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SENATOR BEUTLER: The federal money is not...the...outstate Nebraska cannot apply for the federal money?

SENATOR AGUILAR: We researched that. We tried to apply. That's originally how we started, and we could not. They were not awarding any contracts to any other part of Nebraska at this time. They do have some money allocated for next year through the federal program, but they're going to other states and not Nebraska. That was the reasoning behind...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well...

SENATOR AGUILAR: ...why we started this program.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I...I have a hard time understanding whether it's the federal criteria that prevent other places from applying or...well, let me ask that. Is it federal criteria that prevents other places from applying for those funds?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Really, there is no criteria. Anybody can apply for it, but they've already made the statement they are starting no new programs in Nebraska this coming year. They already have selected the other states that the federal funds is going to go to.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So for Lincoln and Omaha it would be federal funds and local funds; for the rest of the state then it would be state funds and local funds.

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's correct, and that goes on throughout the company...country. It's not just Nebraska that's trying to initiate this. Other states have their own state programs in place. Because this works so well and there are not enough federal funds available, that's how we come up with the idea. We're not reinventing the wheel. We're doing something that's already out there, that other states are doing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And the Lincoln and Omaha programs, do they have to follow exactly the provisions of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993? The Omaha and Lincoln programs that are getting the federal funds, do...they have to