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**$55,000 Awarded through Nebraska FFA Foundation**

**Local Chapter Grant Program**

(Lincoln)- Eleven Nebraska FFA chapters were awarded funds through the Nebraska FFA Foundation local chapter grant program.

This program, in its second year, supports Nebraska agricultural education classrooms, FFA programs and individual student entrepreneurship Supervised Agricultural Experiences. Funds are provided by the Nebraska FFA Foundation and its general fund donors. Around 30 applications were submitted requesting over $150,000.

The 11 grant recipients are Valentine for $10,000 for a torchmate plasma table, Rock County received $3,850 for their school-based enterprise “Gelato on the Go”, Ogallala received $3,500 for their school-based enterprise for a bee cooperative, Wauneta-Palisade received $9,363 for updating their shop equipment, Amherst received $8,000 for a new greenhouse, McCook received $5,000 for tower gardens, Lakeview received $4,500 for updating and fixing their greenhouse, McPherson County received $4,139 for a CNC router, Tri-County received $2,500 for updating their greenhouse equipment, Norfolk received $500 for their “Grow, Show, Know” fish project and High Plains received $3,750 for an animal learning lab shelter.

“Our board worked many years to develop sustainable funding to provide this program. The board knew that there were many programs in need of more financial support to develop career-ready students in agriculture, and awarding $55,000 will give students in these schools some of the resources necessary to reach their full potential,” said Stacey Agnew, Nebraska FFA Foundation Executive Director.

Many of these grant recipients will be showcased on the Nebraska FFA Foundation website and social media throughout the next year. Applications for the 2019 Local Chapter Grant Program will open in April.

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**About the Nebraska FFA Foundation:**

The mission of the Nebraska FFA Foundation is to enhance quality education/FFA programs in order to achieve excellence in leadership development, curriculum innovation and scholastic advancement of students. For more information, visit neffafoundation.org.

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