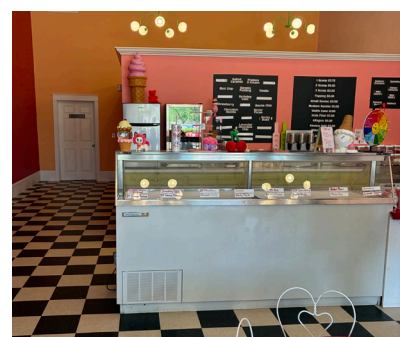


GRANTS GUIDE

Transforming communities in every region of Kansas

FALL 2025 - SUMMER 2026



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Fellow Kansans,

The Kansas Department of Commerce approaches economic development from a holistic perspective, because we know the state’s continued prosperity depends on a variety of factors. Creating new jobs for Kansans by attracting new companies and helping existing businesses expand is just one part of the process. Equally important is ensuring we have enough workers for these positions and that our communities are appealing to live in.

Our aim is to bolster the quality of life on all fronts for all people who live here. Future generations are depending on us to take this charge seriously.

By supporting each city and county in Kansas, we’re transforming the places Kansans call home and building a more resilient economy statewide.

Our goal is to foster strong urban, suburban and rural communities, but we know there is no “one-size-fits-all” approach that will get us there.

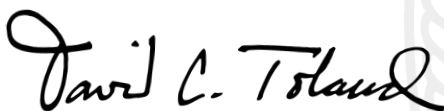
In recognition of this, Commerce offers a wide array of grants, programs and services to meet the needs of every region in Kansas – in a way that fits their vision and goals for growth.

This guide provides a list of financial support we offer to cities, counties and non-profits throughout the state. We want this guide to serve as a resource local leaders can use in their local development efforts.

As you read about our available grants and programs, I encourage you to reach out to our team with any questions you have about putting these resources to work for the future economic success of your communities – and Kansas.

Anchored by our exceptional economic strength, strong partnerships and commitment to innovation – we will continue our historic rise to new heights all across Kansas. And we’ll continue to usher in a bright future for everyone who calls the Sunflower State “home.”

Ad Astra Per Aspera,



David C. Toland
Lieutenant Governor & Secretary of Commerce





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COMMERCE GRANTS AT A GLANCE

ACCEL-KS Proof of Concept

Funds to support the commercialization of groundbreaking ideas and products

ACCEL-KS SBIR/STTR Matching Program

Funding for early stage researchers to compete for and leverage federal SBIR/STTR awards

Broadband Acceleration Grant (BAG)

Funding to support broadband infrastructure buildout

CDBG | Blueprint to Build

Funds construction for new community centers that support local needs

CDBG | Commercial Rehabilitation

Revitalize commercial buildings to spur downtown activity and business growth

CDBG | Community Facilities: Large Grants

Support major public facility improvements serving whole communities

CDBG | Community Facilities: Small Grants

Support public facility improvements serving whole communities

CDBG | Economic Development

Support projects that create and retain jobs in local communities

CDBG | Housing Rehabilitation and Demolition

Fund housing rehab, reconstruction, or development for low- to moderate-income (LMI) residents

CDBG | Regional Water Implementation

Expand water access and quality through regional partnerships

CDBG | Urgent Need for Disasters

Address emergencies that threaten public health or safety

CDBG | Water and Sewer Infrastructure

Funding to improve essential water and sewer systems

CDBG | Youth Job Training

Support job training programs that prepare youth for careers and local workforce needs

Community Service Program Tax Credits

Amplify fundraising efforts for non-profit organizations

Historic Economic Asset Lifeline Grant (HEAL)

Rehabilitate downtown buildings for new businesses or organizations in rural communities

KAC | Micro Arts Grant

Expedited funding for short-term projects for arts organizations with small budgets

KAC | Arts Everywhere

Support for the arts in Kansas through funding for cultural projects and programs

Amount Maximum	Match	Funding Timeline			Contact
		Announced	Application	Awarded	
\$200,000	25%	Mar.	Mar - Apr.	May	Brandon.Hutton@ks.gov
\$250,000	Varies	Oct.	Rolling	Rolling	Brandon.Hutton@ks.gov
\$2,000,000	50%	Oct.	Oct.	Dec.	Bill.Abston@ks.gov
\$4,000,000	Varies	Jan.	Jan. - Oct.	Rolling	Ginny.M.Eardley@ks.gov
\$300,000	25%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
\$1,500,000	20%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Ginny.M.Eardley@ks.gov
\$210,000	10%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Jason.D.Teal@ks.gov
\$750,000	50%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
\$300,000	Varies	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
\$2,000,000	50%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Ginny.M.Eardley@ks.gov
\$100,000	0%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
\$800,000	25%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Ginny.M.Eardley@ks.gov
\$100,000	10%	Jan.	Mar. - Oct.	Rolling	Jason.D.Teal@ks.gov
\$200,000	N/A	Feb.	Mar. - Apr.	Jun.	Miranda.Carpenter@ks.gov
\$100,000	100%	Sept.	Oct. - Dec.	Mar.	Trisha.Purdon@ks.gov
\$2,000	100%	Dec.	Mar.; Oct.	May; Dec.	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
\$20,000	100%	Dec.	Feb.	May	Curtis.Young@ks.gov

COMMERCE GRANTS AT A GLANCE

KAC | General Operating Support

Strengthen the state's culture infrastructure

KAC | Kansas Touring Roster Visiting Artists

Engage and deepen impact of arts on local and underserved audiences

KAC | Public Art & Murals

Support permanent or semi-permanent installations, murals, and other public art projects

Kansas Global Business Expansion Grant (K-GLOBE)

