



Thank you for nominating your eligible census tracts for Opportunity Zone 2.0 designation. This program attracted \$100 billion in investments nationally since 2018, and your work is an important component in raising the standard of living of Kansans in your community and surrounding areas. Your eligibility already validates the need for OZ 2.0 designation, and your nomination should focus on how you intend to make the most of such a designation, not on need.

You may nominate any eligible census tract under your management or governance. Multiple tract nominations made by you should be ranked by priority when submitted to Commerce before June 1, 2026. If you have a tract that is being re-nominated, know that progress must be reported within the tract or it faces a steep slope to continue with a federal OZ designation.

Nominations should:

- Be concise and descriptive. Target a 3-page limit for each census tract nomination.
- Use hyperlinked files (maps etc.) to detail activities and infrastructure within the tract.
- Minimize the inclusion of activity outside of the census tract.
- Refrain from clustering nominations or making them inter-dependent.
- Be investor focused. Explain how risks are mitigated and gains can be maximized.

The following is an illustration of how nominations should flow, and how they will be evaluated.

1-Paragraph executive summary

recommended

Existing Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) Investments

up to 20 pts

A current census tract being renominated with verifiable activity by one or more Qualified Opportunity Funds. Details of project type including – but not limited to – new multifamily housing, substantially improved buildings, new enterprise, food desert grocery, mixed use, drug recovery or mental health services. Must fully detail the project and the QOF for eligible points.

Defined and funded marketing plan

up to 20 pts

The OZ 2.0 tracts will become official on January 1, 2027. Explain how you intend to provide sustained marketing of an OZ 2.0 tract between today and December 31, 2031. Which personnel will be involved? Is an agency helping or volunteering? How does social media play a role? Has a budget been proposed (or approved)? This is a vital function to investor success in the tract, and you are encouraged to take the space needed here to be descriptive.

Proposed and scoped OZ 2.0 eligible project with viable fit for investment

up to 15 pts

If you have a pre-defined project or community need for a QOF investor to consider, describe it concisely here. Two sentences on the nature of the investment and how it serves the community. One sentence on the size of the investment. One sentence describing the available infrastructure that reasonably assures success. Challenge a local realtor to help you with this section. Optional: itemize follow-on investments enabled by the initial one.



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State of Kansas awarded grants since 2018 **up to 10 pts**

Describe the efforts made within the census tract to make it more investable. Include awards received from housing-related grant sources, community development block grants, Main Street, and all others provided by any state agency or department.

Infrastructure Improvements since 2018 **up to 10 pts**

Describe the infrastructure improvements and enhancements that occurred within the census tract. Focus on aspects that make QOF investment more likely including roadways, electrical infrastructure, water systems, natural gas service, broadband, and childcare availability. Hyperlinked access to your before-and-after maps is especially helpful. Grants made by any state agency are also of interest here.

Small Business starts since 2018 **up to 10 pts**

Have there been any new business starts within the census tract whether or not the investor was a QOF? Are there adjoining industries or businesses that would be attracted or enabled by their presence? Be specific and realistic.

Kansas Certified Site **up to 10 pts**

Are there development sites within the census tract that are currently a Kansas Certified Site, or have any been submitted to Commerce as of the date of your nomination? Provide details here.

Labor Shed & Housing Status **up to 5 pts**

Data on the census tract for both housing availability (or shortage) and population trends within the census tract. Changes within the tract since 2018 are of special interest to the evaluation process.

Bonus**Enhancements** **up to 10 pts**

Please indicate whether any zoning changes have been made in preparation for desirable investment activity. Have any other official designations been made by local government since 2018 to promote growth in the tract? Are there local incentives provided to further enhance the OZ 2.0 program?

Disclosures:**(0 pts)**

You are on your honor in this section and this section is not necessary if it does not apply to the tract being nominated.

If applicable, please describe any investor-backed projects that were not approved in a public vote and could have reasonably had a QOF involved. New investors will be doing their homework and will want background on this topic. Deficient permit applications or design compliance are not the concern. Please explain and provide assurances if able.

