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Twenty two State FFA Associations Receive Grants from CSX

INDIANAPOLIS (*Tuesday, April 12/National FFA Organization*) – Twenty two state FFA associations and foundations recently received grants from CSX which will help them operate.

The CSX State Grants, which help support a variety of FFA programs and activities, are awarded to associations and foundations located in the 22 states where CSX currently operates. States currently receiving funding include: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The grants, which have been awarded since 2012, can be used by the state foundation and associations in such a way as to assist with FFA programming and support. For example, some states have used the funds for workshops, conferences and state conventions, while others have used the fund to update facilities used for FFA events. The grants offer states flexibility to use where it will be most impactful for the members they serve.

“In addition to the program support provided to the FFA Foundation, CSX recognizes that state FFA organizations have their own priorities which can benefit from these grants”, said Tori Kaplan, AVP, CSX Corporate Social Responsibility. “The funding provides the flexibility for state organizations to operate more effectively and often helps make connections with CSX and its employees locally. Building relationships with FFA at the state level are equally important to the valued relationship we enjoy with the National FFA Organization.”

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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About National FFA Organization

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 629,367 student members as part of 7,757 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at FFA.org, on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

About National FFA Foundation

The National FFA Foundation builds partnerships with industry, education, government, other foundations and individuals to secure financial resources that recognize FFA member achievements, develop student leaders and support the future of agricultural education. Governed by a 19-member board of trustees comprised of educators, business leaders, individual donors and FFA alumni, the foundation is a separately-registered nonprofit organization. About 82 percent of every dollar received by the foundation supports FFA members and agricultural education opportunities. For more, visit FFA.org/Give.