Assist Kansas businesses looking to increase exports

Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship | Apprenticeship to Educator (A2E) Grant

Supporting the next generation of educators through an apprenticeship position

Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship | Kansas Nonprofit Apprenticeship Grant Program

Expanding non-profit and healthcare apprenticeship positions

Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship | Apprenticeship Tax Credit for For-Profit Organizations

Expanding apprenticeship opportunities in the state

Residential Opportunities on Main Street (ROOMS)

Funds to support new upper-floor housing in Designated Kansas Main Street Communities

Rural Champions Grant

Provides stipend to hire a Champion to fill a gap in community capacity to complete a needed project

Rural Opportunity Zone Program

Funds to recruit new rural Kansas residents

Supporting Innovative Growth through New Signage (SIGNS)

Funds to improve the attractiveness of downtown retail and commercial business storefront signs

State Trade Expansion Program (STEP)

Funds exporters entering new or expanded markets

Strategic Economic Expansion and Development Grant (SEED)

Support small projects in communities under 5,000 population

Tourism Attraction Development Grant

Assist the development of new tourism attraction or enhance existing attractions

Tourism Marketing Grant

Assist in new or first time innovative tourism advertising and marketing efforts

Towns Grant

Support small projects in communities that have not received KDC funding

Amount Maximum	Match	Funding Timeline			Contact
		Announced	Application	Awarded	
\$25,000	100%	Dec.	Feb.	May	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
\$8,500	100%	Jan.	Rolling	Rolling	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
\$10,000	100%	Dec.	Feb.	May	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
\$5,000	50%	Jan.	Rolling	Rolling	April.Chiang@ks.gov
\$2,750	0%	Jan.	Rolling	Rolling	Taylor.Spangler@ks.gov
\$25,000	0%	Jan.	Rolling	Rolling	Taylor.Spangler@ks.gov
\$25,000	0%	Jan.	Jan.; May.; Oct.	Rolling	Taylor.Spangler@ks.gov
\$50,000	100%	Sept.	Sept. - Oct.	Nov.	Debbie.Deere@ks.gov
\$20,800	25%	Dec.	Dec. - Feb.	Mar.	Kelli.Hansen@ks.gov
\$15,000	100%	Jan.	Jan. - Sept.	Dec.	Sheena.Thomas@ks.gov
\$50,000	Varies	Nov.	Dec. - Jan.	Mar.	Sara.Bloom@ks.gov
\$30,000	25%	Oct.	Rolling	Rolling	Chang.Lu@ks.gov
\$25,000	10%	Aug.	Aug.-Oct.	Dec.	Maren.Lagaly@ks.gov
\$1,000,000	60%	Oct.	Oct.-Jan.	Feb.	Babette.Dixon1@ks.gov
\$10,000	60%	July	July - Aug.	Oct.	Babette.Dixon1@ks.gov
\$10,000	10%	Mar.	Apr - May	Jul.	Trisha.Purdon@ks.gov

ACCEL-KS PROOF OF CONCEPT FUND

ACCEL-KS is a statewide initiative of the Kansas Department of Commerce’s Office of Innovation, aimed at supporting and accelerating the commercialization of groundbreaking ideas and products, transforming them into market-ready solutions.



Lab at KU Innovation Park is partially funded by ACCEL-KS.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$200,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$200,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$200,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	25%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Kansas-based incubators and innovation hubs
ELIGIBLE USES	Equipment and facility use, grant funding distribution, professional services, travel, marketing, communications and training
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	March 2026
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - April
DEADLINE	April
NOTIFICATION	May
NOTES	If the product is successfully licensed there is a grant repayment obligation
CONTACT	Brandon.Hutton@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/accel-ks/

ACCEL-KS SBIR/STTR MATCHING PROGRAM (PHASES 0 & 1)



The SBIR/STTR Matching Program helps Kansas innovators, entrepreneurs and researchers compete and win in the national innovation arena.

This program provides early-stage funding and technical support to help Kansas-based businesses, innovators, entrepreneurs, and researchers compete for and leverage federal SBIR/STTR awards.

Funding is available through two tracks:

- Phase 0 – Proposal development assistance for Phase I SBIR/STTR submissions.
- Phase I – State matching funds for businesses awarded a federal SBIR/STTR Phase I grant.

The goal is to increase the number, quality and success rate of SBIR/STTR proposals from Kansas, accelerate the commercialization of innovative technologies, and strengthen the state's position in the national innovation economy.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$250,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$250,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	Phase 0: up to \$3,000; Phase 1: up to \$25,000 per applicant
MATCH REQUIREMENT	Phase 0: 50% ; Phase 1: Proof of SBIR/STTR award
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	For-profit small businesses headquartered in and operating at least 51% in Kansas
ELIGIBLE USES	Phase 0: Professional services related to preparing a Phase 1 SBIR/STTR proposal. Phase 1: Salaries/wages, materials/supplies, equipment and facility use, professional services, and travel expenses
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	October
APPLICATION PERIOD	Phase 0: Rolling Phase 1: Round 1: October-November 2025 Round 2: April-May 2026
DEADLINE	Phase 0: May 2026 or until funds are depleted Phase 1: November; May
NOTIFICATION	Within two months of application
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Brandon.Hutton@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/accel-ks/

BROADBAND ACCELERATION GRANT

The Broadband Acceleration Grant (BAG) program is critical in our plan to address broadband gaps statewide. Funds will be targeted to areas that are unlikely to receive broadband service without state or federal funding support.

Launched in 2020, the program is poised to invest \$85 million over 10 years toward bridging the digital divide in Kansas, thanks to broadband modernization funding provided through the Kansas Department of Transportation's Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE).



