

# Kansas Regional Water Program

The Kansas Department of Commerce (KDC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (RD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) committing them to collaborate to fund regional water projects in Kansas. The regional water projects would encompass two or more municipalities/entities who voluntarily agree they must solve a drinking water related need.



The Kansas Department of Commerce has set aside one million dollars to be used exclusively for regional water projects. KDHE and Rural Development have also made commitments to fund regional water projects through their respective loan and

loan/grant programs. Communities may apply when they feel they are ready to proceed with their project.



The first step in securing a regional grant is for an interested applicant to submit a Letter of Interest to the funding agencies that outlines a potential scope of work and project target area. An interested applicant is comprised of a group of entities that share a similar water need. The group is usually headed by one entity that takes the lead in coordinating with the funding agencies. Each funding agency will ensure the project qualifies under their respective programs. Once all funding agencies have signed off on the Letter of Interest, the applicant may then work on a privately funded feasibility study or it may apply to KDHE for a regional public water supply planning grant ([www.kdheks.gov/pws/documents/PlanningGrants.pdf](http://www.kdheks.gov/pws/documents/PlanningGrants.pdf)). If the feasibility study is privately funded it must still conform to the preliminary engineering

report criteria as outlined in the instructions for KDHE's regional public water supply planning grant.

The planning study will help make a final determination on the scope of work, cost estimates and level of financial commitment required to address all the needs outlined in the study.



The funding agencies will use the results of the planning study to make a final determination on the financial commitments that will be made by each party. The applicant will then be asked to submit an application to each respective funding agency in order to secure the final funding for the project.

Water projects deemed best addressed by a regional approach will be evaluated by the funding agencies. Any entity that withdraws from the regional approach may not be separately funded by the funding agencies.

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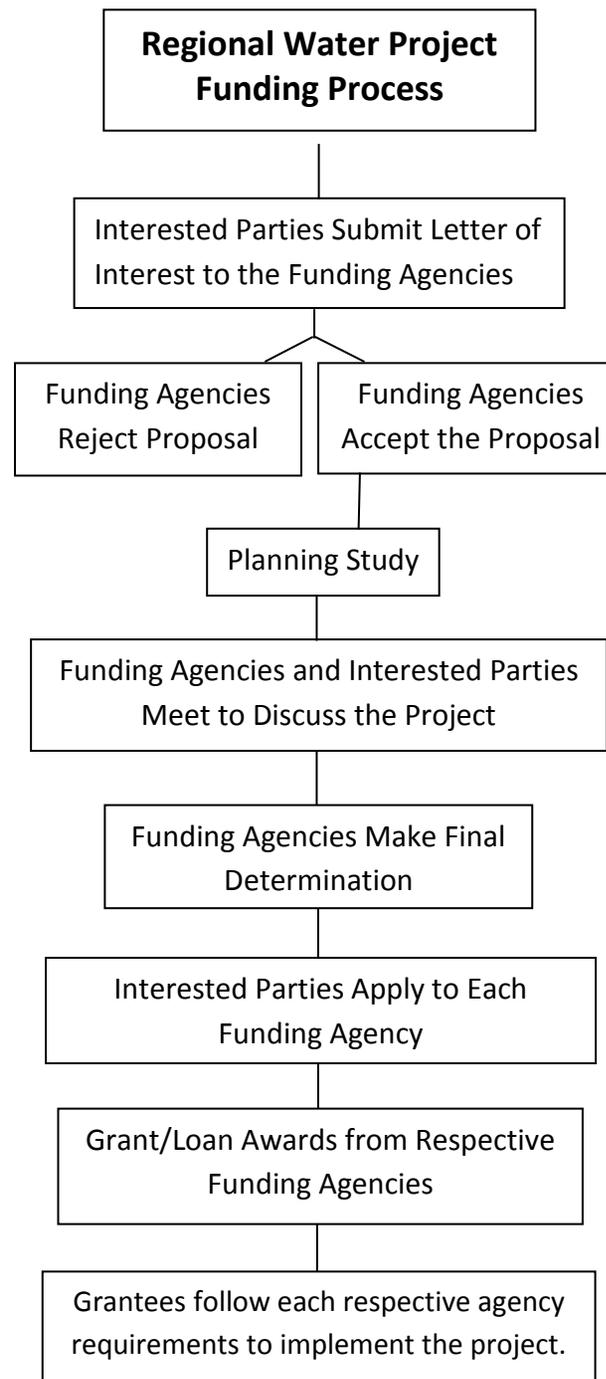
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