

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: CTE Education Center

Grant Program: Legislative

Project Date: June 2023 - August 2024

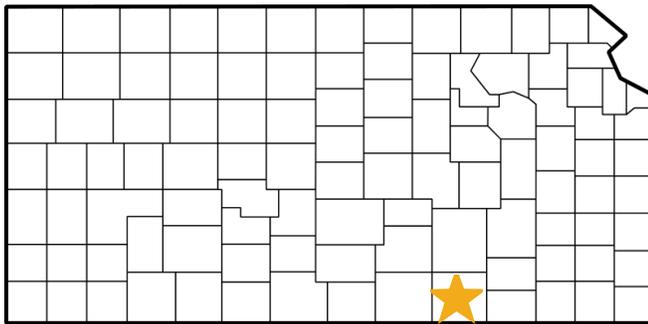
Project Summary

Cowley College’s career and technical education center is a transformative investment in workforce capacity.

This project addresses critical local shortages, including over 600 unfilled technical roles statewide in HVAC, welding, electrical, and construction trades, by expanding and modernizing educational spaces for these training programs. Grant funds supported design and construction costs for the new, state-of-the-art Tyler Technical Education Center, which opened for student and faculty use in August 2024.

Location

Arkansas City, Kansas



Grantee Information

Cowley County Community College (CCCC) has been at the forefront of post-secondary education in Kansas since 1922. This two-year public institution offers over 120- degree programs along with various workforce development training initiatives.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Expand access to post-secondary education in high-demand technical fields.

Objective: Construct a 32,000-sq-ft, on-campus career and technical education center to expand existing disciplines and provide space for new building trade programs.

Budget Overview

- Award amount: \$4,000,000.00
- Match amount: \$4,000,000.00
- Total project budget: \$8,000,000.00

Expense categories:

- Site work: \$500,000.00
- Equipment: \$750,000.00
- Materials: \$3,750,000.00
- Construction labor: \$3,000,000.00

Target Population

The target population for this project includes employers in skilled trades industry by increasing the pipeline of trained individuals in this field. A secondary target population for this project includes unemployed or underemployed individuals seeking to upskill and enter high-demand industries.

Sustainability

With the support of this legislative award, Cowley County Community College is able to expand the number of slots available for training and education in high-demand industries. Tuition revenue and operations budgets will support on-going maintenance and operations costs associated with the new facility.

Outcomes

- State-of-the-art facility capable of providing training space for:
 - Tactics training, lab space, interrogation room, dispatch room for criminal justice programs;
 - 25 styling stations for the cosmetology program;
 - 24 welding stations and robotic welders for the welding program;
 - New offerings in electrical and HVAC coursework.
- Creates a pipeline of skilled professionals who will drive economic growth, innovation, and success in the region.

Activities and Timeline

June 2023: Groundbreaking

June 2023 - July 2024: Construction

August 2024: Grand opening and dedication

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