

McLouth FFA – \$3,500

McLouth FFA is requesting funds to cover the cost of all meals for all FFA students during the 2021-2022 school year. Forty seven percent of McLouth students are on a free and reduced lunch program. Therefore, when FFA leaves for competitions which involve being gone all day, students are not able to receive their lunch provided by the school. Because McLouth FFA believes that trips outside of school are a way to help students grow and learn, the decision to attend those trips should not be based upon financial factors. McLouth FFA provides all meals to students for both day trips as well as overnight trips.

North Topeka Outreach - \$1,500

Topeka North Outreach, Inc. (TNO) is working to alleviate CHILDHOOD HUNGER in Topeka through its Operation Backpack Program by providing food, the most basic of all human needs.

Food insecurity affects 37 million Americans and transcends social, economic and cultural boundaries. Food insecurity harms children, working-age adults, people with disabilities and seniors. It affects their health, learning and productivity leading to increased costs for families, employers, and government.

Many families simply do not have adequate resources to purchase enough food and also pay for rent, utilities and other basics. Households with children are particularly vulnerable to hunger. This has been evermore prevalent during the COVID-19 pandemic when employment and food prices have fluctuated daily.

Grant funds received by TNO for the OBP are used to purchase food and supplies to fight to alleviate childhood hunger in Topeka.

RABC - \$2,500

The funding we are requesting will be used to pay for screening and diagnostic services in our community. We pay for 3D screening mammograms, 3D diagnostic mammograms and ultrasounds to aid in the good breast health practices and early detection of breast cancer for those we serve.

Mammography is the best tool to do this. The following categories of northeast Kansans are eligible to be served by the RABC no-cost mammography program.

- Women aged 40 and above who live in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Douglas, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Lyon, Marshall, Morris, Nemaha, Osage, Pottawatomie, Riley, Shawnee or Wabaunsee counties whose household income is 250% or below the poverty guidelines qualify for the RABC no-cost mammography program.
- Women who are aged 20 – 40 who have a family history of breast cancer, current breast issue(s) and meet the county and income guidelines are also eligible to receive services with the recommendation of their health care provider.
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Brothers in Blue - \$3,000

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Perry Lecompton Community Library - \$3,000

The Library is looking to establish a computer and audio-visual center that will allow us to begin to expand our outreach and connections to the library community we serve. We intend to start with a small array of four computer stations wirelessly synched with a big screen television and printer/copier services. We will also have additional workspace that would allow others to bring in personal electronic devices.

Auburn Fire - \$4,500

The turnpike sees a lot of traffic that includes large semi-tractor trailers, the hauling of heaving equipment. Out of the entire fire district the Kansas Turnpike has the most motor vehicle accidents. Very recently we needed but did not have heavy lifting jacks and stabilization struts to secure an overturned semi in order to extricate the driver. As we did not have this equipment, we had to call for assistance from Topeka Fire which resulted in a significant time delay in extricating the patient.

After much review of the incident, and review of available products to help us with this unique type of situation. We discovered heaving struts for stabilization are a common tool used by fire departments that cover large portions of highway. We would use this money to purchase a heavy strut kit.

Leavenworth Co. Livestock Committee - \$2,000

Livestock judging helps to develop a keen sense of critical thinking, decision making skills, confidence in themselves, and a priceless skill of being able to defend your decisions through public speaking. These skills follow youth throughout their life in whatever career they choose.

The goal of this group is to offer this opportunity to anyone who is interested in attending. Sponsorship support will enable the cost of this clinic to be kept at an affordable price (or possibly free). Scholarships would be available as well with the goal of never turning away a youth who wishes to participate.

Youth from Jefferson, Leavenworth, Douglas, Shawnee, Jackson, counties and many more participated in this event in the past.