

Grants awarded for local renewable energy projects

**(KMZA)--USDA Rural Development has awarded grants for several local renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements.**

**The grant awards were announced last week.**

**USDA Rural Development Kansas State Director Christy Davis says the investments will lower energy costs, generate new income and strengthen the resilience of small businesses in Kansas.**

**Titan Trailer Manufacturing, in Waterville, will receive a nearly \$299,000 grant to help purchase and install a 499 kilowatt roof mounted solar array. According to a release, the project is estimated to replace nearly 649,000 kilowatt hours annually, enough energy to power 61 homes. Titan Trailer has 92 employees.**

**A more than \$16,000 grant will help install a rooftop solar power system at Charles Bebermeyer- agricultural operation in rural Hiawatha. The project will save nearly \$2,800 and generate more than 16,000 kilowatt hours annually**

**Also a nearly \$6,400 grant will help install a new energy efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Kelly's Kennels in McLouth. The project will save more than 4,000 kilowatt hours per year.**

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