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Rural Development



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Rural Grocery Summit

Accessing Funds For Your Rural Grocery Store

USDA Rural Development

Committed to the Future of Rural Communities

- More than 40 loan and grant programs
 - Business Programs
 - Community Programs
 - Housing Programs
 - Utilities Programs

USDA Rural Development

Rural Kansas Assistance

- \$253 million invested in 2015
 - Job creation and economic development
 - Improvements to critical infrastructure
 - Upgrades to essential community facilities
 - Housing opportunities

Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan

Onaga Country Market

- \$500,000 Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan to purchase equipment needed to construct and operate a new grocery store
- Fire destroyed previous building
- Multiple funding partners including: Network Kansas, City of Onaga, Pottawatomie County



Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Haverkamp Grocery in Centralia

- Locally owned since 1973
- Coolers had not been updated in over 20 years
- \$30,988 REAP Grant to install new energy efficient coolers
- New cooler cases have lowered the store's electric bill by at least \$600 per month



Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)

Moon's Grocery Store in Humboldt

- \$65,000 REAP Grant in 2015
 - Upgraded lighting to LED lights
 - Replaced open coolers with refrigeration display cases
 - Saving approximately \$38,000 per year with new energy efficiency upgrades

- \$8,154 REAP Grant in 2014
 - Upgrade old HVAC system, to a new more energy efficient system
 - Saving approximately \$7,500 per year



Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant

Haven Foodliner

- \$160,000 Rural Economic Development Loan to Ark Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Transfer of ownership to new owners Doug and Lucinda Nech, as 20-year owner of the store retired
- Only grocery store in Haven, closest grocery store is 25 miles away



Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant

Schwinn Produce Farm & The Barn in Leavenworth

- Operated a produce farm since 1974
- \$100,000 REDLG Loan to Leavenworth Jefferson Electric Cooperative for Schwinn Produce Farm
- Construction of a new building and expansion of the produce farm



Rural Business Development Grant

University of Northern Iowa Institute for Decision Making (Cedar Falls)

- \$32,000 RBDG Grant
- Conduct a feasibility study on how incorporating food hubs into rural grocery stores can help prevent and absolve food deserts in rural Iowa

Value Added Producer Grant

Farm Fresh HQ Coop Association in Lawrence

- \$244,943 Value-Added Producer Grant
- Grant will be used for working capital to finance business start-up costs for a Regional Food Hub to serve northeast Kansas, northwest Missouri, and the Kansas City metropolitan area



Community Facilities Loan & Grant

Pittsburg Farmers Market Inc.

- \$110,000 Community Facilities Loan and \$82,000 Community Facilities Grant
- New pavilion building to house the Pittsburg Farmer's Market
- Has space for approximately 20 vendors
 - Tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, squash, peas, potatoes, strawberries, Swiss chard, radishes, beats, garlic, cabbage, elk meat, eggs, chicken/goat/beef meat, and much more





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