

# PROJECT BRIEF



**Project Name: Employee Housing Infrastructure**

**Grant Program: BASE 2.0**

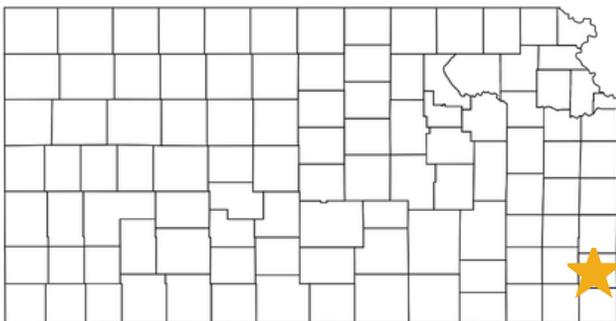
**Project Date: Jul 2022 - Oct 2025**

## Project Summary

Sugar Creek Packing Co. employs over 625 workers at its Kansas location, but faced labor shortages driven by a lack of affordable housing. BASE funds supported the rehabilitation and expansion of the West Meadows Estates subdivision infrastructure. The infrastructure enabled Sugar Creek to invest in rehabbing and building housing units to rent to employees who could not find adequate, affordable housing in the area. The project supports workforce participation and future business growth.

## Location

Frontenac, Kansas



## Grantee Information

Sugar Creek Packing Co. is a food manufacturer established in 1966 and has operated in Fontenac, Kansas since 1982. Sugar Creek employs more than 625 full-time workers in Kansas. The company's headquarters is located in Ohio.

## Goals and Objectives

**Goal:** Increase employee recruitment and retention at the Sugar Creek plant in Frontenac, Kansas.

**Objective:** Expand access to affordable, move-in-ready employee housing.

## Budget Overview

- BASE amount: \$1,260,000.00
- Match amount: \$545,600.29
- Total project budget: \$1,805,600.30

### Expense categories

- Preliminary Engineering: \$166,424.50
- Project Inspection Fees: \$52,199.01
- Construction: \$1,200,000.00

## Target Population

The target population for this grant includes the local workforce employed by Sugar Creek Packing Co., who will benefit from a reduced housing cost burden and long commutes. Sugar Creek will benefit from improved employee recruitment and retention.

## Sustainability

The infrastructure investments are self-sustaining because they support long-term occupancy and increased property values. Sugar Creek will maintain the homes, will pay property and local taxes while renting to their employees. The rent will cover infrastructure maintenance and contributes to the fiscal sustainability of the community.

## Outcomes

Infrastructure improvements have already enabled the addition of 16 new single-family homes that are being used by employees. The project also provided the necessary infrastructure for adding more housing in the future.

## Activities and Timeline

Q3 2022: Begin construction  
Q3 2025: End construction

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