KOBD staff reviews broadband infrastructure during an industry partner site visit for a BAG 2 project in Harper County that was awarded to SC Telcom.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	BAG
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$85,000,000 annually over 10 years starting in FY21 (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$23,000,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$2,000,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	50%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Political subdivisions or entities of political subdivisions, corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships or other business entities, non-profit organizations, any other entity authorized by state law to provide broadband services
ELIGIBLE USES	Eligible broadband project expenses are terrestrial capital expenses directly related to the construction of a qualified broadband project, including permitting, materials, supplies, equipment and construction of "last-mile" infrastructure expenses
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	October
APPLICATION PERIOD	October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	December
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Bill.Abston@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/officeofbroadbanddevelopment/

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



Rendering of a medium Blueprint to Build Community Center.

Blueprint to Build

The Blueprint to Build grant program is designed to make it easier and more affordable for small communities to build new public community centers. By offering pre-designed, modern and energy-efficient blueprints — already paid for with CDBG funds — cities can skip most of the costly design work and long planning timelines.

While some flexibility exists for additional features, major modifications are not allowed. Minor modifications to the approved design are permitted but must be funded by the applicant and approved by Commerce on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants can select from three different sizes, with optional features for a gym(s) and/or a pool.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: B2B
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$14,000,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$4,000,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	Varies
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	New construction of one of the three community center designs, with multi-purpose room with overhead doors and patio access; serving kitchen with fixed equipment; fitness center and telemedicine office; lobby with small gathering area and restrooms; storm shelter for safety; and durable, customizable interior and exterior finishes
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	January - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	Blueprint specifications are available online
CONTACT	
MORE INFORMATION	Ginny.M.Eardley@ks.gov

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Commercial Rehabilitation

This program funds projects assisting private property owners in the rehabilitation of downtown structures resulting in a commercial business. Eligible expenses include:

- Construction costs for building rehabilitation that either create or retain jobs
- Construction costs for only exterior improvements and eliminating conditions that are detrimental to public health and safety on a Blight Spot Basis
- Improvements to the exterior of the building and abatement of asbestos hazards
- Rehabilitation of a property designated as blight in a downtown commercial district



Three Rings Brewery commercial rehabilitation project in McPherson.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: CR
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,200,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$300,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	25%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita)
ELIGIBLE USES	Improvements to and rehabilitation of commercial buildings
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notifications
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/commercial-rehab/

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



An unused church building in Hillsboro was renovated to make a new childcare center.

Community Facilities: Large Grants

The Community Facilities: Large Grants Program allows cities and counties to propose any CDBG-eligible facility project — such as libraries, childcare centers, large parks, and public infrastructure in order to support impactful, long-term improvements to community services and quality of life.

Eligible uses include large-scale projects that enhance community engagement, safety and health, such as renovations to public facilities, construction of nonprofit childcare centers, park and infrastructure upgrades, public safety enhancements, educational facilities and associated professional services.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: CF:Large
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$7,600,000 between Community Facilities: Large Grants and Small Grants
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$1,500,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	20%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	Community and public facilities; non-profit childcare centers; parks and infrastructure; public safety; and professional services such as administrative, engineering, and architectural costs and fees
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notifications
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Ginny.M.Eardley@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/large-grants

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Community Facilities: Small Grants

This program offers cities and counties the flexibility to propose any CDBG-eligible facility project, with a focus on smaller-scale improvements that make a meaningful and lasting impact.

Eligible uses include cost-effective upgrades such as facility modernization, ADA improvements, public safety features, and park enhancements that help foster community engagement, accessibility and vibrancy.



Concordia used CDBG funds to purchase a new firetruck.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: CF:Small
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$7,600,000 between Community Facilities: Large Grants and Small Grants
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$210,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	10%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	General facility modernization; community center upgrades; public safety enhancements; accessibility and ADA compliance; and parks and recreation improvements
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Jason.D.Teal@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/small-grants

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



Economic Development

This program funds projects aiming to create or retain jobs in the state. Funds assist for-profit businesses or agricultural cooperatives with infrastructure improvements, land acquisition, site preparation, building construction or renovation, machinery, equipment, lease payments, inventory, payroll and other working capital items. Eligible expenses include:

- Infrastructure improvements including roads, sidewalks, water lines and sewer lines
- Business financing for a new or existing business expanding in a Kansas community

The city of Neodesha used Economic Development funds to repair street infrastructure necessary to retain jobs at Cobalt Boats.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: ED
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$750,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$750,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	50%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). A for-profit business or agricultural cooperative can partner with a city or county using a subrecipient agreement. CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	Infrastructure improvements including roads, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines, etc. Business financing for a new business locating in, or an existing business expanding in, a community in Kansas
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/economic-development/

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Housing Rehabilitation & Demolition

This program provides funding to improve housing to benefit low- to moderate-income households within city limits. LMI eligibility is based on the owner's household income or the tenant's family income for rental units assisted. Funds are for housing rehabilitation and demolition within a city. Eligible expenses include:

- Single-family/owner-occupied, upper-story, or rental housing rehabilitation
- Demolition of vacant housing units and outbuildings on the same property
- For rental housing, the landlord must contribute a percentage of the rehabilitation cost of their unit(s) only. If the landlord's household is LMI, they must contribute 15%; if non-LMI, the landlord must contribute 25%
- More rehabilitation projects must be completed than demolitions. Demolition-only activities are not permitted.



A single-home housing project in Linn County.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: HR
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,000,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$300,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	Cost of environmental review. For rental housing, the landlord must provide funds.
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	Single-family/owner-occupied or rental housing rehabilitation, upper-story housing, demolition of housing units and outbuildings on the same property to prevent or eliminate blight.
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	
CONTACT	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/housing

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



Wastewater improvement construction in Strong City.

