The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation’s purpose is to increase the visibility of the Extension by raising and granting funds to further projects and activities in the areas of agriculture, natural resources, community development, family and consumer sciences, horticulture and 4-H youth development...

Kansas State University Research and Extension—Johnson County

Grant Awards
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Dear JCEEF Members,

Here is a BIG Thankyou to all of ‘YOU’ —Members and Donors who have supported the Johnson County Extension Education Foundation. Your support for the Foundation allowed a total of $21,250.50 to be granted in 2023 for worthy projects supporting the educational aspects of Extension. This year’s grants were awarded for rebuilding gardens, smart signs, watering system upgrade, metal edging, trail signs, plant markers, ‘Operation Wildlife’ programs for the JMG program and so much more. The grants are highlighted below. Your participation made all of this possible.

We hope you will join us to celebrate at our Signature Event and auction on August 26. This event is our major fund raising event for 2023. The funds and your memberships will allow 2024 grants to become available. We are looking forward to a fun event with a live and silent auction and a lovely dinner catered by Jack’s Stack restaurant. There will be balloons, wine, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, dessert and lots of comradery. Ticket price is $50. More details to follow.

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Summary of 2023 Grant Awards

- **EMG - Deanna Rose Farmstead**
  Signage, hardscape and tools to help gardeners maintain the 12 demonstration gardens.
  - $1,000

- **VITA - Supplies and Volunteer Support**
  Necessary paper supplies need to provide free income tax preparations for low income residents.
  - $1,500

- **EMFV - SNAP Scholarships**
  Provide scholarships for 20 SNAP ED participants to attend an EMFV adult cooking class for free.
  - $500

- **EMG - Demonstration Gardens at Shawnee Town**
  Improvements to water system for the herb and country gardens used to educate the public.
  - $1,000

- **EMG - Shawnee Indian Mission Gardens**
  Pollinator-friendly plants to educate on their aesthetically pleasing qualities.
  - $400

- **EMG - Backyard Garden**
  Smart signs that will link to educational materials on the Extension website for use by visitors during tours.
  - $960

- **4-H Youth Development - 4-H Livestock Judging**
  Provide education around the livestock industry for 4-H youth that might not otherwise have the opportunity.
  - $800

- **EMN - Sunset Nature Trail Signs**
  Signs to increase awareness of native floras and their benefits and the Extension Master Naturalist Program.
  - $2,090

- **EMG - Blue Valley Wilderness Science Center**
  Native pollinator plants to support the environmental curriculum of the Blue Valley School District.
  - $300

- **EMG - Operation Wildlife Program for Junior EMGs**
  Provide classes to JEMGs to develop an appreciation and knowledge of wildlife living in our area.
  - $1,125

- **EMN - Mill Creek**
  Monitor, maintain, and restore natural conditions in Mill Creek while providing education and outreach.
  - $300

- **EMG - Backyard Garden Cutting Garden**
  Cut flower bouquets are taken to food pantries. Educational tours & classes are offered at the garden.
  - $575

$10,700 in additional grants for 2023.
Blue Valley Wilderness Science
Planting Native Plants

Shawnee Indian Mission
Plants for IMGC Tour

Shawnee Town Gardens
Metal Edging

Deanna Rose Farmstead
Rebuilding of Five Gardens

Backyard Garden
Expanding the Cutting Garden