

### Going Green Funds Come Local

Several area communities and schools will benefit from long running “going green” grant funds, allocated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Waste Management(Play Audio :14 seconds)

That's spokesman Jonathan Larance who says the funds actually come through two separate sources, including the Green Schools Grants, which have been provided over the past five years(Play Audio :17 seconds)

The second source of funding comes through Waste Tire Recycling Grants, which have been utilized for the past six years(Play Audio :25 seconds)

Under the Green School initiative, grants ranging from just over 2-hundred-dollars to 45-hundred, were awarded to 26 schools across Kansas, totaling more than 75-thousand-dollars.

Local schools receiving funding include Centralia where 45-hundred dollars will be spent to purchase composting equipment.

The Valley Falls School receives 632-dollars to be used to purchase new equipment, while the Wamego Middle School receives 45-hundred-dollars for the purchase of composting equipment and supplies, recycling containers and collection carts.

More than 375-thousand-dollars was awarded in Waste Tire Recycling Grant funds, with Atchison County receiving 1-thousand-576-dollars to be used to purchase four park benches and four plastic tables.

2-thousand-812 dollars will purchase loose fill rubber mulch for use in Marshall County, where a 2-thousand-880 square foot landscaping project will be conducted at the Marshall County Courthouse.

And 478-dollars is designated for use by Jackson Heights USD 335. The school district will purchase four 6 foot park benches for the Jackson Heights Middle School.