Regional Water Implementation

To promote collaboration and cooperation between water systems throughout the state of Kansas, this program provides funding for consolidation of two or more water systems. Eligible expenses include:

- Projects that will result in system consolidation where two or more systems merge, resulting in one public water supply system with a single governing body
- Projects that result in the creation or expansion of a Public Wholesale Water Supply District
- Projects that benefit a minimum of two public water supply systems

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: RW
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$2,000,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$2,000,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	50%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	Construction or renovation of existing water/sewer lines, water towers, water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, sewer lagoons, water meter replacement, and other water and sewer related infrastructure as deemed necessary; engineering design and fees; and administration
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	Regional Water has been revised to operate as a three-year program.
CONTACT	Ginny.M.Eardley@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/regional-water

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Urgent Need for Disasters

This program helps communities address an urgent need resulting from a sudden and severe natural or other disaster where no other financial resources are available.

Eligible expenses include:

- Activities designed to meet urgent health and welfare needs for which no other financial resources are available to meet such needs
- Activities on the approved list of eligible expenditures adopted from Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended
- The scope of the urgent need project must focus only on the immediate threat

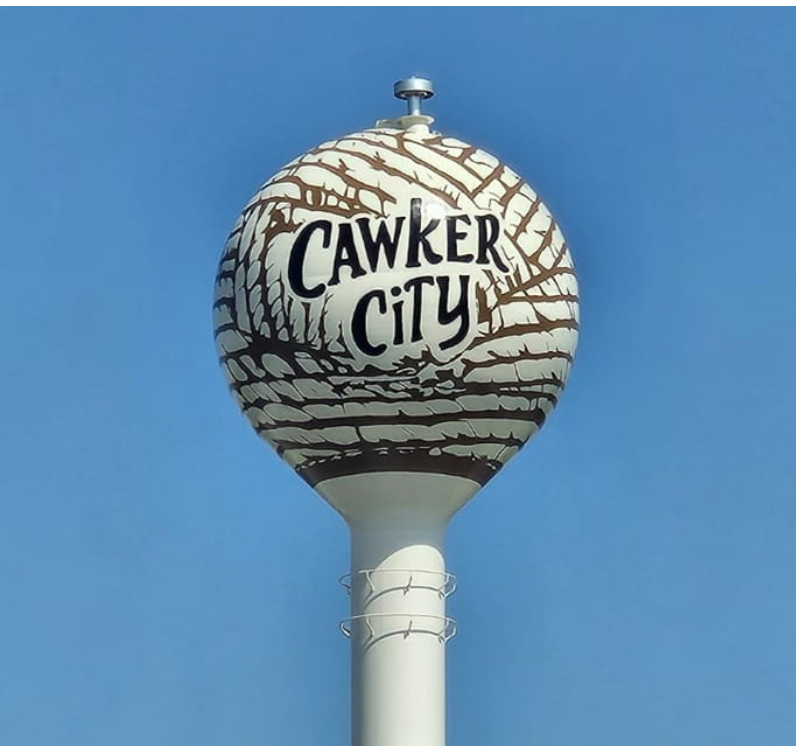


The city of Herington used an Urgent Need grant for the immediate replacement of failed aeration blowers at its wastewater treatment plant.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: UN
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$200,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$100,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	N/A
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita).
ELIGIBLE USES	Activities to meet the urgent health and welfare needs of residents after a sudden and severe natural or other disaster
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	Reimbursement of pre-agreement project expenses may be eligible with prior approval by Commerce
CONTACT	Tim.Parks@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/urgent-need

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT



A new water tower completed in Cawker City, painted to look like their famous ball of twine.

Water & Sewer Infrastructure

This program provides funding to assist with water and sewer infrastructure projects, with an emphasis on developing regional facilities wherever possible. Eligible expenses include:

- Improvement to water and sewer infrastructure
- Construction or rehabilitation of water towers, water wells, treatment plants and sewer lagoons
- Installation of water or sewer lines
- Purchase of easements and property using the Uniform Relocation Act (URA)
- Engineering costs related to these projects

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: WS
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,500,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$800,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	25%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	Construction or renovation of existing water/sewer lines, water towers, water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, sewer lagoons, water meter replacement, and other water and sewer related infrastructure as deemed necessary; engineering design and fees; and administration
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	N/A
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MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/water-sewer

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Youth Job Training

This program addresses the need to support youth (ages 12-19) in workforce training and engagement.

Funding provides youth with training and skill development, encouraging self-sufficiency and independence and aims to address the shortage of skilled trade workers in Kansas. Depending on the grant assistance provided, self-certification of participants or income verification may be required.

An organization or educational institution can partner with the city or county using a subrecipient agreement.



Labette County High School partnered with the city of Bartlett to build a house.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CDBG: YJT
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually by Housing and Urban Development (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$500,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$100,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	10%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Cities or counties in Kansas that do not receive entitlements from HUD (Entitlement areas: Johnson County, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Overland Park, Shawnee, Topeka, Wichita). CDBG awards must comply with federal requirements to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons
ELIGIBLE USES	Expenses related to support youth ages 12-19 in workforce training and engagement. These include training, software, instructional materials and staff salaries
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	Rolling - Monthly Notification
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Jason.D.Teal@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/cdbg/youth-job-training/

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM TAX CREDIT



The Community Service Program (CSP) Tax Credit helps non-profit organizations and public healthcare entities fund important projects related to community improvements, children and family services, crime prevention, youth apprenticeship or training, and healthcare.

