

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: Norton Housing Infrastructure

Grant Program: BASE 2.0

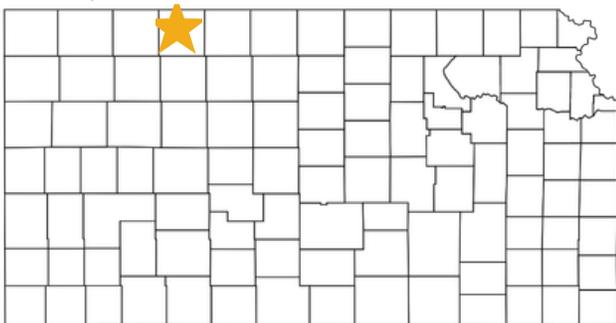
Project Date: Jul 2023 - Dec 2025

Project Summary

Norton County Economic Development received grant funding to construct critical roadway infrastructure that will create build-ready housing sites and address a severe housing shortage limiting workforce growth. This investment unlocks new residential construction, expands the labor force, strengthens the local tax base, and positions Norton County for long-term, sustainable growth.

Location

Norton, Kansas



Grantee Information

The City of Norton, the county seat of Norton County in northwestern Kansas near the Nebraska border, serves as the region's primary hub for manufacturing, healthcare, education, and retail services.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Expand Norton County's housing supply to support workforce growth and economic sustainability.

Objective: Complete engineering design and infrastructure buildout to create build-ready residential lots.

Budget Overview

- BASE amount: \$1,080,000.00
- Match amount: \$360,000.00
- Total project budget: \$1,440,000.00

Expense categories:

- Site Work: \$222,891.49
- Water and Sewer: \$494,448.52
- Roadway Construction: \$720,728.63
- Administration: \$1,931.36

Target Population

The target population is current and prospective Norton County workers whose ability to live and work locally depends on the availability of attainable housing. The secondary population for this grant includes local employers looking to expand their workforce.

Sustainability

By creating build-ready lots within city limits, it reduces barriers for developers, attracts ongoing private investment, and expands the local tax base. Increased workforce housing supports employer growth, strengthens community services, and generates recurring economic activity that continues well beyond the initial grant investment.

Outcomes

- 37-lot subdivision with build-ready residential lots ready for immediate single-family home construction.
- Immediate housing relief through the construction of eight new duplex units, each offering three bedrooms and two bathrooms, to meet workforce housing demand.
- Increased capacity for local employer expansion, helping to stabilize population trends and strengthening Norton County's role as a regional employment center for Northwest Kansas.

Activities and Timeline

2023 Q3 - Q4: Engineering and design
2024 Q4: final platting and zoning, construction procurement
2025 Q1 - Q4: sewer, water and road construction

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