this letterhead no later than 3pm Wednesday, November 1st. A signed Cooperative Agreement will be mailed to you on or around November 15th, 2006. The cognizant official, as indicated on the application, must sign the Cooperative Agreement and return it to me by 3pm Friday, December 1st. You will receive full payment of the grant amount within 30 days from receipt of the signed Cooperative Agreement.

Please see enclosed guidance for a more specific timeline and common questions and answers regarding this program. If you have any additional questions, please contact me by e-mail at deana.barger@ndeq.state.ne.us or by phone at 402-471-6988.

Sincerely,

Deana Barger

cc: Joe Peplitsch

