

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: Ronawk Inc DRAW ARPA Funding

Grant Program: DRAW

Project Date: June 2023 - February 2025

Project Summary

The Kansas City metro area is a hub for biotechnology, but lacks an adequate workforce with laboratory skills to meet current needs. Ronawk, Inc used DRAW funds to expand their biotechnology training program with the purchase of a Magnus Advanced Workflow Platform. The new equipment provided technical training opportunities to students in high school, college, graduate school, as well as disabled persons looking to enter the workforce.

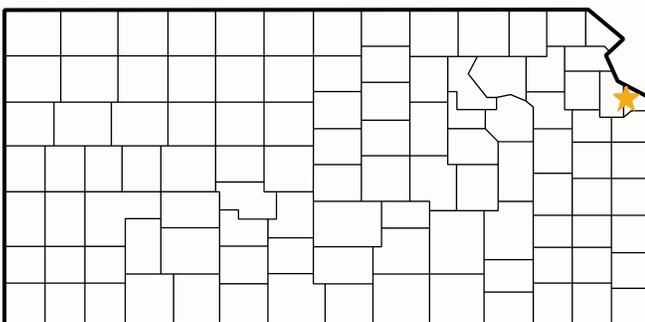
Goals and Objectives

Goal: Increase technical training in biotechnology to develop a pipeline of talent to meet the needs of the growing biotechnology infrastructure in Kansas.

Objective: Purchase Magnus Advanced Workflow Platform to increase training opportunities

Location

Overland Park, Kansas



Budget Overview

- Grant Amount: \$42,450
- Match Amount: \$14,150
- Project Cost: \$ 56,600

Expense categories:

- Equipment: \$ 56,600

Target Population

The target population consists of individuals seeking biomanufacturing and laboratory experience. Trainees are recruited from high schools, colleges, and technical programs. Trainees can be new to the workforce or those already in laboratory sciences looking to increase their skill set.

Grantee Information

Ronawk, Inc. has developed a biologically inspired platform that mimics the experience of environmental cells inside the body, allowing them to grow and behave naturally outside of it. Their Bio-Factory™ platform, powered by In Similare™ technology, represents a new class of biomanufacturing, one that closes the gap between laboratory research and real-world application.

Sustainability

The Ronawk biotechnology training program provides a generational opportunity for Kansas to create good jobs, train workforce and participate in a pivotal moment for the U.S. biotechnology sector. Revenue will be generated through STELL, a contract research organization.

Outcomes

A total of 10 individuals have been trained on the instrument so far. Training is still ongoing.

Ronawk was asked to move its training program to Texas, but the DRAW grant funding made it much easier to keep the company and training program in Kansas.

Activities and Timeline

- **September 2023:** Purchase of equipment
- **April 2025:** First 10 individuals trained

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