

May is National Motorcycle Safety Month

As the weather warms up, you've probably already seen more motorcyclists on the roads around the state.

In 2023 in Kansas, crash data shows there were 926 motorcycle-involved crashes. In those incidents, **41 people died** and 840 were injured.

Mutual respect and thoughtfulness from all drivers and riders users will help reduce crashes, deaths, and injuries on our roads.

Tips for drivers:

- Yield to motorcyclists especially while turning at intersections.
- Check all mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles before changing lanes or merging with traffic.
- Allow more follow distance when behind a motorcycle.
- Allow motorcycles the full width of a lane at all times.

Tips for motorcyclists:

- Wear protective gear and a DOT-compliant helmet. High visibility gear will help you be seen.
- Take a motorcycle safety course and keep your bike well maintained.
- Don't ride in the blind spots of motor vehicles.
- Drive and ride defensively.



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Governor Kelly Announces Updated Consensus Revenue Estimates

TOPEKA (4.18.2025) – Governor Laura Kelly has announced the updated consensus revenue estimates (CRE). Secretary of Administration Adam Proffitt held a press conference immediately following the final CRE meeting on Thursday afternoon.

“Today’s Consensus Revenue Estimates could be seen as positive news, but in reality, they underscore the seriousness of the financial predicament ahead,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “The bizarre and irresponsible budget gimmicks used by the Republican-led Legislature spend more than the state takes in by nearly \$800 million PER YEAR. Ultimately, this will lead to a historically large budget deficit, rivaling the worst of the Brownback years.

“It comes at the same time the Legislature has guaranteed large tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations, instead of the property tax relief they promised Kansas families. Kansans need to demand their legislators restore fiscal sanity and fairness when they return in January.”

The overall estimate for FY 2025 and FY 2026 was increased by a combined \$377.5 million. The estimate for total taxes was increased by \$195.1 million, and other revenues were increased by \$182.4 million for the two years combined.

“We’re making the best possible estimate that we can, given all the potential headwinds and some of the policies that are shifting on a regular basis,” **said Secretary of Administration Adam Proffitt.** “I feel like we’ve arrived at a good forecast that can serve policymakers well, over the next 18 months.”

The governor and the Legislature determine State General Fund revenue using the CRE, which is prepared by the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group.

The Consensus Revenue Estimating Group is composed of representatives from the Division of the Budget, Department of Revenue, and Legislative Research Department, and one consulting economist each from the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, and Wichita State University.

The group meets twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

Highlights of Thursday’s findings are below:

Revenues

The forecast is filled with uncertainty due to ever-changing federal actions that could significantly impact both the global and domestic economy.

For FY25, total revenues increased by a combined \$157.9 million compared to the previous forecast.

Of this increase, taxes contributed to \$101.5 million. Individual and corporate income taxes accounted for \$125.0 million of the total.

Other revenues, including interest earnings, increased by \$56.4 million.

In FY26, total revenues were raised by a combined \$219.6 million compared to the previous forecast.

Taxes contributed to \$93.6 million of this increase. The individual and corporate income taxes accounted for \$140.0 million.

Other revenues saw a significant increase of \$126.0 million; half of this was due to the Legislature suspending the Build Kansas transfer for FY26, a one-time event, while the other half resulted from higher interest rates driving up earnings.

Caseloads

FY25 human services caseload costs decreased by \$23.0 million in State General Fund (SGF) vs. the previously approved estimate.

FY26 human services caseload costs decreased by \$13.0 million in SGF vs. the previously approved estimate.

K-12 caseloads for FY25 and FY26 have very little change vs. previous forecast, though the Kansas State Department of Education is not yet finished with audits to complete student counts.

Ending Balances

Ending balance remains a concern:

FY25 SGF forecasted at **\$2.291 billion**

FY26 SGF forecasted at **\$1.735 billion**

More concerning than the ending balance is the structural imbalance.

Expenses are exceeding receipts by approximately \$700 - \$800 million for each of the next several fiscal years.

The full memo can be found [here](#). Past memos can be found [here](#).

Governor Kelly Announces Over \$14M for 47 Aviation Projects Across Kansas

TOPEKA (4.24.2025) – Governor Laura Kelly announced Thursday \$14.5 million for 47 aviation projects across the state through the Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP), which provides funding for planning, construction, and rehabilitation of public-use general aviation airports.

“The Kansas aerospace industry is an essential part of our state’s economy,” **Governor Laura Kelly said**. “Keeping our aviation infrastructure in optimal condition is a large part of that economic growth and job creation, allowing local businesses and communities to prosper.”

The Kansas Department of Transportation’s Division of Aviation received 81 applications seeking a combined total project value of more than \$42 million for this round of KAIP grants. Projects were selected from across the state and focused on pavement preservation, safety, and air ambulance accessibility to remote communities.

“Combining state and local funds to provide vital improvements to general aviation airports has helped to create a statewide aviation network citizens can depend on,” **said Secretary of Transportation Calvin Reed**. “This offers more services, like air ambulance accessibility, that can help support transportation needs in all areas of Kansas.”

The KAIP receives \$15 million annually through the bipartisan Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) and requires local matching funds of 10-50%, depending on the project. With local matching funds for these projects, the KAIP total project value this year is \$22.9 million.

Approved state FY 2026 KAIP projects:

Allen County Airport, Iola

- \$409,500 for design and construction of a taxi lane project.

Anthony Municipal Airport, Anthony

- \$153,000 for Jet A fuel system.

Atkinson Municipal Airport, Pittsburg

- \$81,000 for a focused Airport Layout Plan update.

Atwood-Rawlins County City-County Airport, Atwood

- \$270,000 for new Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS).

Chanute Martin Johnson Airport, Chanute

- \$450,000 for design and reconstruction of south apron phased pavement project.

Cheyenne County Municipal Airport, Saint Francis

- \$180,000 for runway pavement rehabilitation.

Clay Center Municipal Airport, Clay Center

- \$468,000 to construct taxi lanes and hangar approaches.

Clyde Cessna Field, Kingman

- \$90,000 for fuel system upgrades.

Comanche County Airport

- \$540,000 for runway and taxiway lights.
- \$90,000 for fuel system improvements.

Cook Airfield, Rose Hill

- \$34,650 for aircraft parking ramp and drainage.
- \$22,680 for Taxiway A extension.

Dighton Airport, Dighton

- \$274,500 for runway and taxiway pavement crack fill, seal coat, and markings.

Emporia Municipal Airport, Emporia

- \$391,000 to rehabilitate the south apron.
- \$208,000 to relocate and upgrade fuel system.

Fort Scott Municipal Airport, Fort Scott

- \$684,000 to replace taxiway edge lighting.

Freeman Field, Junction City

- \$189,000 for tip-down rotating beacon.

Garnett Municipal Airport, Garnett

- \$20,000 help with local match for phased FAA runway reconstruction project.

Gove County Airport, Quinter

- \$120,000 for a pilot lounge, restroom, hangar, and snow removal equipment storage.

Great Bend Municipal Airport, Great Bend

- \$450,000 for design of runway 11/29 reconstruction.
- \$146,000 for local match for FAA funded runway 17/35 rehabilitation.

Greensburg Municipal Airport, Greensburg

- \$191,250 for design of a project to pave runway 18/36.

Independence Municipal Airport, Independence

- \$756,000 for rehabilitating north asphalt apron pavement.

Jetmore Municipal Airport, Jetmore

- \$800,000 for planning and design for runway 17/35 reconstruction project.

Johnson County Airport, Olathe

- \$13,600 for pavement maintenance materials.

Kearny County Airport, Lakin

- \$537,000 for design and construction of runway 14/32 lighting.

Lawrence Regional Airport, Lawrence

- \$666,000 for design and construction of runway 1/19 pavement rehabilitation.

Lt. William M. Milliken Airport, Eureka

- \$385,200 for design and construction of a runway light and PAPI rehab project.

Mankato Airport, Mankato

- \$333,333 for design of a runway extension, rehab, and lighting project.

Marion Municipal Airport, Marion

- \$138,330 to replace the fuel system.

Mark Hoard Memorial Airport, Leoti

- \$373,860 help with local match for FAA funded hangar project.

McPherson Airport, McPherson

- \$350,000 for design and construction for phased fuel system replacement.

Miami County Airport, Paola

- \$765,000 to rehabilitate west taxi lanes and hangar ramps.

Mid-America Regional Airport, Liberal

- \$382,500 to replace runway 04/22 PAPI and REIL systems.

