

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: Groover Labs Infrastructure Expansion

Grant Program: BASE 2.0

Project Date: April 2023 - June 2025

Project Summary

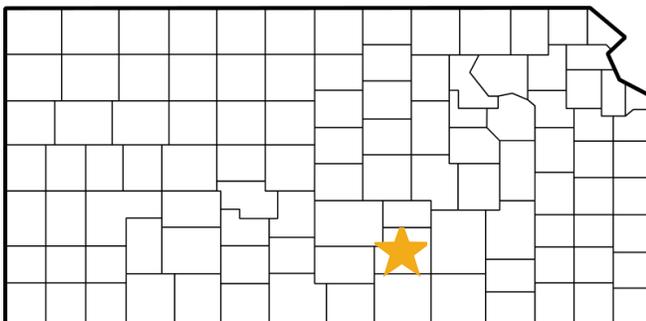
Groover Labs is a non-profit dedicated to supporting the regional startup ecosystem. Groover Labs utilized BASE grant funds to create a Cyber Center of Excellence, expand its community coworking infrastructure and purchase advanced engineering tools.

Grantee Information

Groover Labs is a non-profit whose mission is to help foster growth in regional startup activity by providing a single location where entrepreneurs and tech workers can get support and share ideas in a collaborative working environment. To fulfill that mission, Groover Labs provides coworking, event and meeting spaces, and a large prototyping and product development lab.

Location

Wichita, Kansas



Goals and Objectives

Goal: Enhance Wichita's regional capabilities in innovation and technology development.

Objective: Expand community coworking spaces to encourage collaboration.

Objective 2: Furnish the facility with advanced engineering tools and technologies to support cutting-edge product design, testing, and prototyping.

Budget Overview

- Award amount: \$1,150,554.00
- Match amount: \$389,680.95
- Total project budget: \$1,540,234.95

Expense categories:

- Advanced manufacturing equipment: \$297,170.00
- Construction: \$666,540.00
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment: \$576,524.95

Target Population

The target population for this project includes entrepreneurs, start-ups and small businesses in need of coworking space and advanced engineering resources.

Sustainability

- Increased income from additional coworking capacity and prototyping projects will help Groover Labs remain self-sustaining.
- As startups and small businesses grow using the center's resources, they are likely to reinvest in the community and use the facility for ongoing product development, creating a self-reinforcing cycle of usage and funding.

Outcomes

Q1 2024: Cybersecurity firm Knowmadics takes occupancy of CyberLink

Q4 2024: WSU College of Engineering and the Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub: Kansas join as institutional members.

Q2 2025: Groover Labs is awarded a \$400,000 ACCEL-KS grant by the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Steady increase in membership, meetings and events, prototyping inquiries, and volunteer community over the period of performance.

Activities and Timeline

2023 Q4 - 2024 Q1: Completion of Cyberlink design and construction

2024 Q2: purchased coworking FEE, courtyard and canopy materials

2024 Q3: purchased coworking FFE and sound mitigation materials

2024 Q4: courtyard canopy construction prep; architectural/MEP for studio buildout completed; equipment purchase decisions finalized; network upgrades

2025 Q1 - Q2: studio buildout completed, including new office, conference rooms, and cubicles; delivery of advanced manufacturing equipment

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