

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: The Motor Inn Travel Destination

Grant Program: BASE 2.0

Project Date: January 2024 - April 2025

Project Summary

The Motor Inn Travel Destination Project will provide critical services and boost economic activity in Sharon Springs by transforming a long-vacant building into a public laundromat and adding 12 full-service RV overnight spaces. These amenities will support local residents, agricultural workers, and travelers by meeting essential needs that have gone unmet for decades. The project also includes a fenced dog run and picnic shelter, offering safe, welcoming outdoor spaces that promote wellness and quality of life.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: To revitalize a long-vacant property in Sharon Springs, Kansas, by transforming it into a dual-purpose travel hub.

Objective: Address community needs through construction of a public laundry facility and increase traveler accommodation space.

Budget Overview

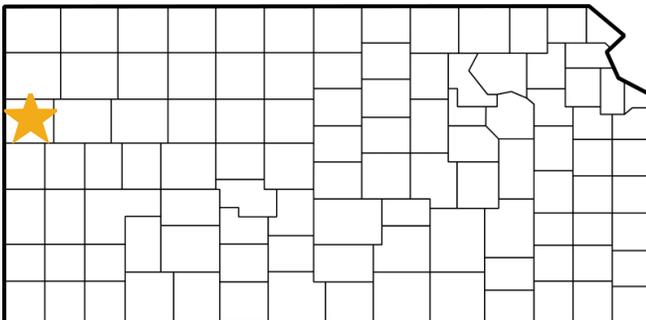
- Base amount: \$335,700.00
- Match amount: \$111,900.00
- Total project budget: \$447,600.00

Expense categories:

- Construction: \$308,910.12
- Building and land acquisition: \$26,480.00
- Equipment: \$102,209.88
- Grant administration: \$10,000.00

Location

Sharon Springs, Kansas



Grantee Information

The Motor Inn is located on the Western Vistas Historic Byway in Western Kansas. The location has hotel rooms, RV hookups, picnic shelters, and laundry facilities.

Target Population

The target population for this grant includes rural residents of Sharon Springs and surrounding communities who lack access to basic services like public laundry and safe, affordable lodging. It also serves travelers, agricultural workers, and seasonal crews who pass through the area and need reliable overnight accommodations and amenities.

Sustainability

The project meets needs for both the local community and travelers, ensuring consistent use of the laundromat and RV spaces. Additionally, it is backed by a \$100,000 private investment, relies on local small businesses for development and maintenance, and is designed to generate steady revenue that can support long-term operations, staffing, and future growth.

Outcomes

- Laundry facilities are available as a communal amenity.
- Part-time and full-time positions.
- Twelve additional RV spots.

Activities and Timeline

- **Q1 2024:** Purchase laundromat equipment.
- **Q2 2024:** Laundromat demolition and construction.
- **Q2 2024:** Landscaping.
- **Q3 - Q4 2024:** Plumbing, gas and sewer hookups.
- **Q1 2025:** HVAC and electrical hookups.
- **Q2 2025:** Picnic amenities and signage.

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