

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: Cosmosphere Revitalization

Grant Program: SPRINT

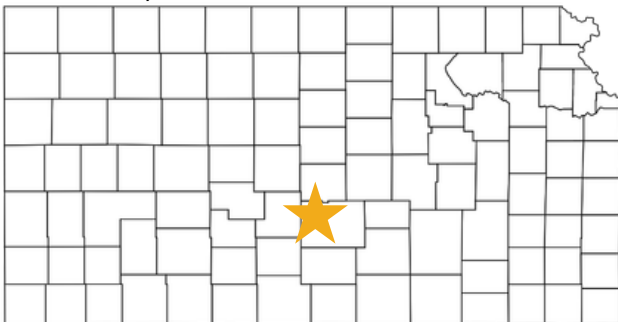
Project Date: July 2022 - April 2025

Project Summary

The project consists of a comprehensive revitalization and infrastructure improvement initiative for the Cosmosphere, an internationally recognized science center and space museum located in Hutchinson, Kansas. The project is intended to modernize aging facilities, improve the visitor and student experience, address critical deferred maintenance needs, and strengthen the Cosmosphere's role as a major tourism and STEM education destination within Kansas.

Location

Hutchinson, KS



Grantee Information

Beginning as a planetarium in 1962, "Hutchinson's Theater of the Skies" evolved into the present-day Cosmosphere Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit science education center and space museum. The facility was expanded to its current size in 1997.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Modernize critical facility infrastructure to preserve the safety and functionality of the museum facility.

Objective: Repair and replace deteriorated building infrastructure, including roofing, plumbing, sewer, HVAC, and electrical systems.

Budget Overview

Grant Amount: \$700,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$700,000

Expense Categories:

- Roofing: \$379,218.31
- Plumbing and HVAC: \$320,781.69

Target Population

The primary target population for this grant is visitors and tourists to the Cosmosphere, including both in-state and out-of-state travelers who visit the facility as a tourism destination. A secondary target population includes students and school groups.

Sustainability

The project is sustainable because it funds long-term infrastructure and system upgrades at the Cosmosphere that reduce deferred maintenance needs and improve energy efficiency, building performance, and operational reliability. Ongoing visitor revenue will support the organization's ability to maintain these improvements after the grant period.

Outcomes

- Improved indoor environmental quality and visitor comfort.
- Fully repaired and modernized building envelope and mechanical systems.

Activities and Timeline

2022 Q3: HVAC work begins.
2022 Q4: Continued HVAC work, cast-iron drain pipe replacement, mini-split installation, and roof replacement.
2023 Q1 - Q2: Continued roof replacement and HVAC work.
2023 Q3: Completed HVAC work.
2023 Q4: Completed roof replacement.

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