

USDA grant awarded for local renewable energy project  
**(KNZA)--USDA Rural Development is investing nearly \$480,000 in critical infrastructure to combat climate change and expand access to clean energy for people across rural Kansas.**

**The funding is through the Rural Energy for America Program, which helps farmers and rural businesses and entrepreneurs purchase and install renewable energy systems and make improvements to energy efficiency.**

**Grants have been awarded for 11 renewable energy projects in Kansas—including a local project.**

**A nearly \$67,000 grant will help rural Sabetha dairy operator Anita Rokey purchase and install a 129-kilowatt ground mounted solar array. According to a news release, the project will save an estimated 194,147 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year, enough energy to power nineteen homes. Rokey currently has three full-time employees and six part-time employees.**

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