

How much can I receive for my project?

The maximum grant award for a project in a single zip code is \$25,000. If the is spread across two or more zip codes, the maximum award amount is \$50,000. Projects spanning multiple zip codes require genuine multi community projects with substantive eligible activities and costs in each zip code. Projects should be similar in grant award amounts in both zip codes or a reasonably equitable split between the projects to be considered for the maximum award of \$50,000.

What communities are eligible to apply?

Projects must be in municipalities with a population of fewer than 5,000 people OR be located in an urban zip code according to the Distressed Communities Index. Eligible communities must have a zip code classified as DISTRESSED on the following map: <https://eig.org/distressed-communities-interactive/?regions%5B0%5D=20&geo=states&lat=38.51&lon=-98.32&z=6.96> . If you are uncertain if you qualify, please email Towns@ks.gov

Is there a matching fund requirement for Towns grants?

Yes. Towns projects have a 10% cash match.

Can matching funds be in-kind?

Only communities with 1,000 population or less are eligible to use in-kind match for the Towns grant. If you have questions, please contact Towns@ks.gov

I have received other federal or state funding for this project—ARPA, SPARK, USDA, CDBG, SHPO, etc.—can those be applied as a match?

Cash match must come from private sources or non-state-funded grants. Federal funds such as CDBG, ARPA, and USDA may be used as matching funds. If you have questions about matching funds, please reach out to Towns@ks.gov

Who should provide supporting tax documentation?

The fiscal agent must provide the W-9, tax clearance certificate, and certificate of good standing. If the fiscal agent is a government entity, only a W-9 is required.

Is the project required to be in a specific area of the community?

No. Towns grants can be located anywhere that will deliver quick, visible results.

Does my project have to follow any Design Standards?

Projects should incorporate Main Street Design Standards where applicable. All projects must follow state or local ordinances and codes.

Does my project have to follow any Preservation Standards?

Projects are encouraged to follow the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation when applicable. <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation.htm>

Projects are also encouraged to use best preservation practices as outlined in the Preservation Briefs of the National Park Service.

<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>

*Projects that are on the State or National Register of Historic Places or contributing buildings in a State or National Register Historic District **MUST** follow these standards and best practice guidelines **and receive appropriate state approvals with the Kansas State Historical Society office before beginning work.***