Ness City Municipal Airport, Ness City

- \$25,215 for help with local match for FAA funded apron expansion project.

New Century Air Center, Olathe

- \$800,000 for rehabilitation of the central portion of the west apron.
- \$13,600 for pavement preservation materials.

Newton City-County Airport, Newton

- \$647,361 for electrical upgrades to runway 8/26.

Oakley Municipal Airport, Oakley

- \$180,000 for fuel system improvements.

Osborne Municipal Airport, Osborne

- \$800,000 to rehabilitate runway 02/20 pavement.

Pratt Regional Airport, Pratt

- \$77,490 to update ALP.

Scott City Municipal Airport, Scott City

- \$27,360 to relocate wind cone and upgrade segmented circle.

Shalz Field, Colby

- \$180,000 to construction taxiway extension.

Stanton County Municipal Airport, Johnson

- \$270,000 to install electric vault and relocate airfield electrical controls and regulators.

Syracuse-Hamilton County Airport, Syracuse

- \$27,000 for runway 13/31 pavement crack seal.

Tri-City Airport, Parsons

- \$540,000 to replace fuel system.

Wellington Municipal Airport, Wellington

- \$29,925 fuel system improvement.
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Governor Kelly Signs Landmark Bipartisan Early Childhood Legislation

~ House Bill 2045 consolidates early childhood care and education programs into the Office of Early Childhood, streamlines child care regulatory structures ~

TOPEKA (4.24.2025) - Governor Laura Kelly on Thursday signed [House Bill 2045](#), a bipartisan compromise to expand access to child care services and consolidate existing early childhood programs into the Office of Early Childhood. The bill was crafted through negotiations with a bipartisan group of Kansas legislators from both the Kansas House of Representatives and the Kansas Senate. House Bill 2045 received widespread bipartisan support, passing the Kansas House of Representatives 99-23 and the Kansas Senate 30-10. This landmark piece of legislation is the most consequential early childhood education and care legislation enacted in Kansas in 15 years. Governor Kelly signed the bill into law during a ceremony at the Kansas Children’s Discovery Center in Topeka.

“House Bill 2045 is a win for businesses, early childhood providers, and most importantly, Kansas children and families,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “Now, our early childhood system will no longer be bogged down by inefficiencies and bureaucratic red tape. Through collaboration with the Legislature, this bill will streamline access to high-quality early childhood services and make Kansas the premier place to raise a family while ensuring the highest standards for child well-being and safety.”

Under this legislation, nearly 20 existing state programs serving young children and families will be consolidated into the Office of Early Childhood. The office, which will officially open in mid-2026, will house child care licensing, child care subsidy, home visitation programs, and the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund. The office will be led by a director appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Kansas Senate. The office will be responsible for the state’s early childhood system, serve communities and stakeholders by developing a statewide strategy for expanding access to child care, and administer services currently spread throughout various state agencies.

The Office of Early Childhood will be staffed by current state employees who will be retained in their existing roles and funded through existing state resources, as the office's functions already exist across state government. The governor will appoint a transition director and interagency transition team to oversee the process of consolidating programs into the office.

"Kansas has a very urgent need for more, affordable child care and this legislation hits directly at bottlenecks in the system that, quite frankly, suppress availability and drive up cost," **said Speaker of the House of Representatives Dan Hawkins**. "These are real solutions that will immediately increase slots by reducing overly burdensome regulations, streamlining support services for providers and families, and addressing underserved and rural shortages by increasing flexibility for home-based providers. I especially want to thank House Commerce Chair Sean Tarwater, Vice Chair Adam Turk, and Representative Laura Williams for their tireless work to solve these issues without growing government in the process."

House Bill 2045 also streamlines early childhood licensure processes and regulatory structures to eliminate barriers to becoming a licensed child care provider and support the early childhood workforce. The bill sets standards for various career pathways and qualification requirements for various early childhood educator positions. The bill also authorizes the creation of pilot programs for developing new licensure categories and eliminates certain licensure fees currently charged to providers, allowing for more child care businesses to open and slots to be created.

"With over half of Kansas families struggling to find affordable child care, the child care crisis impacts children, stresses parents, and slows our economy," **said Senate Democratic Leader Dinah Sykes**. "Establishing the Kansas Office of Early Childhood will help parents and children by eliminating the red tape that makes it difficult for families to access services."

This legislation implements the recommendations of the Early Childhood Transition Task Force, which Governor Kelly established in January 2023 via [Executive Order 23-01](#), the first of her second term. The task force, comprised of bipartisan leaders and experts, spent a year reviewing Kansas' current early childhood system and developed this consolidation structure. Through collaboration between the Governor's Office and legislative leaders, similar legislation was considered during the 2024 Legislative Session but was not enacted.

Through partnership with the Legislature, Governor Kelly has previously signed legislation to cut child care costs for working families through \$18 million in expanded tax credits, allow for more businesses to access tax credits for providing child care to their employees, and expand the Imagination Library of Kansas to all children between 0-5 years of age. Today, Kansas has more licensed child care slots than ever before, including 7,700 new licensed child care slots since Governor Kelly took office.

Commerce Awards CDBG Grants to Support Commercial Revitalization Projects

TOPEKA (4.22.2025)— Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced the Kansas Department of Commerce has awarded \$758,250 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to three Kansas communities: Burlingame, Lyon County and Overbrook. This year, the program allocated a total of \$2.5 million in funding to support the revitalization of commercial properties throughout the state.

"By providing funding to rehabilitate commercial properties, we are directly improving the viability of essential businesses and the vibrancy of communities," **Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of**

Commerce David Toland said. “These projects not only enhance the appearance and functionality of commercial spaces but also contribute to the success and sustainability of local economies throughout Kansas.”

The awarded projects:

- **Burlingame:** \$300,000 – The proposed use of the Coach’s Hometown Gym located at 105 E. Santa Fe Avenue, will address a recognized need, complement existing recreation facilities, and generate increased foot traffic.
- **Lyon County:** \$300,000 – A two-level commercial building located at 713 Commercial Street in Emporia will house Fork & Spoon as well as two additional organizations, GoodMuscle Gym and Emporia First Friday Art Walk.
- **Overbrook:** \$158,250 – The building is a corner lot along U.S. 56 Highway which will be developed into a walk-up ice cream shop, situated across from the community pool.

The CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation program provides funding to assist private property owners in rehabilitating blighted structures in downtown districts. The grant program aims to assist Kansas communities to preserve and improve commercial districts, ensuring their long-term economic growth and sustainability.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply while funds last. Approximately \$2.05 million is still available. For more information about the grant program or to apply, click [here](#).

Commerce Awards Over \$1.5 Million to Help Fund Downtown Revitalization Projects

TOPEKA (4.24.2025) – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced the Kansas Department of Commerce has awarded more than \$1.5 million in Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) funding to support 19 projects revitalizing downtown buildings across the state. When matched with more than \$6.4 million in local contributions, this round of HEAL funding brings the total investment to approximately \$7.9 million.

“Our rural communities are some of the best places to be in Kansas — and it’s because we are intentional with how we invest in them and how we want them to grow,” **Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said.** “By revitalizing our historic buildings, we can create spaces that drive community growth and bring in new economic opportunities for the entire state.”

By providing matching grants through a competitive process, HEAL helps communities transform vacant spaces into thriving hubs for businesses, housing, childcare, arts, civic activities and entrepreneurship. These awards are designed to breathe new life into rural downtown districts. In doing so, HEAL fosters reinvestment, encourages community engagement and boosts the overall economic health of Kansas communities.



“Since 2021, the HEAL program has helped transform 96 buildings in rural Kansas, generating economic opportunity, creating new jobs and strengthening the vitality of our downtown areas,” **Office of Rural Prosperity Director Trisha Purdon said**. “This group of projects will save buildings in some of the smallest communities in Kansas.”

