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Strong ticket sales in the final months of 2012 resulted in the largest amount of proceeds transferred to the Nebraska Lottery's beneficiary funds since the Lottery was established in 1993.

Imperial was one of the beneficiaries of the \$10,260,110 derived from a share of Scratch and Lotto ticket sales from the previous three months. The money is distributed through five funds. The City of Imperial received \$9,992 through the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, which distributed \$4,565,749 total.

City Clerk/Administrator Jo Leyland said she had actually applied for \$11,425 for eight new trailers for cardboard recycling.

With the funds, the city was able to purchase eight flatbed trailers, and employees built the sides that hold in the cardboard.

"The materials didn't cost as much as we thought, and the total hours our employees worked was a little more than we thought," she stated. Therefore, the Environmental Trust Fund funded 84 percent of the total project cost, with the city matching 16 percent in labor.

Most of the trailers are parked near businesses that generate large amounts of cardboard for recycling.

Leyland said the city needs a new recycling building, because the present one on Hwy. 6 doesn't have enough room for the recycling projects.

She said she plans to apply for a grant from the Environmental Trust Fund next fall for that purpose.