Under this program, awarded non-profits are authorized to offer tax credits to donors supporting approved projects. Organizations in rural areas (<15,000 population) can get a 70% credit, while those in urban areas (>15,000 population) get a 50% credit.

The “No Need Unmet” campaign constructed a new, state-of-the-art, customized pediatric therapy center in Manhattan.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	CSP
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$4,130,000 annually in state tax credits
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$4,130,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$200,000 tax credit
MATCH REQUIREMENT	0%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Kansas non-profit corporations and foundations
ELIGIBLE USES	For building purchases and renovations, equipment, educational materials and tools related to one of the following: community support services including housing, food, playgrounds, children and family services, etc.; non-governmental crime prevention; youth apprenticeship or training; and healthcare
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	February
APPLICATION PERIOD	March - April
DEADLINE	April
NOTIFICATION	June
NOTES	\$250 application fee
CONTACT	Miranda.Carpenter@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/community-programs/csp/

HISTORIC ECONOMIC ASSET LIFELINE GRANT

Realizing the need to rehabilitate downtown buildings with funding that can be disbursed quickly and efficiently, the Kansas Department of Commerce created the Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) program. HEAL focuses on projects that show potential as economic drivers in Kansas communities.

The HEAL program is designed to bring downtown buildings back into productive use as spaces for:

- New or expanding businesses
- Housing
- Arts and culture
- Childcare
- Entrepreneurship



The Marysville HEAL 1.0 project revitalized a building that now is home to a beautiful flower shop.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	HEAL
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$1,500,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,500,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$100,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Designated Kansas Main Street programs, economic development corporations or chambers of commerce, cities, counties, schools, 501(c)3 or 501(c)6 organizations, local community foundations, federally recognized tribes
ELIGIBLE USES	Improvements to buildings that will become new or expanding businesses or be used for housing, arts and culture, civic engagement, childcare or allow for entrepreneurship
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	September
APPLICATION PERIOD	October - December
DEADLINE	December
NOTIFICATION	March
NOTES	Application materials available year-round
CONTACT	Trisha.Purdon@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/community-development/heal/

KANSAS ARTS COMMISSION



Micro Arts Grant

The Micro Arts Program grant provides expedited funding for short-term projects for arts organizations with small budgets that are new to KAC programs. Eligible uses of the funds include cultural projects, programs, exhibitions, series, arts education projects, and other arts programming, including general operations of arts organizations.

Blacksmithing demonstration at the Lovegrass Music Festival.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually through a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts
FUNDS AVAILABLE	Funding allocations determined by the National Endowment for the Arts annually
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$2,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Kansas-based non-profit organizations, units of local governments (including schools, universities, libraries, arts agencies, etc.), federally recognized tribes
ELIGIBLE USES	Projects to promote arts and culture in education
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	December
APPLICATION PERIOD	March; October
DEADLINE	March; October
NOTIFICATION	May; December
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/kansas-creative-arts-and-industries-commission-kcaic/micro-arts-program/

KANSAS ARTS COMMISSION

Arts Everywhere

The Arts Everywhere grant program provides funding for cultural projects, programs, exhibitions, series, arts education projects, and other arts programming.

This program provides funding for educational institutions, arts organizations, and community service non-profits to use the arts to increase student success, foster creative thinking, develop critical job skills, enhance community development, and increase participation in the arts across Kansas.



A percussion camp at Washburn University.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	AE
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually through a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts
FUNDS AVAILABLE	Funding allocations determined by the National Endowment for the Arts annually
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$20,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Kansas-based non-profit organizations, units of local governments (including schools, universities, libraries, arts agencies, etc.), federally recognized tribes
ELIGIBLE USES	Cultural projects, programs, exhibitions, series, arts education projects, and other arts programming
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	December
APPLICATION PERIOD	February
DEADLINE	February
NOTIFICATION	May
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/kansas-creative-arts-and-industries-commission-kcaic/arts-everywhere-program/

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General Operating Support

The General Operating Support (GOS) grant program provides funding for Kansas public and private non-profit arts and cultural organizations, including museums, local arts councils and commissions, statewide arts and cultural service organizations, and other organizations with arts-based missions

Ballet Wichita presented Tom Sawyer with support of this KAC grant.

GRANT DETAILS

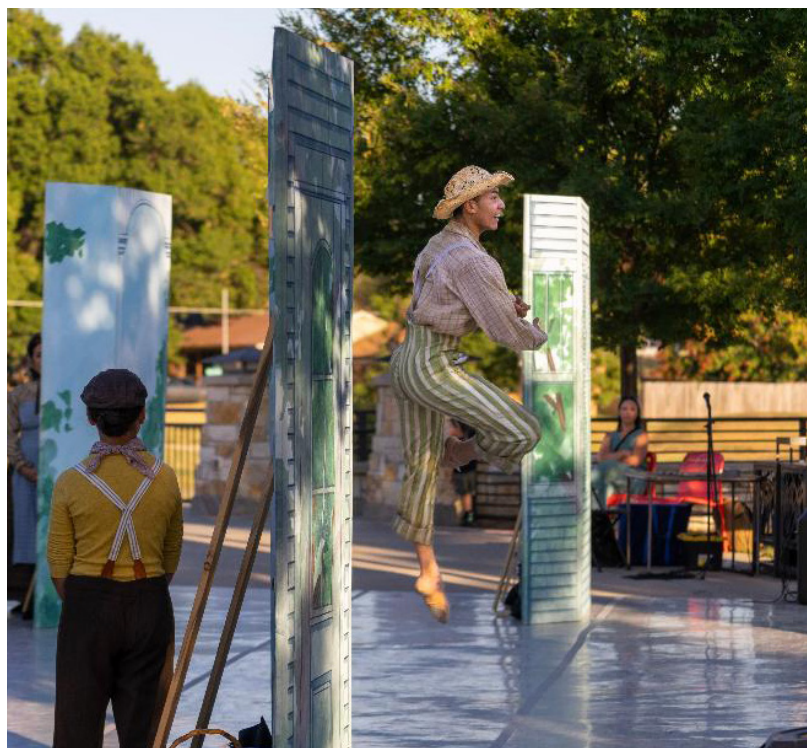
PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	GOS
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually through a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts
FUNDS AVAILABLE	Funding allocations determined by the National Endowment for the Arts annually
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$25,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Kansas-based non-profit arts organizations, units of local governments (including schools, universities, libraries, arts agencies, etc.), federally recognized tribes
ELIGIBLE USES	Projects that increase administrative or artistic capacity for community arts organizations
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	December
APPLICATION PERIOD	January-February
DEADLINE	February
NOTIFICATION	May
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/general-operating-support/