The HEAL awards in this round will be utilized for a wide variety of projects, including:

- **Admire, Last Chance Arcade – \$35,000:** Awarded to North Lyon County Senior Center, a 120-year-old building in downtown is being transformed into a retro arcade, featuring over 60 classic games. As one of the oldest buildings downtown, its revitalization will preserve local history while creating a vibrant, intergenerational gathering place. This project strives to be the largest arcade between Kansas City and Wichita, drawing visitors and new life to the area.
- **Garnett, Gym – \$100,000:** Awarded to City of Garnett, an established Kansas gym is expanding, with a second 24/7 fitness facility in the heart of downtown. Located in one of the city’s largest historic buildings, the space will undergo structural and interior renovations to include a state-of-the-art gym and a dedicated “kid zone.” This project will increase daily foot traffic, energize the downtown district, and serve as a hub for community engagement.
- **Sharon Springs, Upper Story Housing – \$100,000:** Awarded to the City of Sharon Springs, the upper level of two adjoining 1911 buildings in downtown will be brought back to life, after sitting vacant for over two decades. Informed by the Wallace County Housing Assessment Tool (HAT), the renovation will convert the space into much-needed housing options, including potential apartments or short-term rentals. This project honors the community’s heritage while addressing a critical local need.
- **Wilson, Weber & Peirano Building (Façade Grant) – \$40,000:** Awarded to Wilson Tourism Hub, the historic 1904 building will undergo essential façade improvements to restore its original charm and support its role as a cornerstone of community life. Home to a mercantile, art gallery and shared workspace studio, the building continues to foster creativity, entrepreneurship and tourism at a prominent downtown corner.

To view the full list of HEAL awardees, click [here](#).

Governor Kelly Signs Bill Protecting Kansans

TOPEKA (4.25.2025) – Governor Laura Kelly has signed a bill aimed at protecting Kansans by combating online sexual crimes and strengthening protections for survivors of sexual assault, among other related public safety issues. **Senate Bill (SB) 186** criminalizes the possession, creation, and distribution of artificial-intelligence (AI) - generated child sexual abuse material (CSAM). The bill also requires certain prior convictions to be considered when determining bond for individuals arrested for specific sex offenses.

“Senate Bill 186 establishes stronger protections against sexual crimes in both the digital realm and the physical world,” **Governor Laura Kelly said**. “Given the rise of AI-enabled crime, enhancing public safety for our fellow Kansans is crucial.”

As AI becomes a larger part of Kansans’ lives, protections must be put in place to ensure the technology is not used to cause harm. SB 186 broadens the scope of breach of privacy to encompass the sharing of materials created or altered by AI that portray individuals in a sexual manner without

their consent. This part of the law is meant to both protect people and tackle the serious issue of sharing private content without consent.

“As child predators turn to AI to create obscene, exploitative images of children, whether by altering real photos or generating abusive material from scratch, we must act,” **said Representative for House District 76 Brad Barrett**. “This legislation strengthens our child exploitation laws to protect kids from this evolving threat and also updates our breach of privacy law to shield adults from having their images maliciously altered to appear nude or sexually explicit when they have an expectation of privacy.”

Under SB 186, if a person is charged with a sexually violent crime, like rape or indecent liberties with a child, and that person has a prior conviction for another sexually violent crime, their bond must be set at a minimum of \$750,000. If the defendant can post this bond, the minimum conditions for their release will include house arrest and prohibiting contact with victims/witnesses of the alleged crime.

“Too often, individuals charged with sexually violent crimes are released on bond, despite prior convictions that clearly demonstrate a pattern of predatory behavior,” **said Senator for District 21 Dinah Sykes**. “This part of the bill ensures the safety of victims comes first. By requiring the consideration of similar prior acts when setting bond, we can alleviate some of the fear for victims.”

In addition to SB 186, Governor Kelly also signed the following bipartisan bills:

Sub Bill for House Bill 2007: Reconciles statutes amended multiple times during the 2025 legislative session.

Sub Bill for House Bill 2125: Ensures continued funding for public education by renewing the statewide school finance property tax levy for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. The bill also makes technical changes to the process and forms used by local governments use to certify the amount of local property tax to be levied each year.

House Bill 2289: Establishes an annual cap and sunset for the Kansas Affordable Housing Tax Credit.

House Bill 2231: Shifts Kansas to a single-factor apportionment for the purposes of corporate income tax calculations. This shift will align Kansas with the method of apportionment used by the majority of states, evening the playing field for Kansas based businesses, making the state more attractive for capital investment, and encouraging job creation.

Sub Bill for House Bill 2275: Authorizes certain local governments to submit local sales tax proposals to voters for various projects.

House Bill 2335: Authorizes issuance of the Hunter Nation distinctive license plate.

Senate Bill 98: Creates a sales tax exemption for qualifying data center projects, giving the state another tool in the toolbox to bring jobs, infrastructure, and prosperity to Kansas communities through economic development.

Senate Bill 156: Increases the reimbursement amount the Department of Corrections may make to compensate inmates for losses for personal injury or property damage.

Senate Bill 204: Creates a new process for the appointment of trustees to county law libraries. The bill also requires that certain sensitive information about cases, warrants, and subpoenas in criminal and juvenile cases be kept confidential to protect the privacy of Kansans.

Senate Bill 237: Authorizes law enforcement officers to conduct investigations of violations of the Scrap Metal Theft Reduction Act.

Governor Kelly Announces Fiserv to Open Regional Fintech Hub in Kansas

TOPEKA (4.21.2025) – Governor Laura Kelly announced earlier today that [Fiserv, Inc.](#) plans to open a Strategic Fintech Hub at the Aspiria Campus in Overland Park, Kansas. The new location will add approximately 2,000 technology and operations-related jobs in the state, generate \$6.5 billion in total economic impact over 10 years, and strengthen the company’s ability to serve clients across the heartland.

“When I took office in 2019, my administration promised to modernize and diversify the Kansas economy in order to build long-term resilience,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “Fiserv’s new regional hub in Overland Park is a significant step forward as we continue to elevate Kansas to new heights. Fiserv will create high-value career options and opportunities for military personnel transitioning to civilian life and graduates of our higher education system.”

Fiserv, which has committed \$175 million in private investment for the project, will renovate 427,000 square feet of space across two Aspiria Campus buildings. This is the largest office recruitment in Kansas history.

“This is the largest office recruitment in Kansas history. Fiserv is a global leader in fintech and financial services, and its decision to make Overland Park the central hub for their payment platform speaks volumes to the IT ecosystem and the business environment here in Kansas,” **said Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland.** “The high-wage opportunities Fiserv will bring to Overland Park will have lasting economic impact for our entire state, including the technology talent pipeline and the small businesses that will have a new regional partner for payment processing.”

Annual salaries at the facility will average around \$102,000. With future expansion plans, the company’s new financial hub is expected to contribute up to \$4 billion in payroll investment into Kansas over the next decade.

“We are thrilled to expand our U.S. footprint, bringing our people together to drive innovation on behalf of our clients,” **said Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fiserv Frank Bisignano.** “The greater Kansas City Metro area offers a dynamic environment with a growing population of tech talent, making it the ideal location for Fiserv’s next strategic fintech hub. Working with local and state leaders, we are committed to driving growth and prosperity for both Fiserv and Kansas while contributing to the vibrancy of the Overland Park community.”

The expansion marks a significant milestone in Fiserv’s strategy to bring people together in large hub locations to inspire innovation and collaboration and deliver exceptional products and services to financial institutions, businesses and communities.

“Kansas continues to attract top-tier businesses, and I look forward to welcoming Fiserv to Overland Park,” **said United States Senator Jerry Moran.** “Fiserv’s investment in Kansas will create 2,000 new jobs and generate billions of dollars of economic growth over the next decade. Bringing the Fortune 500 financial services company to our state also will connect Fiserv with the Midwest and the individuals and businesses they serve across the region.”

The Aspiria Campus was selected for its central location and proximity to Fiserv’s growing Midwest client base. The campus will feature amenities supporting well-being, fitness, and dining to create a superior workplace environment that will attract top talent from across the Midwest. Fiserv will invest

in substantial enhancements and pursue Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the building as a testament to the company's commitment to operating sustainability.

"Fiserv's investment is a huge win for Overland Park and our entire region. It will bring thousands of good-paying jobs, strengthen our local economy, and reinforce Kansas' growing leadership in technology and innovation," **said Representative Sharice Davids (KS-03)**. "I'm proud to support efforts that create new opportunities for Kansas families and keep our economy moving forward."

The new Overland Park location joins Fiserv's network of innovation centers in Alpharetta, Milwaukee, Omaha, Berkeley Heights, and New York City. This proven hub strategy has facilitated exceptional collaboration and innovation across the company, enabling Fiserv to better serve clients and quickly adapt to evolving market needs.

"Fiserv's investment is monumental – and so is the Kansas City region's ability to deliver," **said Kansas City Area Development Council President and CEO Tim Cowden**. "With a fast-growing tech sector, a deep pipeline of financial services talent, and a business community that works as one, Kansas City has the capacity and competitiveness to meet this moment. There's no better proof that Kansas City is winning than a global fintech leader choosing KC over markets like Nashville, Dallas, and Atlanta. Our market is arriving, and the rest of the country is taking notice."

