



Health & Prosperity Grant Workshop 2023

Promises live here

WKCF History

- Established in 1996
- Serve 15 counties in SW Kansas
- One affiliate foundation
- \$45M in assets, 200 funds
 - Some of those funds are used for competitive grants, some are donor directed
 - A percentage of investment earning provides grant allocations for donors and the competitive grant pool

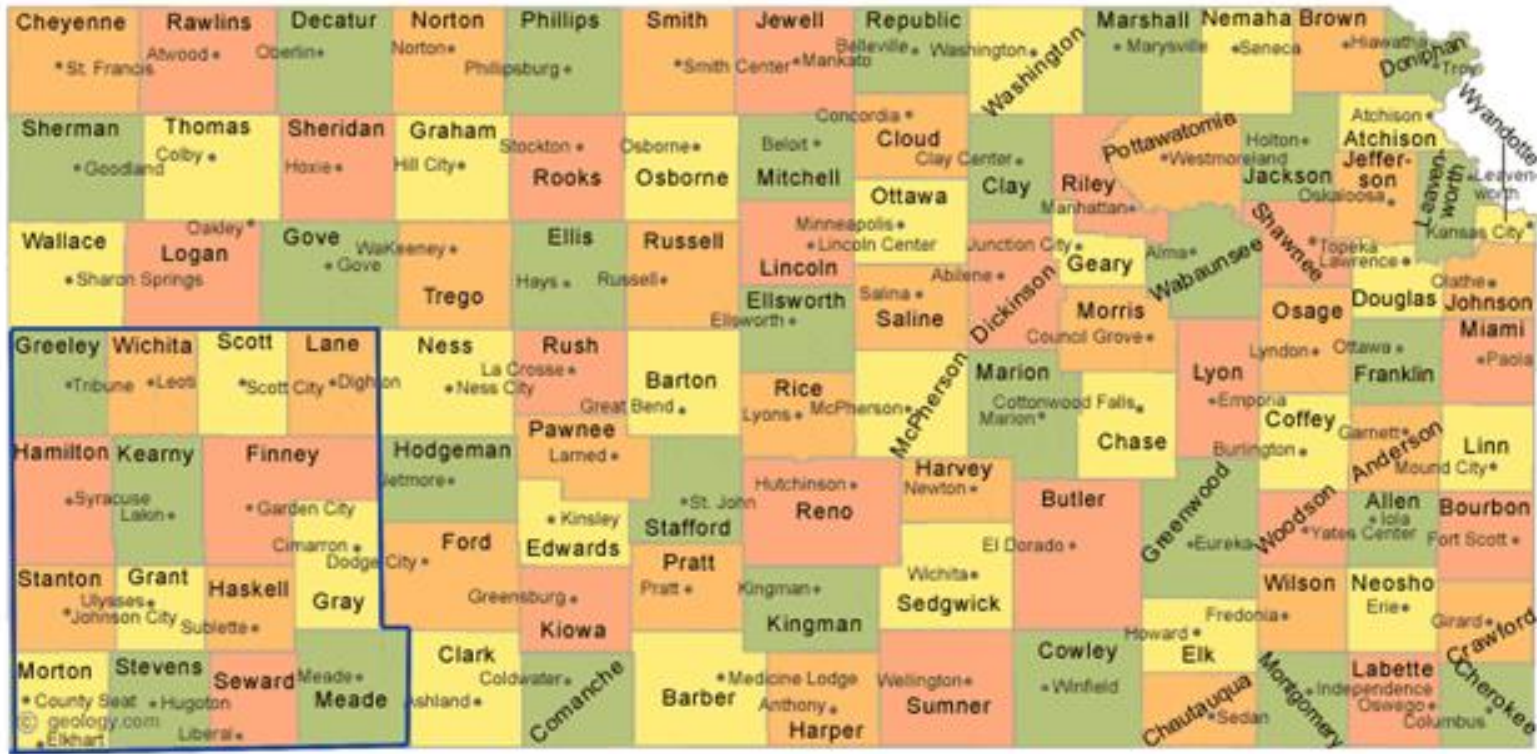


General Guidelines – Guidelines, not “laws”

- 501c(3) or equivalent (i.e. churches, public schools, city/county/state entities)
- WKCF Service Area: Finney, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearny, Lane, Meade, Morton, Scott, Seward, Stanton, Stevens, and Wichita* counties
- Due by 5 PM on the day of the deadline
 - Online application only – apply at [Grant Application | Western Kansas Community Foundation | Garden City, KS \(wkcf.org\)](https://www.wkcf.org/grant-application)
- One open application per grant type
- Notification of grant award/denial by end of month, award payout by middle of following month
- Final Reports due 1-year from application date
- Deviation and Continuance requests



WKCF Service Area



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General Guidelines, cont'd.

- Grants to individuals.
- Capital Campaigns.
- Operating or maintenance expenses (including salaries). **
- Medical research.
- Internal studies (does not include studies conducted by a third-party for the applying organization).
- Membership fees.
- Banquet or luncheon expenses.
- Ticket sales for charitable fund-raising efforts.
- Religious organizations for religious purposes.
- Travel expenses for groups, such as school classes, clubs, or sports teams. **
- Capital debt reduction.
- Political lobbying or legislative activities.
- Use of and payment for services of a fiscal agent.
- Endowment establishment or enhancement.
- Umbrella funding organizations that would distribute requested funds at their own discretion.
- Marketing tools, such as water bottles, t-shirts, pens, etc. **
- Give-away items for prizes/incentives.

**** Operating and Urgent Needs Grants are an exception**

General Guidelines, cont'd.

Grant requests are encouraged to:

- Fall in line with WKCF Mission Statement: “Enriching Western Kansas life through philanthropy, leadership, and collaboration.”
- Have a broad impact
- Propose ways to address community issues
- Leverage other sources of support/funding
- Innovative, a new initiative, or enhancement of existing program
- Sustainable over time
- Collaborate with other organizations



Operating Grants

- Made possible by two trusts
- 2021 first year of awarding Operating grants
- Operating needs, not program related
- Average funding range: \$2,000 - \$5,000
- **Deadline to apply: *March 1st, annually***



Core Grants

- Program based requests
 - No: Rent, staff pay, maintenance, etc.
- WKCF's primary grant opportunity
- Average funding range: \$200 - \$5,000
- **Deadlines to apply:**
 - *March 1st*
 - *July 1st*
 - *November 1st*



Urgent Needs Grants

- Began as response to COVID-19 needs
- Emergency need based requests
 - Due to disaster, or
 - Needed in order to maintain base, essential functions/programming that can't wait for regular cycle deadline
- Funding cap \$5,000 per/org/year
- **Deadline to apply: *no deadline***



Women of Purpose Grant

- Female-focused impact
- Program based requests
- Special Consideration focus-area determined each year
 - 2023 extra consideration for female mentorship or leadership
- Grant amount varies, 2023 \$5,000
- **Deadline to apply: *March 1st, annually***
- Voted on by Women of Purpose members



Questions Already Asked

- What topics are of interest to the WKCF when funding or reviewing applications?
- Special focus on mental health grants?
- Are government agencies eligible for WKCF grants?



New Questions

- Ask now, we're here to help!
 - Can always send an email (stacie@wkcf.org), call the office (620-271-9484), visit website (wkcf.org)



Thanks!