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Kansas Touring and Visiting Artists Roster

This program provides funding for eligible organizations to engage and deepen the impact of arts programming on local and underserved audiences through exposure to and interaction with professional visiting arts.

Projects must include an educational activity that features artist interaction with students or a community activity that features artist interaction with members of the community.



Ballet Wichita – Tom Sawyer performance, Ballet in the Park.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually through a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$62,500
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$8,500
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Kansas-based non-profit organizations, units of local governments (including schools, universities, libraries, arts agencies, etc.), federally recognized tribes
ELIGIBLE USES	Single cultural projects, programs, exhibitions or series
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	July
APPLICATION PERIOD	Rolling
DEADLINE	Rolling
NOTIFICATION	Rolling
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/kansas-creative-arts-and-industries-commission-kcaic/kansas-touring-roster/

KANSAS ARTS COMMISSION



Salina Arts & Humanities – Mural by Eric Montoy.

Public Art and Murals

This program provides funding for communities to activate publicly accessible spaces for the purposes of artistic use and public programming. The program is designed to utilize permanent arts installations to increase community vibrancy and provide space for artistic expression and public engagement.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	PM
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funding amount determined annually through a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts
FUNDS AVAILABLE	TBD
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$10,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Kansas-based non-profit arts organizations, units of local governments (including schools, universities, libraries, arts agencies, etc.), federally recognized tribes
ELIGIBLE USES	Public art projects to utilize artists and arts organizations to increase community vibrancy and provide space for artistic expression and public engagement
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	December
APPLICATION PERIOD	February
DEADLINE	February
NOTIFICATION	May
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Curtis.Young@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/resource/2024-2025-kcaic-public-art-and-mural-grant-guidelines/

KANSAS GLOBAL BUSINESS EXPANSION GRANT (K-GLOBE)

The K-GLOBE program helps Kansas companies expand their export business by exhibiting products at international trade shows and conducting export-related marketing activities.

Eligible expenses include:

- Trade show and booth space expenses
- Translation fees for business literature at trade show
- Visas for those attending the trade show on behalf of the company
- Up to 50% of travel costs
- Market research



Kansas-based BG Products showcased at a business trade show in Indonesia, where booth space expenses and materials were partially paid for with K-GLOBE funds.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	K-GLOBE
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$50,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$50,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$5,000 per application / \$10,000 per year, per company
MATCH REQUIREMENT	50%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Eligible companies are those with headquarters in Kansas, have been in business for at least one year, and businesses whose products or services underwent substantial value-added processing in Kansas
ELIGIBLE USES	Implement export marketing activities that will help increase export sales or expand into new export markets.
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	July
APPLICATION PERIOD	Rolling
DEADLINE	Rolling
NOTIFICATION	Within 30 days of application submission
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	April.Chiang@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/business-incentives-and-services/kansas-global-business-expansion-program/

KANSAS OFFICE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP



Registered Youth Apprenticeship students from Topeka are earning and learning their way to a Teaching Certificate.

Apprenticeship to Educator Grant

Educators at all levels play a critical role in preparing the next generation of Kansans for gainful employment and success in life. The Kansas Legislature authorized the Kansas Department of Commerce to develop grant programs that support eligible Teacher Educator Apprentices in their hands-on training to fill critical and in-demand teaching jobs in our state.

A total amount of \$3 million will be awarded to registered teaching apprentices in programs across Kansas.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$3,000,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	Up to \$3,000,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$2,750 per apprentice. Up to 20 apprentices per employer.
MATCH REQUIREMENT	None
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	K-12 Employer
ELIGIBLE USES	Grant funds may be used for project needs related to technical instruction for the registered apprenticeship including tuition and material costs, marketing and other programmatic costs
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	Rolling
DEADLINE	December
NOTIFICATION	Within 30 days of application submission
NOTES	K.S.A 74-50,231
CONTACT	Taylor.Spangler@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/workforce/kansasregisteredapprenticeship/registered-apprenticeship-guidelines-application/

KANSAS OFFICE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Kansas Non-Profit Apprenticeship Grant Program

This grant program is open to eligible non-profit employers having 501(c)3 status and non-profit healthcare employers that employ an apprentice pursuant to a registered apprenticeship agreement. The amount of the grant is up to \$2,750 for each employed apprentice, not to exceed 20 such grants in any taxable year per eligible employer and up to four years per apprentice.