Fiserv expects to open the hub in two phases beginning in 2026.

"We are proud to welcome Fiserv to Aspiria campus and Overland Park," **said Overland Park Mayor Curt Skoog**. "Overland Park is already a strong hub for business and technology leadership, and Fiserv is a natural fit in our community. The thousands of jobs Fiserv brings, along with the potential to serve neighboring businesses within our thriving community, is a significant win. I look forward to welcoming Fiserv's leadership and their employees to our city."

Kansas Corporation Commission to hold a public hearing on Black Hills Energy rate increase request

TOPEKA (4.22.2025) – The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) will hold a public hearing next week to give Black Hills gas customers an opportunity to learn more about the company's rate increase request, ask questions and make comments before the Commission.

Black Hills is requesting to increase rates by \$17.2 million to recover costs already incurred by the company to support safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to customers. If approved, the average residential bill would increase by 17.6%. For a customer with average usage, that equates to an increase of approximately \$11 per month to take effect in the second half of 2025. Black Hills provides natural gas service to approximately 120,000 Kansas customers.



The public hearing will be held in Wichita on Tuesday, April 29 at Lowe Auditorium at the Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5015 E. 29th St. North, beginning at 6 p.m.

To make the hearing accessible for Black Hills customers unable to attend in person, a virtual option through Zoom is available, giving remote participants a chance to comment and ask questions. Zoom participants must register in advance on the [KCC's website](#) by noon on April 28. The hearings will also be broadcast live on the [KCC's YouTube channel](#) for viewing only with no registration required.

The Commission is also accepting written comments through 5 p.m., June 20, 2025. Comments may be submitted on the KCC's [website](#), by mail to the Commission's Office at 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd, Topeka, KS 66604-4027 or by calling the KCC's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 785-271-3140 or 800-662-0027.

The Commission will issue an order on the application on or before August 29, 2025.



New online work zone course geared to assist new Kansas drivers

TOPEKA (4.22.2025) - A new course focusing on work zone safety has been launched for Kansas drivers.

Kansas Work Zone Safe is a free online driving course aimed at teaching teens and other new drivers how to safely navigate through work zones. The course will include information on safe behaviors, laws and situations drivers may encounter in work zones.

Current data from the Kansas Department of Transportation shows 1,705 work zone crashes occurred in Kansas in 2024 – an average of 4.6 per day. Those crashes resulted in 508 injuries and eight fatalities.

“Behind every flag, cone and flashing light are highway workers and first responders who have families that want them to come home every night,” said Haley Dougherty, KDOT State Highway Safety Engineer. “This course is designed to raise awareness in new drivers about safe driving practices in work zones, which should make the work zone safer for all.”

With an estimated 2,500 miles of construction let by KDOT in the last several years and taking place this year, many highway workers will be relying on drivers to slow down and pay attention so everyone can make it home safely.

Drivers can access the course at WorkZoneSafe.com by clicking the link for the Kansas course. Students who complete the course will be eligible for a scholarship to be awarded at a later date. Details about the scholarship incentive will be provided as they become available.

The new platform begins during National Work Zone Awareness Week, a campaign focused on increasing work zone safety. Go to KDOT's website, ksdot.gov/travel/traveler-safety/work-zone-safety, or KDOT's Facebook page, facebook.com/KSDOTHQ.

The Kansas Work Zone Safe course is supported by KDOT, the Kansas Contractors Association and other transportation organizations across the state. For more information, visit WorkZoneSafe.com.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



[**Congressional leaders reintroduce bipartisan bill to protect rural housing**](#)

The Rural Housing Service Reform Act would preserve affordable housing in rural communities by decoupling rental assistance from USDA mortgages, protecting hundreds of thousands of households from potential displacement.

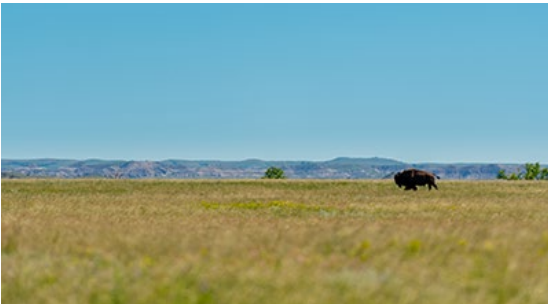
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[**Forest Service begins disbursement of revenue sharing payments amid lapse in SRS funding**](#)

Over \$71 million is being distributed to state and counties with national forest service land located within their jurisdiction due to a lapse in Secure Rural Schools reauthorization.

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[**House Natural Resources Committee considers the Endangered Species Act Amendments Act of 2025**](#)

The legislation would amend the definition of “best scientific and commercial data available” to include data submitted by county governments.

[**Read more**](#)



ARPA reporting deadline next week

Next Wednesday, April 30, is the [deadline for counties to submit Project and Expenditure Reports](#) for the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

- **Required for all counties:** To remain in compliance with the [reporting requirements](#), all counties must submit a report, including counties that have already spent their entire ARPA allocation.
- **Detail is key:** When submitting the Project and Expenditure Report, provide as much detail as possible to ensure Treasury officials have a clear picture of how funds were obligated to support communities and residents.
- **NACo is here to help:** If you have [received a notice of noncompliance](#), please [reach out to NACo](#) for support.



Congress moves forward on reconciliation

Both the House and Senate have adopted budget proposals. Counties are closely monitoring the [potential impacts of the reconciliation process on local priorities](#), including the [preservation of tax-exempt municipal bonds](#).

- **Support for county priorities:** Last week, 12 members of the House of Representatives sent a letter to House leadership expressing concerns over major cuts to Medicaid, and a bipartisan Dear Colleague letter also in the House shared support for preserving the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
- **Timeline:** Congress is looking to move quickly on this reconciliation process, with the goal of delivering a reconciliation bill to President Trump by the end of May.



FEMA announces cancellation of disaster mitigation funding

On April 4, FEMA [announced it will not allocate](#) \$750 million this year for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. The cancellation follows a broader review of FEMA grants and a recent executive order by President Trump emphasizing state and local responsibility for disaster preparedness.

- **What is BRIC:** Counties are directly eligible for BRIC, which funds hazard mitigation projects aimed at reducing long-term disaster risks and costs.
- **County impact:** The cancellation of BRIC funding could lead to disruptions to or cancellation of county projects, additional costs for counties and reduced capacity for long-term risk reduction.

NACo action: While FEMA continues to evaluate its overall grant portfolio and priorities, NACo and our [Intergovernmental Disaster Reform Task Force](#) remain committed to modernizing federal disaster policies; strengthening intergovernmental partnerships; and enhancing local disaster mitigation, response and recovery capacities.



HHS terminates funding for mental and behavioral health programs

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has [terminated funding for at least five county-eligible federal health programs](#) previously set to run through September 2025.

- **Impacted programs:** The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant Supplement and the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Supplemental Grants – both of which counties rely on to provide critical prevention and treatment services for substance use disorders – are examples of impacted programs.

- **Impact on local public health:** The [abrupt loss of funding](#) affects the stability of local public and behavioral health systems, including 988 crisis call centers, prevention initiatives and community health worker programs.



Congress considers reauthorization of county cybersecurity program

Authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the [State and Local Cybersecurity Program](#) (SLCGP) provides critical funding to state and local governments to enhance cybersecurity readiness and protection. The \$1 billion program is set to expire on September 30, 2025 unless it is reauthorized by Congress.

- **Benefits to counties:** The SLCGP requires state recipients to pass through 80% of funding to local governments, strengthening counties' cybersecurity readiness and ability to respond to and protect against cybersecurity threats.
- **Take action:** County leaders should [reach out to their members of Congress](#) to [urge them to reauthorize the program](#) and ensure continuity of funding for critical cybersecurity efforts.

Educational Opportunities



[Register Here](#)

Upcoming Peer-to-Peer Webinar:

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) for Kansas
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) fiscal year [2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) is open. **The deadline for applying is June 26, 2025.** For more information and applicant guidance, [visit USDOT's SS4A page.](#)

Our Peer-to-Peer webinar will cover:

- **SS4A Overview** - Hub Staff
- **SS4A Guest Presentations from Past Kansas Awardees** - Carey Spoon, Executive Director, Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission...and more!
- **Federal Landscape Update** - Hub Staff
- **Upcoming Events & Resources**

Almost \$1 billion of SS4A funding is available for two types of projects - Planning and Demonstration Projects and Implementation Projects. Kansas has been highly successful with 49 SS4A awards since 2022.

