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2019 Funding $1,143,800

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4-H Youth Development—provides a safe, healthy, caring environment while enhancing life skills and sparking an early interest in healthy living, civic engagement, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) while partnering with volunteers to meet our goals:

- 4333 Youth participated in 4-H Programs through clubs, afterschool, school enrichment, special interest or camp settings
- 934 Youth participated in our school enrichment Ag Literacy programs
- Over 100 Youth explored a variety of careers in STEM (includes Agriculture and Natural Resources) and Healthy Living
- Over 200 4-H members participated in evaluation or volunteered at the Great Schaghticoke Fair

Horticulture—provides technical grower support for farmers and consumer education and builds capacity for education through Master Gardeners with local and regional CCE educators:

- Master Gardeners volunteered 4916 hours to provide consumer education and carry out horticulture community service efforts
- 200 attended the Annual Spring Garden Day which focused on local foods and featured a keynote panel “Exploring The Farm To Table Revolution”
- Scouting for invasive species workshops, Summer Gardening Series, Pesticide Applicator Training, one-on-one producer farm visits, Winter Grower Schools, Annual Bedding Plant and Cut Flower Conferences resulted in over 500 participants
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- 88 youth participated in an intensive 6 week food series focusing on healthy snacks, food safety and balancing their diet
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- 2200 food pantry patrons benefited from our Food Pantry Marketing Initiative
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Agriculture—provides technical farmer support and education as well as consumer education

- Harvest Connection has grown to 110 participating farmers and 350 newsletter subscribers
- Harvest Connection App was developed and preparing for public roll out
- 65 participate in our Ag Informer blog and we have had 2760 Ag Informer blog visits
- Roughly 250 attended the Farm Day Out event at Kinderhook Creek Farm to get an up-close look at a working farm and “meet the farmer”
- Roughly 100 farmers participated in an agriculture education offering from grazing and beef quality assurance to farming startup/business and parasite management

Healthy Homes—provide in-home education with residents to increase their health and quality of life through management of their home environment

- 298 homes participated in our Healthy Neighborhoods Program. Participants increased knowledge of in-home safety and air quality
- 108 households participated in our Primary Lead Inspection and Education Program.