



CoBank Awards \$10,000 Matching Grant to Midway Coop Ag Fund

OSBORNE, Kan. — The Midway Coop Ag Fund has received a \$10,000 matching grant from CoBank through its **Sharing Success** program, doubling Midway Coop's recent \$10,000 contribution to the fund.

Sharing Success is CoBank's annual charitable matching program that supports organizations important to its customer-owners and the communities they serve. As a customer-owner of CoBank, Midway Coop was eligible to nominate a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization it supported during the year. CoBank then matched the cooperative's contribution dollar for dollar.

Established in 2024 with the Osborne County Community Foundation (OCCF), the Midway Coop Ag Fund is designed to strengthen agriculture across the cooperative's regional operating area, which includes Jewell, Osborne, Russell, and Smith counties. The fund creates grant opportunities for agriculture-related projects, FFA programs, and 4-H clubs within those communities.

The Midway Coop Ag Fund began producing grants in 2025 and will again open for grant applications during OCCF's second-quarter competitive grant cycle, beginning March 1, 2026. Applications will be available at www.osborneccf.org.

"This matching gift through CoBank's Sharing Success program significantly enhances the impact of the Midway Coop Ag Fund," said **Mindy Miller, executive director of the Osborne County Community Foundation**. "Support like this helps ensure continued investment in agricultural education and youth programs that are vital to the future of our rural communities."

"We thank CoBank for this generous matching opportunity to double the impact to our local communities. The Midway Coop Ag Fund is positioned to help agriculture in our area annually for generations to come," said **Craig Mans, General Manager of Midway Coop**.

The CoBank match brings the total recent investment in the Midway Coop Ag Fund to \$20,000, further strengthening the fund's ability to support agriculture-focused initiatives across north-central Kansas.

For more information about the Midway Coop Ag Fund or OCCF's grant programs, visit www.osborneccf.org.