SS4A is an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grant opportunity and is thus eligible for [Build Kansas Fund](#) state matching dollars. [Contact the Hub](#) for help in applying to the Build Kansas Fund for the required non-federal match as you prepare your SS4A grant application.

This webinar is the fifth in a series of monthly peer-to-peer webinars designed to assist participants in understanding the grant application process, grant management, and available funding opportunities. These webinars will equip attendees with the necessary knowledge and tools needed to successfully navigate the world of grants, empowering individuals and organizations to secure the funding they need for their projects and initiatives.

[View the recordings and presentation slides of past webinars here.](#)

13 WAYS TO KILL YOUR COMMUNITY
Doug Griffiths, MBA
with Kelly Clemmer
2nd Edition

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NextGen EcoDevo Session 3: 13 Ways to Kill Your Community May 8, 2025

You are invited to participate in this series of six (one-hour) online discussions to explore reasons why youth leave your community and what can be done to get Gen Z back and Generation Alpha to love their hometown. This is highly interactive learning using the book **13 Ways to Kill Your Community** (author Doug Griffiths, 2016) and the experience of participants.

City and county staff, elected officials, economic development folks, and community boosters are all welcome. This will be a safe space to discuss lessons learned in other communities and get feedback on your ideas before repeating a mistake made elsewhere.

REGISTER HERE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & YOUR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT 101

WSU PUBLIC POLICY & MANAGEMENT CENTER INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

MAY 21, 2025 | 11 AM - NOON

[REGISTER NOW](#)



Economic Development & Your Municipal Airport 101

May 21, 2025

If your community is served by a local or regional airport, is it a key part of your economic development strategy? If you don't have an airport now, would learning the basics of thriving, community-owned airports add to your cache of economic development knowledge?

As executive director of the Salina Airport Authority for 40 years, Tim Rogers led the successful growth of the nationally recognized Salina Regional Airport and Industrial Center. After retiring in July 2024, Tim now assists public airport operators with issues ranging from day-to-day operations to long-range planning for airport growth.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

INK Hosting 2nd Annual Showcase Event on May 22

The Information Network of Kansas will host the 2nd Annual Showcase Event on May 22, 2025, at the Sunflower Foundation in Topeka.

The event will enable state and local governmental agency leaders to learn more about the INK mission and services. INK works to provide public access to state and local government data and services.



There will be demonstrations provided on Assessment Connect, a new tool that provides detailed information on commercial, residential, and agricultural property assessments on a county-by-county level. There will also be breakout sessions to demonstrate Engagement Builder, a tool to help to create online forms, and the KanPay payment processing system.

The Showcase Event will be held May 22, 2025, from 1 to 4 PM at the Sunflower Foundation. We are still working on more demonstration ideas; more demonstrations will be added.

This is a great opportunity for state and local government leaders to learn more about the services provided by the Information Network of Kansas.

If you plan on attending the INK Showcase Event, please email Murray McGee at murray.mcgee@ks.gov by May 15, 2025. Food and drinks will be provided.



National Association of Counties Events & Webinars

MAY 1 | 1:00 P.M. EDT

[The Future of Work, a NACo EDGE Webinar](#)

REGISTER

MAY 6 | 3:00 P.M. EDT

[Federal Reforms to Medicaid Financing: What Counties Should Know \(Part 1\)](#)

REGISTER

View all of NACo's upcoming events and webinars [here](#).

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JULY 11-14, 2025
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Join county elected and appointed officials from across the country in Philadelphia, Pa. to participate in and celebrate

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NACo's Annual Conference is the premier opportunity for counties to exchange cutting-edge practices, elect the association's leadership and shape our federal policy agenda for the year ahead.

REGISTER TODAY

Registration includes access to all workshops, committee meetings, general sessions and conference-wide receptions. Register **before April 28** to secure the best registration rates and maximum hotel availability.



KU Public Management Center

NEW! Mid-Year Start!

Heartland Certified Public Manager® (CPM)

July 1, 2025 to May 6, 2026 in Olathe, KS
July 6, 2025 to May 14, 2026 in Topeka, KS

New Mid-Year Start for the Heartland Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program!

We're excited to announce a new July start for the [Heartland CPM Program](#)! Due to high demand, we're adding **two** mid-year cohort beginning [July 1, 2025, in Olathe, KS](#) & [July 6, 2025 in Topeka, KS](#). This provides public service professionals another opportunity to gain critical leadership and management skills without waiting until the next calendar year.

Early bird registration is open through April 30, 2025. Secure your spot NOW!

REGISTER HERE

For more details, visit our website or contact [Kate Nygren](#) PhD, at knygren@ku.edu or 785-864-0237



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KANSAS CORONER AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION CONFERENCE 2025

June 4, 2025 8:30 am - 4:30 pm | Hilton Garden Inn | Salina, KS

OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this program, participants should be able to:

- Identify coroners' and death investigators' responsibilities when working homicide scenes with Kansas Bureau of Investigation.
- Examine the scientific logic used by forensic pathologists in determining cause and manner of death.
- Identify proper knowledge and abilities in completing Kansas death certifications for coroners.
- Describe proper death certification methods.
- Identify helpful practices for speaking with family members of decedents in a caring manner during interviews.
- Discuss the idea of "self-care" for the staff involved in death investigations.
- Recognize and outline the characteristics from the scene and postmortem examination of a Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID).
- Describe the purpose of doll reenactment and completion of SUIDI reporting form.

CONFERENCE FEE

Early Bird Rate - \$75.00 on or before May 1, 2025
Regular Rate - \$100 after May 1, 2025.

Please note: There will be a \$15 administration fee for registrations cancelled by end of business day on **May 21, 2025**. After that date, no refunds will be administered.



REGISTRATION can be made by scanning the QR code, or one of the following methods:

Phone: Call (620) 235-4040

Online: <https://www.eeds.com/live/813744>

*Seating is limited, and preregistration is required by 5 p.m., **May 23, 2025**.

HOTEL BLOCK RATE is \$139.00 plus taxes and can be reserved by using this direct link **Hilton Garden Inn** or by calling 785-309-0440 and providing the code 6KUMC. Rooms are limited. **Rate is valid until May 4, 2025**.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This comprehensive conference delves into the collaboration amongst coroners, forensic centers and law enforcement. From the first call through the postmortem examination and cause of death determination, tools will be provided so participants can better serve their communities. Participants will gain an understanding of how forensic pathologists determine manner and cause of death; and the importance of reporting this information on the death record. This specialized conference is designed to equip medicolegal death investigation professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to speak with family members of decedents.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Course Director: Diane Peterson, MD

Committee members:

Kay Haug, Sara Hortenstine, Daina Zolck, Mark Bolinger

The views and opinions of the presenters are not those of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators

AGENDA

- 7:30-8:30: Registration/Sign In
- 8:30-8:45: CE Info and Welcome
- 8:45-9:45: **Working Together: Knowing your Role at the Scene**
Cody Goforth, Senior Special Agent,
Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- 9:45-10:45: **Opining in Forensic Pathology and Common Mistakes in Death Certification**
Alfonzo Halfin, MD;
Forensic Medical Kansas City
- 10:45-11:00: Break
- 11:00-12:00: **Death Certification for Coroners**
Harley Schainost, MD,
Deputy Coroner/Medical Examiner,
Sedgwick County Regional
Forensic Science Center
- 12:00-12:30 LUNCH
- 12:30-12:45 **Kansas Bureau of Investigation's Expanded Toxicology Program**
Patrick Porubsky,
Kansas Bureau of Investigation
- 12:45-1:45: **Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation**
Ayla McClain, F-ABMDI, Chief Medical
Investigator, Johnson County Medical
Examiner's Office
- 1:45-2:15: **How to Visit with Families**
Abigail Smith, D-ABMDI,
Medical Death Investigator III
Johnson County Medical
Examiner's Office
- 2:15-2:45: **Self-Care in Death Investigations**
Joy Davis, Forensic Autopsy Technician,
Johnson County Medical
Examiner's Office
- 2:45-3:00: Break
- 3:00-4:00: **Panel Discussion**
Diane Peterson, MD, Chief Medical
Examiner, Johnson County Medical
Examiner's Office, Moderator;
Cody Goforth; Alfonzo Halfin, MD;
Harley Schainost, MD; Ayla McClain;
Abigail Smith; Joy Davis
- 4:00: Conclusion

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT:

All participants requesting continuing education credit, or a certificate of attendance must complete documentation of attendance and evaluation form online within the timeframe noted.

