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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OHIO FFA ANNOUNCE 2014 GRANT PROGRAM

13 Local FFAs Received ARCOP Funding in 2013

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Jan. 27, 2014) – Ohio Department of Agriculture today released grant applications for the 2014 Agricultural and Rural Community Outreach Program (ARCOP). The program, jointly administered by the Ohio FFA Foundation, Ohio FFA Association and the Ohio Department of Agriculture, helps local FFA chapters finance worthy community development projects.

Local FFA chapters can submit project proposals until March 15 to the Ohio FFA Foundation. A committee will then select projects to receive grant funds ranging from \$750 to \$2,500. Grant winners will be notified by April 1.

“FFA provides valuable, life-shaping experiences for our young people,” said Ohio Department of Agriculture Director David T. Daniels. “The Ohio Department of Agriculture is proud to partner with Ohio FFA Foundation and Association for a second year to help students fund community projects that teach them the value of giving back to their communities while gaining experience as agricultural leaders.”

Last year, 13 local FFA chapters were awarded funding for projects in a variety of areas including agriculture and emergency safety training, agricultural science, animal welfare, and targeting hunger needs of school children and rural populations.

“With the success of the 2013 projects, Ohio FFA is looking forward to working with our partners to help fund another round of diverse, worthwhile community projects,” said FFA Foundation Director Melissa Bell.

One notable project from the Waterford FFA in Washington County created an “Agriculture is Science” Day. The goal of this program is to expand elementary students’ knowledge of science, enabling them to become more aware of its relationship with agriculture and natural resources. FFA members are in the process of developing 15 educational stations to be taught at a 4-H camp, Camp Hervidad, to 120 second and third grade students during a six- hour program. All stations are linked to Ohio Department of Education academic content standards, raising the academic relevance of the event.



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The program is funded by a \$38,000 grant provided by the Ohio Department of Agriculture through the Ohio Rural Rehabilitation fund. For more information on grant guidelines or to apply, visit <http://ohioffa.org/foundation/foundation-news/>.

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Note to Editors: Attached is the full list of local FFA chapters awarded funding through the 2013 Agricultural and Rural Community Outreach Program.





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2013 Agricultural and Rural Community Outreach Program Grant Recipients

Anthony Wayne FFA, Lucas County, Plant Science and Community Service
Eastwood FFA, Wood County, Agriculture Emergency Responders Training
Fort Loramie FFA, Shelby County, Building Raised Garden Beds for Food Bank
Hardin Northern FFA, Hardin County, Backpack Buddies Program
Madison Plains FFA, Madison County, Grow to Fight Hunger Program
Miami East FFA, Miami County, Grain Safety Tubes Education
North Union FFA, Union County, Barnyard Buddies Literary Program
Pettisville FFA, Fulton County, Presentations on Animal Welfare
Plymouth FFA, Huron/Richland Counties, Mini Garden Pot Program
Ridgemont FFA, Hardin County, Community Service Activities
Versailles FFA, Darke County, Hydroponics community garden
Waterford FFA, Washington County, "Agriculture is Science" Day
Zane Trace FFA, Ross County, Great Seal Park Fitness Trail Program



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