The Kansas Office of Apprenticeship and non-profit partner HCA Midwest Health celebrating Kansas' first registered nurse apprenticeship program.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$2,500,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$2,500,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$25,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	None
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Eligible non-profit employers having 501(c)3 status and non-profit healthcare employers that employ an apprentice pursuant to a registered apprenticeship agreement
ELIGIBLE USES	Any cost toward registered apprenticeship management
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	Round 1 January; Round 2 May; Round 3 October
DEADLINE	Round 1 January; Round 2 May; Round 3 October
NOTIFICATION	Within 30 days of application submission
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Taylor.Spangler@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://ksapprenticeship.org/katag-nonprofit-healthcare/

KANSAS OFFICE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP



The National Apprenticeship Week celebration showcases apprenticeship programs from across Kansas.

Apprenticeship Tax Credit for For-Profit Organizations

The Kansas Apprenticeship Tax Act Grant authorizes the Kansas Department of Revenue to award tax credits up to \$2,750 (\$2,500 for each employed apprentice, not to exceed 20 such credits in any taxable year per eligible employer and up to four years per apprentice).

The tax credit is to be claimed by an eligible employer for the taxable year in which the apprentice completed the probationary period or the taxable year succeeding the calendar year in which the apprentice completed the probationary period while employed by the eligible employer.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Up to \$7,500,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	Up to \$7,500,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$25,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	None
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	The tax credit is to be claimed by an eligible employer for the taxable year in which the apprentice completed the probationary period or the taxable year succeeding the calendar year in which the apprentice completed the probationary period while employed by the eligible employer.
ELIGIBLE USES	Any cost toward registered apprenticeship management
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	Rolling
DEADLINE	December
NOTIFICATION	Within 30 days of application submission
NOTES	K.S.A 74-50,231.
CONTACT	Taylor.Spangler@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://ksapprenticeship.org/katag-for-profit/

RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES ON MAIN STREET

The Residential Opportunities on Main Street (ROOMS) grant is designed to support new upper-floor housing in commercial buildings in Designated Kansas Main Street communities. The goal of this grant program is to encourage renovation and improvements in the upper floors of commercial buildings in local Main Street districts consistent with proven Main Street practices, including those that retain unique historic elements and use materials that lower operating costs by conserving energy. The expected outcome of this program is to create new housing opportunities in downtown commercial districts; rehabilitate or preserve properties; and create a stronger tax base.



The historic Shay Building in Sterling is a ROOMS grant project. This project will offer four apartments in the downtown district once completed.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	ROOMS
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Up to \$250,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	Up to \$250,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$50,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Designated Kansas Main Street Communities
ELIGIBLE USES	Rehabilitation of properties in connection with private reinvestment in a designated downtown area with the specific intent of creating and/or improving upper-floor space for housing.
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	October
APPLICATION PERIOD	October - November
DEADLINE	November
NOTIFICATION	December
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Debbie.Deere@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/community-programs/main-street/rooms/

RURAL CHAMPIONS



The Rural Champions program is designed to create a network of grassroots individuals who possess the necessary tools to resolve critical community needs in a quick and effective manner.

These Rural Champions will receive strategic training, compensation, and be connected with resources to assist them.

Rural Champions received their implementation grant awards to support their projects.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$549,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$316,150
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$20,800 wages stipend grant; \$25,000 implementation grants
MATCH REQUIREMENT	25% cash & in-kind (\$5,200)
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Division of local government, economic/community development organizations; community foundation; local chambers of commerce or tourism; Main Street organizations or other local nonprofits (501(c)3 or 601(c)6), Unified School Districts, federally recognized tribes
ELIGIBLE USES	Community identified need; examples include: rural grocery/food access, childcare, placemaking/beautification/art, trails/recreation, entrepreneurship, co-working/maker space, health/wellness, housing, broadband, regional talent recruitment
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	December
APPLICATION PERIOD	December - February
DEADLINE	February
NOTIFICATION	March
NOTES	The application requires having a rural champion identified
CONTACT	Kelli.Hansen@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/orp/ruralchampions/

KANSAS RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONES

The state of Kansas has designated 95 counties as “Rural Opportunity Zones,” which means moving there comes with significant added benefits. Designated counties offer the following financial incentive for new full-time residents: 100% State Income Tax Credit, and 72 of those counties offer Student Loan Repayment Assistance as well.



Example marketing material for a community to recruit healthcare employers as ROZ sponsors.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	ROZ
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$1,000,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,000,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$15,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	100% local match
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Individuals with a degree and student loan debt that are relocating to an eligible county. Eligible sponsors are counties, cities, employers, and foundations/non-profits. Counties of 15,000 population or less are eligible to participate
ELIGIBLE USES	Pay down student loan debt
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	January
APPLICATION PERIOD	January-September
DEADLINE	September
NOTIFICATION	December
NOTES	Current sunset of July 1, 2026
CONTACT	Sheena.Thomas@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/taxes-and-financing/rural-opportunity-zones-roz/

SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE GROWTH THROUGH NEW SIGNAGE (SIGNS)



High Road Coffee Roasters in Independence used the grant for beautiful new signage.

The SIGNS grant is designed to improve the attractiveness of downtown retail and commercial business storefront signs. The purpose of this program is to encourage property owners or business tenants to design and install high-quality, creative, and interesting signs that add to the vitality, livability, and overall welcoming atmosphere of a rural downtown commercial district, while following standard sign guidelines that will support the long-term aesthetics and historical character of Kansas downtowns.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	SIGNS
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$115,000 (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$115,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$50,000 per community
MATCH REQUIREMENT	50% - if the population is less than 50,000 25% - if a community has less than 2,500 population
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Applicants need to be a municipal, foundation, Chamber, Main Street, economic development or other non-profit community-based entity
ELIGIBLE USES	Eligible costs include design, purchase, lighting and electrical, and installation of the sign
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	November
APPLICATION PERIOD	December 2025 - January 2026
DEADLINE	January 31, 2026
NOTIFICATION	March
NOTES	Applicants need to identify a minimum of three, maximum of five businesses needing new signage in the application. The need for new signage needs to be shown in the application.
CONTACT	Sara.Bloom@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/community-development/signs/

STATE TRADE EXPANSION PROGRAM

The STEP program assists both new exporters in entering international markets and experienced exporters in expanding their global reach.

