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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

BIG PEOPLE
COME
OUT OF
SMALL
TOWNS"

– William Inge

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

OVERVIEW

Kansas Main Street

Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission (KCAIC)

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Placemaking

Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP)

Individual Development Accounts Program (IDA)

Housing Assessment Tool (HAT)

Community Development Partners



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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

KANSAS MAIN STREET

PROGRAM

Main Street is a self-help, technical assistance program for downtown revitalization and preservation focused on:
economic vitality, design, organization, and promotion.

Communities can become a **DESIGNATED** or **AFFILIATE** Kansas Main Street Community.



HISTORIC ECONOMIC ASSET LIFELINE (HEAL)

PROGRAM

Realizing the need to rehabilitate downtown buildings with funding that can be disbursed quickly and efficiently, the Kansas Department of Commerce has partnered with the Patterson Family Foundation to offer grants across the state.

The HEAL program is designed to bring downtown buildings back into productive use. Projects submitted must show potential as economic drivers in the community.





QUALITY OF PLACE

Looking
FOR LOVE
again

KANSAS CREATIVE ARTS INDUSTRIES COMMISSION

PROGRAM

(KCAIC) is dedicated to promoting, supporting and expanding Kansas' creative industries and enriching communities through arts and culture.



KANSAS CREATIVE ARTS INDUSTRIES COMMISSION

GRANTS AND INITIATIVES

GRANTS

Strategic Investment Program

Arts Integration Program

Reimagined Spaces

Mural and Public Art

Organization Mentorship

INITIATIVES

Creative Writing

Mural Making

New Dance Lab

Tallgrass Artist Residency
and much more!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

PROGRAM

The CDBG program provides funding for projects that help low-to moderate-income neighborhoods thrive. Projects range from sidewalks to community centers, youth job training programs, and much more.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

FUNDING

Approximately \$14.5 million annually

Funding is prioritized for areas of need in Kansas

Only cities/counties can apply for CDBG

Projects must meet one of three National Objectives

(1) LMI Percentage

(2) Slum and Blight

(3) Urgent Need

Competitive and Rolling application rounds!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

CATEGORIES

ANNUAL COMPETITION

DUE: TBD 2024

Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Community Centers, Libraries
and Parks, Sidewalks and Trails

Non-Profit Childcare and
Educational Facilities

Youth Job Training

Architectural Barrier Removal

OPEN WINDOW

DUE: DEC. 1, 2023

Regional Water Planning

Commercial Rehabilitation

Housing (Rehabilitation, Demolition,
Neighborhood Development)

Economic Development

Urgent Need

WHAT IS

PLACEMAKING?

Placemaking is the **activation** and **reimagining of public spaces** in communities. It is the ongoing collaborative process of creating quality places to strengthen the connection between **people** and their **communities**.



PLACEMAKING

PROGRAM

Engaging Placemaking for Innovative Communities (EPIC) is an opportunity for arts-driven community development projects designed to connect cross-sector local and regional stakeholders. EPIC provides technical assistance, funding, and mentorship through planning and execution.



PLACEMAKING

PROGRAM

Spaces to Places is for building community cohesion, as a key to implementing projects. It supports community-led projects that create, revitalize, or activate public spaces, and bring people together to create welcoming and thriving communities across Kansas.





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**TOOLS TO BRING
IT ALL TOGETHER**

COMMUNITY SERVICE TAX CREDIT (CSP)

PROGRAM

Amplifying fundraising activities for non-profits.

The Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP) allows private, non-profit organizations and public health care entities to improve their ability to undertake significant capital campaigns for projects involving children and family services, non-governmental crime prevention, youth apprenticeship or youth technical training, and health care.

Under this program, the state authorizes specially selected non-profit organizations to offer tax credits to donors making contributions to the approved projects.



INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT (IDA)

PROGRAM

Strengthening fundraising for organizations by increasing individual economic prosperity

IDA allows administering organizations to provide qualified Kansans of low-income levels the opportunity to achieve financial self-sufficiency through education and asset development via special savings accounts. An Individual Development Account, also known as an “IDA,” is a savings account for low-income workers that can be used for small-business development, higher education, or purchasing a first home.



HOUSING ASSESSMENT TOOL (HAT)

PROGRAM

The Housing Assessment Tool (HAT) is a self-assessment guide for communities to gather and analyze data on their housing inventory, partner with relevant stakeholders, and develop priorities for local housing investment.



A photograph of two young children, a Black boy and a white boy, lying on their stomachs on a light-colored wooden table in a library. The boy on the left, wearing a red shirt and blue jeans, is holding a book and looking at it. The boy on the right, wearing a blue shirt, is also looking at a book. In the background, there are green shelves filled with books and colorful storage bins. The text "KANSAS" is overlaid in large white letters, and "COMMERCE" is overlaid in smaller white letters below it.

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**A FOCUS ON
CHILDCARE**



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ARE KEY

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Program Type:

Industry:

Purpose:

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INITIATIVES AND INCENTIVES

102 Results

State Park Revitalization and Investment in Notable Tourism (SPRINT)

GRANTS

During the pandemic some sectors of the Kansas tourism industry experienced increased activity (ex: state parks) while other sectors experienced a decline in activity (ex: museums, performing arts).

ARPA Building Opportunities for the Disabled & Elderly (ABODE)

GRANTS

During the pandemic, many individuals who are elderly or disabled faced housing issues which disrupted their access to medical care, food and other services. Low-income populations struggled with

Agriculture Exemption

TAX CREDITS & EXEMPTIONS

Exempts items from sales and use tax used exclusively in farming, ranching, or aquaculture use.

Aircraft Exemption Certificate

TAX CREDITS & EXEMPTIONS

Alternative-fuel Tax Credit

TAX CREDITS & EXEMPTIONS

A credit against the income tax imposed

APEX, Attracting Powerful Economic Expansion

ASSISTANCE, TAX CREDITS & EXEMPTIONS, TRAINING