In support of improving patient care, University of Kansas Medical Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



PHYSICIANS:

AMA PRA Category 1 Credit

The University of Kansas Medical Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators (ABMDI) Pending approval

All others will receive a certificate of attendance.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY

We accommodate persons with disabilities. Please call KU Medical Center AHEC at (620) 235-4040 to discuss your needs.

Supervisory Skills for Success



FMLA, ADA, Harassment, Oh My!

Presentation by Forrest Rhodes

Highlights:

- Did my employee just put me "on notice?"
- Responding to harassment concerns.
- Why you want HR on your team.

How to be the Boss Without Being Bossy

Presentation by Mike Taylor

Highlights:

- Hiring the right talent for the job.
- What if I got it wrong?
- Managing a difficult person.

Fee is \$95 - After May 9, 2025 - \$110
Lunch will feature a potato bar and salad

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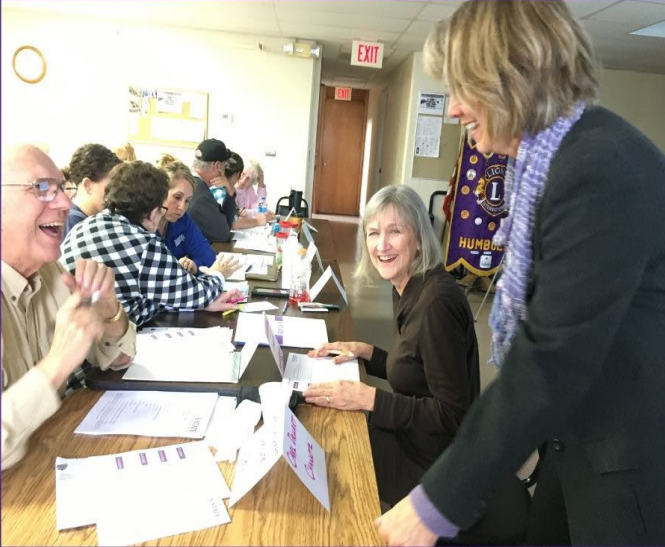


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In Person Workshop



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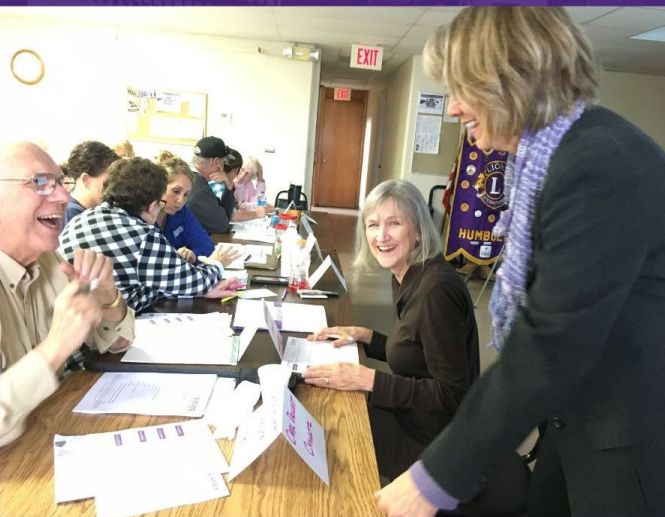
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In Person Workshop



Southeast Kansas Experiment Station
25092 Ness Road, Parsons, KS 67357

Join Us May 15, 2025

9:30 am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$60 (includes lunch)

Register Today

Carrie Lance clance@ksu.edu

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Grant Funding Programs

Notice of Available Funding: Federal John R Justice Student Loan Repayment Program – Office of the Kansas Governor

Funds are available from the Federal John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program for the calendar year 2025. The purpose of this program is to provide student loan repayment assistance for full-time local, state and federal government public defenders and full-time local and state government prosecutors who commit to serving as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years. Kansas has \$63,070 available to award to prosecutors and public defenders.



Federal John R. Justice Loan Repayment funds awarded under this program are a supplement to, not a substitute for, personal student loan obligations. To be eligible to receive funding, an attorney must not be in default on repayment of any federal student loans.

For a copy of the grant application, please contact Kim Gerety at 785-368-6620; kim.gerety@ks.gov.

All applications must be postmarked to the Kansas Governor's Grants Program by Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

More Than \$4 Million Available in the Kansas Department of Commerce Community Service Tax Credit Program

Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland announced \$4.13 million in tax credits will be made available under the **Kansas Department of Commerce's Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP)**.

The Community Service Tax Credit Program provides an opportunity for private, non-profit organizations and public healthcare entities to improve their ability to undertake major capital campaigns involving community service, non-governmental crime prevention, youth apprenticeship and technical training, and healthcare services.

Under the program, the state authorizes nonprofit organizations to offer tax credits to donors that make contributions towards approved projects. Organizations are chosen through a competitive selection process in which applications are thoroughly analyzed to determine award sizes and final awardees.

Proposed projects must be unique or one-time in nature while creating lasting value for charitable organizations. Projects could include a capital campaign, major equipment purchase, major renovation, capacity building and more.

Applications will be open March 1 through April 30. Those applying may request up to \$200,000 in tax credits. Applicants in rural communities of less than 15,000 population are eligible for a 70% credit. Those applicants not located in rural areas are eligible for a 50% credit. For questions regarding CSP, contact Quality Places Specialist Miranda Carpenter by [email](#) or call (785) 940-0626.

Commerce Launches SIGNS Grant to Boost Downtown Revitalization

The Kansas Department of Commerce launched the **Supporting Innovative Growth through New Signage (SIGNS) grant**, a new initiative aimed to improve the appearance and appeal of retail and commercial business signage in downtowns across the state. The total funding amount available is \$250,000 and will be distributed to support innovative, high-quality signage projects.

Eligible applicants are businesses or building owners, municipalities, Main Street organization, economic development groups, chambers, foundations, tribal organization and other nonprofit community entities. Communities can apply for funding ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000, with a required cash match based on the community's population:

- 50% match for communities with populations between 2,500 and 50,000
- 25% match for communities with fewer than 2,500 residents

To preserve the unique character of Kansas' historic downtowns, the grant prioritizes projects that adhere to the [Kansas Commerce Sign Guidelines](#), ensuring that all signage complements existing architectural features. Preference will be given to three-dimensional signs created and installed by Kansas-based businesses.

Funds will be used to enhance community vitality and contribute to the downtown's historical and aesthetic character. Awarded funds can be used for the design, purchase, lighting and installation of signs. The program is intended to support multiple buildings and businesses in a downtown region. A minimum of three signs must be proposed in each application.

Applications will be reviewed on a monthly first-come, first-served basis, until the funds are fully allocated. Applicants should ensure proposed projects comply with state and local regulations and that all grant-funded signage is completed within six months of the award approval.

For more information about the SIGNS grant, click [here](#) or contact Quality Places Manager Sara Bloom at Sara.Bloom@ks.gov or (785) 506-9278.

Kansas State Historic Preservation Office Announces Historic Preservation Grant Funding Now Available

Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announces applications for the **2025 round of Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grants** are now available at: <http://www.kshs.org/14615>. Additional information is provided through links on that page including the HPF Products Manual and HPF grant-funded survey requirements.

The Federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) provides assistance to state and tribal preservation offices each year.

These funds are awarded to assist in expanding and accelerating those organizations' historic preservation activities. Federal regulations require that a portion of these funds be passed through to local communities and preservation organizations to assist with their preservation activities. To meet those federal requirements, each year applications are accepted by the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as part of a competitive grant round.



An HPF grant must result in a completed, tangible product, and all activities must pertain to the preservation programs outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. HPF grants are used to fund projects such as historic property surveys, National Register nominations, preservation plans, design-review guidelines, and educational activities such as brochures, conferences and workshops. The grant monies may be used to fund up to 60 percent of project costs. The other 40 percent (recipient match) must be furnished by the project sponsor and may be provided through cash or in-kind services and materials.

The SHPO awards HPF grants each year to organizations such as historical societies, universities, regional planning commissions, non-profit corporations, Main Street organizations, and city and county governments to help support local historic preservation activities. A minimum of ten percent of the SHPO's annual allocation be passed through to Certified Local Governments (CLGs). These are local governments that have been certified by the National Park Service (NPS) as having demonstrated a commitment to preservation. More information on the CLG program can be found at: <http://www.kshs.org/14607>.

