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## **CCAC Awards FFA Grant to Bethune FFA**

[Centennial, CO -- February 25, 2023] The Colorado Corn Administrative Committee is pleased to announce that the Bethune FFA chapter was one of three Colorado FFA chapters to have been awarded a grant to help them give students more opportunities.

“The Colorado Corn Administrative Committee is proud to provide grants to these FFA Chapters, so they have the tools to develop agriculture’s leaders of the future,” said Nicholas Colglazier, Executive Director for the CCAC.

**Bethune FFA Grant Proposal:** *Addition of CNC Plasma cutter as 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of tech and equipment upgrades to give students opportunity to acquire skills in metal fabrication.*

Jerrod Bessire, the Bethune FFA advisor said, “In purchasing the Arc Light CNC Machine, it will allow several opportunities for our chapter and FFA members. Students will be able to design and manufacture a multitude of projects, parts and metal art. It is also our goal for students to market these projects, thus incorporating elements of entrepreneurship into our FFA Chapter. This would also enable students to strengthen their SAE's.”

Having a positive impact on the school and the community is also important when considering the FFA grant applications and is considered when grant winners are selected. Bessire continued, “As we are still a newly formed chapter and ag program, our resources to purchase updated and relevant equipment have been stressed. The Colorado Corn Administrative Committee Grant will permit the Bethune FFA Chapter and Bethune School District to acquire such technology and equipment that is so industry-relevant to our students interests and pathways.”

“In addition, this will allow our students another avenue to be independent, practice and implement industry-related activities and will provide a sense of pride and workmanship within their selected projects,” he added.