The program is open to eligible Kansas small businesses that either manufacture in Kansas or perform significant value-added activities in the state.



Small businesses can use STEP funds to assist exporting their goods.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	STEP
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$492,000 annually (federal funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$110,159
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$30,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	25%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Small and mid-size companies established at least a year with product made in Kansas or value-added in Kansas and made with at least 51% of U.S. content
ELIGIBLE USES	Exhibiting at international trade shows, participating in foreign trade missions and certain export training activities, and engaging in other export-related initiatives conducted by the U.S. Commercial Service.
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	October
APPLICATION PERIOD	Rolling
DEADLINE	September 2026
NOTIFICATION	May
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Chang.Lu@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/program/business-incentives-and-services/step/

STRATEGIC ECONOMIC EXPANSION & DEVELOPMENT GRANT



Oberlin leveraged part of its SEED 3.0 grant to install new vinyl banners downtown for their community vibrancy project.

SEED grants support the economic revitalization of Kansas communities under 5,000 population through investments in quality-of-life initiatives including community vibrancy projects, childcare and senior programming, libraries and food retail.

SEED grants are funded under the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions Development and Expansion Act (KS Stat § 9-2324 [2021]), which was enacted in 2021 to promote and facilitate the development and growth of trust banks in Kansas; regulate fiduciary financial activities and custodial services and Kansas; and to locate trust bank office space in economic growth zones in rural Kansas.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	SEED
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	Funded through the Technology-Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions Development and Expansion Act of 2021 Variable upon TEFFI revenue (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$341,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$25,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	10%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	County or municipal governments, economic development organizations, local chambers of commerce, 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) non-profit organizations, tribal organizations. Communities with populations of not more than 5,000 people
ELIGIBLE USES	Projects must be focused on economic development and revitalization efforts through one of the following quality-of-life categories: childcare and senior programming, community vibrancy, food retail and distribution, and libraries.
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	August
APPLICATION PERIOD	August-October
DEADLINE	October
NOTIFICATION	December
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Maren.Lagaly@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/seedgrants/

TOURISM ATTRACTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Attraction Development Grant program is designed to assist in developing sustainable, market-driven travel experiences within the state that will influence destination travel decisions by identifying travel customers and creating economic impact resulting from the creation of jobs, capital investment, revenue and visitation in Kansas.

Eligible projects include:

- New attraction construction
- Enhancements to an existing attraction
- New or enhanced attraction exhibits to improve a visitor experience



The World's Largest Salt Shaker in Lyons, received an Attraction Development Grant in 2023.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$1,000,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$1,000,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$1,000,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	60%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Non-profits, government agencies, for-profit businesses, federally recognized tribes, institutions of higher education
ELIGIBLE USES	New attraction construction, enhancement to an existing attraction, and new or enhanced attraction exhibits to improve a visitor experience
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	October
APPLICATION PERIOD	October-January
DEADLINE	January
NOTIFICATION	February
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Babette.Dixon1@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.travelks.com/travel-industry/programs-and-resources/grants/attraction-development-grants/

TOURISM MARKETING GRANT



The Tourism Marketing Grant program is designed to assist organizations in new, innovative and dedicated tourism advertising and marketing.

Eligible projects include:

- A wide variety of marketing endeavors including digital and physical marketing materials
- Marketing planning activities such as strategic marketing plans or market research

Boot Hill Museum created 15- and 30-second broadcast/digital marketing videos using a Tourism Marketing Grant in 2025.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$100,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$100,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$10,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	60%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Non-profits, government agencies, for-profit businesses, federally recognized tribes, institutions of higher education
ELIGIBLE USES	Variety of new tourism marketing ventures such as travel passports, travel brochures, video advertising, radio advertisement, and social media advertising
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	July
APPLICATION PERIOD	July-August
DEADLINE	August
NOTIFICATION	November
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Babette.Dixon1@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.travelks.com/travel-industry/programs-and-resources/grants/marketing-grants/

TOWNS GRANT

Recognizing the value that rural communities add to the culture of our state, Commerce launched this new grant program to support small-scale quality of place projects that create quick, meaningful results in rural communities that have not received Commerce funding since 2019.



North Newton leveraged Commerce funding to help with trail maps and signage on their local trail system.

GRANT DETAILS

PROGRAM ABBREVIATION	N/A
FUNDING AVAILABILITY	\$150,000 annually (state funds)
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$150,000
MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNT	\$10,000
MATCH REQUIREMENT	60%
ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	Towns with a population of 5,000 or below that have not received Kansas Commerce funding through grants and programs since 2019. Applicants can be county or municipal governments, community or economic development organizations, local chambers of commerce, community foundations or nonprofits such as 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations or federally recognized tribes.
ELIGIBLE USES	Funds must be used for tangible projects that improve community placemaking improvements such as signage, benches, pocket parks, permanent public art or murals, downtown window cleanup, or small downtown infrastructure needs
FUNDING TIMELINE	
ANNOUNCEMENT	March
APPLICATION PERIOD	April - May
DEADLINE	May
NOTIFICATION	July
NOTES	N/A
CONTACT	Trisha.Purdon@ks.gov
MORE INFORMATION	https://www.kansascommerce.gov/towns/

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