

and Wyoming, \$295,000. Those are just the state funding matches. There are also other funding options, I assume. I don't know what they might be in other states, but I assume those might be local political subdivisions or, in particular, livestock organizations that have a great interest in the program. And the federal government's funding has been about fifty-fifty on those other states.

SENATOR WESELY: So is it the case that the more state funding we put in, the more federal funding we'll receive or is there some sort of match formula?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I think that there would be about a fifty-fifty match, Senator.

SENATOR WESELY: So the more we put in, the more they'll put in?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, I...I don't know, again, I'm not a federal official. I can't tell you what they might put in, but that seems consistent with what they have been doing with surrounding states about 50 percent...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...federal, 50 percent state contribution.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, the only reason is in a lot of different programs I deal with there is usually a clear cut situation where state money, when there is a state/federal cooperative arrangement, there is some sort of understanding that for every dollar of state there is two federal, or 50 cents federal or something. There is no such concrete understanding at this point in this program?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, I'll just again read you the letter from Charlie Brown who is the state coordinator of the Animal Damage Control Program. He says in his letter to me, I feel confident that the federal government's funding level can be, again, increased to at least 50 percent federal, 50 percent state ratio in the future. However, success in the program has been carrying the majority of the financial burden from the federal government. They are not willing to...not going to substantially increase federal dollars to Nebraska without a serious state commitment to this program. So what I suggested in my opening, what I suggest again is...