

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: Downtown Lincoln Office Suites

Grant Program: BASE 2.0

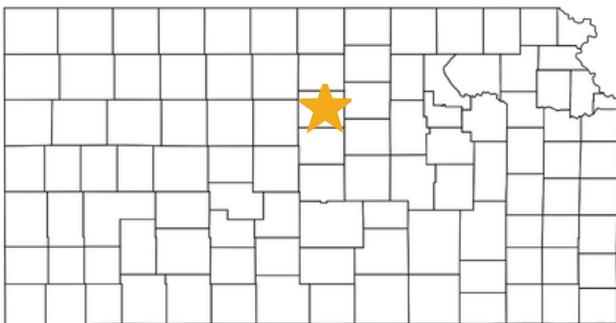
Project Date: Sep 2023 - Aug 2025

Project Summary

Downtown Lincoln lacked quality rentable office space. Most available properties required extensive rehabilitation to make them viable for commercial use. For startups and microbusinesses, the cost of purchasing and renovating a property was beyond their financial capacity. The Downtown Lincoln Office Suites project received BASE grant funds to create three private, move-in-ready office spaces and one retail space to meet this need.

Location

Lincoln, Kansas



Grantee Information

Lincoln recognizes that revitalizing its downtown depends on supporting small businesses, repurposing historic upper floors for housing or offices, and preserving its unique limestone character. These efforts aim to create a more vibrant, livable, and economically sustainable downtown economic core.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Revitalize downtown Lincoln by transforming a long-vacant building into a functional commercial space that supports local business growth.

Objective: Provide affordable, move-in-ready spaces to reduce barriers for small business expansion.

Budget Overview

- BASE amount: \$144,900.00
- Match amount: \$57,255.13
- Total project budget: \$202,155.13

Expense categories

- Construction: \$202,155.13

Target Population

The target population for this grant is local startups, microbusinesses, and home-based entrepreneurs in Lincoln who need affordable, move-in-ready office or retail space to expand their operations.

Sustainability

Rental income from businesses occupying office and retail spaces will support maintenance and operations of the rehabilitated building.

Outcomes

- Fully-leased building serving a healthcare tenant.
- Fully renovated and rehabilitated historic building returned to productive use, enhancing the appearance and vitality of the downtown area.

Activities and Timeline

2024 Q3-4: framing, drywall, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and other construction work
2025 Q1: masonry repair, awning installation
2025 Q2: insulation installation, parking lot improvements, and shared equipment installation
2025 Q3: privacy-screen installation

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