

Grants awarded to local businesses

(KNZA)--Kansas Governor Laura Kelly recently announced more than \$9 million in grants for projects to strengthen the state's food supply system.

According to a release from the Governor's Office, 183 Kansas agriculture and food-related businesses in more than 70 counties were awarded grants as part of the Securing Local Food Systems grant program.

In Atchison County, there were three grant recipients. Diamond C Food Service was awarded \$100,000; Atchison County Food Pantry, \$18,500; and Genova Farms Produce, \$10,000.

In Doniphan County, there were three grant recipients. Anderson Meats was awarded \$80,000; John's Market, \$50,000; and The Marie Antoinette Gluten Free Baking Company, \$30,000.

In Jackson County, Holton Meat Processing was awarded a \$100,000 grant and Cecil K's Hometown Market, \$50,000.

In Jefferson County, Sweetlove Farm and Bowser Meat Processing were each awarded \$100,000 grants. Other grant recipients included Winchester Meat Processing, \$30,000; Steph's Garden, \$16,400; Stony Ridge Farms, \$5,000; and Pantry of Hope, \$3,000.

In Marshall County, there were 3 grant recipients. Frankfort Meat Company was awarded \$100,000; Marshall County Agency on Aging, \$15,000 and VB Farms, \$5,000.

In Pottawatomie County, Onaga Meat was awarded a \$100,000 grant.

The release says the grant money can be used for a wide scope of capital expenses related to increasing the capacity of the businesses.

The Securing Local Food Systems grant is one of several grants made possible in the second round of the Federal CARES Act funding and approved by the Kansas SPARK Task Force.