HPF grant applications must be submitted through the online application portal linked on the HPF Grants webpage. **The submittal deadline is April 30, 2025.** This year's grants will be awarded **June 7, 2025**, at the regular Historic Sites Board of Review meeting.

Contact Gwen Perney, Federal Grants Manager, at (785) 272-8681 ext. 228 or gwen.perney@ks.gov with any questions you may have regarding this program.

Applications for KDOT's Safe Routes to School Program now being accepted

The Kansas Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the Safe Routes to School Program for its third round of Planning and Programming (P&P) grants.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on May 2 for the 2025-2026 school year.

The P&P grants fund the development of SRTS plans, which also include an overview of existing conditions and public outreach. The plans also identify potential infrastructure and non-infrastructure solutions to help improve safety for children who walk, bike and roll to school. SRTS plans that were completed as part of the 2024 P&P grant program can be found at saferoutes.ksdot.gov/about-the-program#srts-plans.



All communities, school districts and organizations are encouraged to apply. More information on the P&P grant program, including the application, an informational webinar recording, and a question & answer sheet can be found at saferoutes.ksdot.gov/grants-and-funding.

Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Grant Program Funding Now Available

The U.S. DOT released the latest round of funding opportunity for the [Safe Streets and Roads For All \(SS4A\) grant program](#). The following groups of applicants are **eligible** for the SS4A grant program:

- A political subdivision of a State or territory, defined as a unit of government created under the authority of State law. This includes cities, towns, counties, special districts, certain transit agencies, and similar units of local government created under State law.
- A federally recognized Tribal government.
- Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).
- A multijurisdictional group of entities from the ones described above (select one lead applicant from group).
- Learn more about [eligible applicants for SS4A](#).



If your organization is interested in pursuing these funds, we encourage you to contact the [Kansas Infrastructure Hub](#) to discuss how they can support your pursuit of these grant dollars.

Applications are due to U.S. DOT by June 26, 2025, but if you intend to request [Build Kansas Funds](#) you should contact Kansas Infrastructure Hub soon to understand the Hub's timeline and schedule.



2025 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Applications Available

Applications for the 2025 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds are now available and **due by May 19, 2025**. The expected amount for the 2025 ESG grant funding is \$1.6 million.

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) is a federal block grant authorized by subtitle B of the McKinney Vento Homelessness Assistance Act and is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ESG funds are to be used for services to homeless and near homeless individuals and families.

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) program provides funding to:

1. Engage homeless individuals and families living on the street;
2. Improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families;
3. Help operate these shelters;
4. Provide essential services to shelter residents;
5. Rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families; and

6. Prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless.

The ESG grant period will be for fifteen (15) months, July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. All shelters must complete the ESG Shelter Habitability Checklist with the 2025 application. All applicants must submit the [2025 ESG Subrecipient application](#) and [ESG Agency application](#). Please see the [ESG Application NOFA Instructions](#) for additional details.

Community agencies must coordinate the submission of the ESG funding application through a unit of local government (City or County). The municipalities will submit one joint application that includes the proposals from each agency on behalf of their jurisdiction. **Applications must be submitted to KHRC by 5:00pm (central time) on May 19, 2025.**

Applications must be submitted electronically by email to ESG@kshousingcorp.org.

Please note that the award of the 2025 ESG funds is dependent on Kansas Housing receiving our allocation of the federal 2025 ESG funds. If Kansas Housing does not receive the federal ESG funding, we will not be able to fund any applications.

INK Accepting Grant Applications

The **Information Network of Kansas (INK)** is now accepting grant applications. INK has provided approximately \$10 million in grants over the years to governmental agencies. The grant program is part of INK's mission to enable digital access to state and local government information and services for public use and benefit. The grants are made possible from the proceeds generated from the services developed by INK.

Grant applications are accepted from May 1 to May 31. They are available online from the INK website at ink.kansas.gov or by e-mail upon request to INK Executive Director [Murray McGee](#).

Past projects funded through the INK Grant program include the following:

- Assessment Connect (Kansas Department of Revenue)
- Statewide Broadband Mapping (Kansas Department of Commerce)
- Updating the Amber Alert System (Kansas Bureau of Investigation)
- Online Streaming of Legislative Committee Hearings (Kansas Legislature)
- Migrating program data for the Public Transparency Database (Kansas Department of Commerce)
- Statewide integrated data hub for social insights addressing homelessness (WSU Public Policy and Management Center)

All grant awards must be approved by the Information Network of Kansas Board of Directors.

**The Information Network of Kansas is a quasi-governmental entity focused on enabling digital access to Kansas state and local government information and services for public use and benefit.



Local Government Job Openings

Edwards County – Noxious Weed Director

Edwards County Commissioners are now accepting applications for the position of Noxious Weed Director.

This is a non-exempt position that works under the administrative supervision of the County Commissioners to perform noxious weed control, snow and ice removal, chemical preparation and application to noxious weeds, and land inspections. This employee should possess mechanical skills, plus the ability to obtain a Commercial Pesticide Applicator's Certification, CDL and would be responsible for chemical operation and equipment operations at the Weed Department and other related duties as deemed necessary or as required.

A high school diploma or GED is required, and a valid Kansas CDL driver's license is preferred. A Commercial Applicators Certification and Noxious Weed Inspectors Certification is preferred.

A successful applicant must be able to pass a physical test and meet the physical requirements of the job. Competitive wage and benefits offered.

Application and complete job description are available from the Edwards County Clerk's Office, 312 Massachusetts Ave, Kinsley, KS. 67547. Phone (620) 659-3000. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Edwards County is an equal opportunity employer.

Finney County – Appraiser

Organization: Finney County

City: Garden City

Primary Category: Appraisal

Salary: \$ DOQ

Type: Full-time

Education/Experience Required:

- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- State Statute K.S.A.19-430 states (1) A certified general real property appraiser pursuant to article 41 of chapter 58 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; (2) a registered mass appraiser pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of revenue.

Position Summary: This is an appointed position subject to the regulations, policies, and education requirements outlined in K.S.A. 19-430. Under the administrative direction of the Board of County Commissioners, this position is responsible for the management and operation of the County Appraiser's office to ensure that property values are fairly and accurately established, reviewed, updated, and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Property Valuation Division and applicable State statutes. This position is under the general supervision of the County Administrator, Assistant County Administrator, and/or his/her designee.

Property Appraisal/Mapping.

- Oversee and complete the appraisal of all real estate, tangible personal property, mapping, and oil/gas for Finney County.
- Oversee the collection, maintenance, and retention of records and data relating to the property within the County; coordinate appraisal services provided by employees and consultants.
- Determine property tax assessment and verify that all appraisal records conform to the guidelines of the Property Valuation Division and applicable State statutes.
- Prepares or reviews plans and specifications for the supplies, services, and contracts.
- Administers, represents, defends, and participates in property valuation protests and appeals. Assist in the defense of appraisal values in hearings (i.e., informal, Payment Under Protest, Small Claims Division, Board of Tax Appeals). May be required to compile appraisals on individual properties and improvement structures for appeal purposes of verification of software and values.
- Prepares certification roll for County Clerk.
- Performs analysis and studies for land, depreciation, income and expense, cost modeling, linear regression market modeling, and trend.
- Development of a yearly plan of operations to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations, legislation, and policies.
- Perform all direct reports' duties as required.

Supervises appraisal staff and directs operations of the department.

- Supervises department employees; duties may include, planning/assigning work, coaching/training, setting priorities, reviewing work, making hiring and termination decisions, delivering performance evaluations and disciplinary actions, making pay adjustment and promotional decisions, responding to complaints/grievances, and maintaining personnel records. Ensure that all training is compliant with all applicable regulations, statutes, and policies.
- Manage timekeeping for the department including approving/denying all employee leave time.
- Assist with financial planning, budget administration/monitoring, statement balancing, controlling expenditures, and provision of input on revenue sources.
- Develop short-term and long-term goals, policies, and procedures for the department. Advise on matters relating to department and county-wide operations.
- Coordinate department activities with internal and external groups.

Manage and facilitate public and internal relations functions.

- Perform public education, speaking, and as required.
- Field questions, concerns, and complaints from the public.
- Manage the receiving and investigation of public inquiries about
- Department operations and follow-up to ensure adequate resolution.
- Assist other departments with their responsibilities as needed.

Complete additional support functions as required.

- Complete continuing education as required and specified in K.S.A 19-430.
- Purchase necessary equipment and supplies for the department.

- Research the type of equipment to purchase or programs to support, prepare bid specifications for equipment, projects, and supplies; determine cost alternatives with pros and cons, and provide recommendations.
- Perform quality control functions of the software system.
- Attends all additional meetings with internal and external parties as required.
- Additional duties may be assigned as business needs require.

