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TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Bureau of Waste Management has announced the recipients of solid waste reduction grants. These annual solid waste grants are awarded to cities, counties and private entities across the state. The grants total nearly \$190,000 for 2021 and establish recycling, composting and education programs that will divert recyclable material from landfills.

The Solid Waste reduction grants go toward funding waste reduction education, recycling and composting. This year's 12 individual solid waste reduction grants range from \$1,414.16 to \$56,250. The grants are funded through a \$1/ton waste disposal fee. The grantees are listed below. For information about their projects and dollar amounts awarded, please visit our website.

- Century Van Lines, Leavenworth County
- Food Cycle KC P1, Johnson County
- Food Cycle KC P2, Johnson County
- Food Cycle KC P4, Johnson County
- Unified Greeley County, Greeley County
- Harvey County, Harvey County
- Leavenworth County, Leavenworth County
- City of Liberal, Seward County
- M&M Textile Recycling, Johnson County
- City of Oakley, Logan County
- Service Recycling, Cherokee and SE Kansas
- Missouri Organic Recycling, Kansas City serving statewide

Applicants were notified of their grants on June 30 and are excited to get started on their projects. Here are some of their reactions:

- "On behalf of our Recycling Center, thank you for the award of grant funding!" Christy Hopkins, Unified Greeley County
- "That is Awesome news!! Thank you!!" Justin Bland, Harvey County
- "We Accept!!! Thanks for your confidence in our plan," Stan Slaughter, Missouri Organic
- "That's such exciting news! Our heads are spinning with plans for how this will help us move forward to help reduce food waste in Kansas," Karen Ramsey and Alan Staples, Food Cycle KC

For more information on KDHE's waste reduction grant opportunities and application procedures, visit <a href="https://www.kdheks.gov/waste">www.kdheks.gov/waste</a>.