Benefits:

- Medical, Dental, Vision and Rx Insurance
- No Cost Employee Clinic
- Life Insurance
- KPERS Retirement
- 457(b)/401(a) Matching
- PTO
- Paid Holidays

How to apply / who to contact:

To view a complete job description, submit a resume and/or apply, please visit our website at:

www.finneycounty.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelly Munyan, HR Director, at 620-272-3522 or email at: kmunyan@finneycounty.org

Saline County – Attorney

Represent the State of Kansas as trial attorney in felony, misdemeanor, and traffic cases. Represent the petitioner in mental illness, and alcoholic commitment cases. Research and write appellate briefs and present oral arguments.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Graduation from a college or university with a four-year bachelor-level degree.
2. Graduation from an American Bar Association-accredited school of law with a Juris Doctor or equivalent degree.
3. Admitted to practice law before the Kansas Supreme Court and all inferior courts of the State of Kansas. Admitted to practice law before the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas.

Desirable Qualifications:

1. Two years of experience in the practice of law, preferably as a trial lawyer in criminal law.
2. Must have excellent oral and written communication skills.
3. An ability to interact with other law enforcement agencies, social welfare agencies and public service organizations.
4. Must have a valid Driver’s License and be insurable under Saline County fleet insurance policy.

Salary Information:

Anticipated starting salary: \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00 – Depending on Qualifications.

\$5,000.00 hiring incentive dispersed immediately upon hire.

\$5,000 hiring incentive at 6 months of successful and satisfactory employment.

****New graduates will be considered****

Our Total Compensation Package:

- Enjoy a generous base salary that reflects your skills, experience and industry standards.
- Experience job security and regular salary increases.
- Comprehensive Benefits where your well-being matters to us with a package that includes health and dental insurance, and a health savings account for your future.
- A Retirement Plan for you to plan for your future.
- Generous paid leave that allows you to relax and recharge.
- Experience Career Advancements, growth and development with various training and learning opportunities to enhance your skills.

Applicant must apply on our website, by clicking the following link: [Saline County](#)

Saline County – Deputy County Attorney

Represent the State of Kansas as trial attorney in felony cases. Research and write appellate briefs and present oral arguments. Review and approve search warrants and submit them to the on-call judge for signature; Respond to major crime scenes and traffic fatalities as directed by the County Attorney or requested by law enforcement. Review affidavits for probable cause, prepare bond forms and present them to on-call judge. Provide advice, assistance and guidance to staff attorneys as requested. Assume the duties of the County Attorney as assigned by and in the absence of the County Attorney.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Graduation from a college or university with a four-year bachelor-level degree.
2. Graduation from an American Bar Association-accredited school of law with a Juris Doctor or equivalent degree.
3. Admitted to practice law before the Kansas Supreme Court and all inferior courts of the State of Kansas. Admitted to practice law before the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas.
4. Must have a valid Driver’s License and be insurable under Saline County fleet insurance policy.

Desirable Qualifications:

1. Five (5) years’ experience acceptable; 10 years preferred in the practice of law as a trial lawyer in criminal law.
2. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
3. Ability to interact with other law enforcement agencies, social welfare agencies, and public service organizations.

Salary Information:

Anticipated starting salary: \$93,430 to \$126,465 – Depending on Qualifications.

\$5,000 hiring incentive dispersed immediately upon hire.

\$5,000 hiring incentive at 6 months of successful and satisfactory employment.

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Saline County – Weed Supervisor (Expo Center)

Under the direction of the Livestock & Expo Center Director, the Noxious Weed Supervisor is primarily responsible for noxious weed operations with supporting responsibilities for the Expo Center facilities and any other task assigned by the Director. The Weed Supervisor Coordinates roadside management of right-of-way including mowing and spraying. Plans spraying activities and oversees recordkeeping, inventory, ordering and reporting for weed control. Directs assigned staff during weed activities. Follows up on complaints, locates problem areas and issues violation notices. Works closely with local, State and Federal agencies as needed. Sells chemicals to the public including restricted pesticides. Plans and conducts public education programs on weed control. Meets with tenants and landowners as needed. Assists the Director with preparing annual reports, surveys, and management plan for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Directly supervises the Chemical Applicator to include training, ensuring proper safety procedures are followed, work assignments, performance appraisals and discipline as needed. Assumes supervision of other staff as assigned or needed. Assists in performing general utility work to set up and tear down after meetings and shows for the Expo Center facilities. Assists in general labor grass mowing, cleaning, trash disposal and cleaning of livestock stalls. Services vehicles and heavy equipment. In the absence of the Director and the Maintenance Supervisor, will serve as the point of contact in the matters of Expo Center facilities. Must be able to work weekends, nights and holidays as needed.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Must have a High School diploma or the equivalent. Any combination of education and experience approved by the Director may be substituted for the High School diploma or the equivalent.
2. Must have a valid Commercial Driver’s License with tanker and air brake endorsements and insurable under Saline County’s fleet insurance policy.
3. Must be able to work independently without supervision.
4. Must be able to work with the public in a congenial and professional manner.
5. Required to complete the Basic Training Course of Weed Chemicals offered by Kansas State University and Kansas State Board of Agriculture within one (1) year of employment.

6. Required to pass General Test and be Category 9A and 6 certified by the Plant Health Division of the State Department of Agriculture within one (1) year of employment.
7. Required to maintain certification throughout employment and provide proof of certification on an annual basis.
8. Required to have understanding of chemicals and uses as it pertains to weed control in a variety of situations by using various modes of continuing education.
9. A strong farming or agricultural background is preferred.
10. Education or experience in welding, automotive/diesel maintenance/repair, carpentry, electrical systems, and plumbing preferred.
11. Education or experience in governmental or commercial weed control work or in agricultural production preferred.
12. Supervisory experience preferred.

Salary Information: \$20.80/hour at Step 1 to \$31.33/hour at Step 20. Depending on qualifications.

Applicant must apply on our website, by clicking the following link:

<https://www.salinecountyks.gov/jobPost-details/4pc11t0c4hwxxk6s08qydd05q>

Sedgwick County – Director of Aging & Disability

Are you an innovative leader with a passion for improving the lives of older adults and individuals with an intellectual, developmental, or physical disability?

MTG is pleased to partner with Sedgwick County (Pop. 523,828) in search of a dynamic Director of Aging and Disabilities to spearhead community programs, drive strategic initiatives, and build community partnerships that enhance residents' services and support.

The new Director will have an operating budget of \$20.7M, a department of approximately 100 employees with 5 direct reports and provide executive-level administrative guidance for the department, manage policy development, strategic planning, fiscal oversight and service delivery. This leader will work closely with elected officials, community organizations and state and federal agencies to create programs that address the needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities. The position reports to the Deputy County Manager.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master's degree from an accredited college or university in Gerontology, Social Work, Psychology, Public Administration, or a related field.
- Five (5) years of social service managerial experience.
- Per Sedgwick County Policy, this is a driving level position that requires a valid US driver's license without restrictions and current proof of automobile insurance.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Doctorate from an accredited college or university in Gerontology, Social Work, or Public Administration.
- Five (5) years of experience in an Aging or Disabilities organization.
- Experience in grant writing, reporting, and management.

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW); Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist (LCMFT), or a psychologist with a Psy.D. or Ph.D. or similar certification and/or license.

The Location: Sedgwick County is in south-central Kansas, home to 20 cities including Wichita, the county seat and largest city in the state. It's a vibrant and inviting community with unique energy and enthusiasm. Here, you get all the convenience and excitement of a major metropolitan city (without the associated problems): easy commutes, vibrant university, safe and affordable living, and a rich blend of cultural, educational, and advanced healthcare facilities. It's a powerhouse in both aviation and entrepreneurial innovation. If you're interested in a dynamic, community focused lifestyle with unmatched amenities, Sedgwick County is the perfect place to call home.

Other important information

For consideration, candidates must meet the minimum qualifications and are encouraged to apply online at www.GovHRjobs.com with resume, cover letter, and contact information for five supervisory and/or professional references. For more information or confidential questions, please feel free to contact Joan Walko, MGT Senior Consultant at (410) 499-9586.

Salary Range: \$97,850 - \$146,600. The hiring rate will be based on specific education, experience, and qualifications.

Application Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2025. Applications will be reviewed as they are received and the job posting may close once a suitable candidate is identified. Early applications are encouraged.

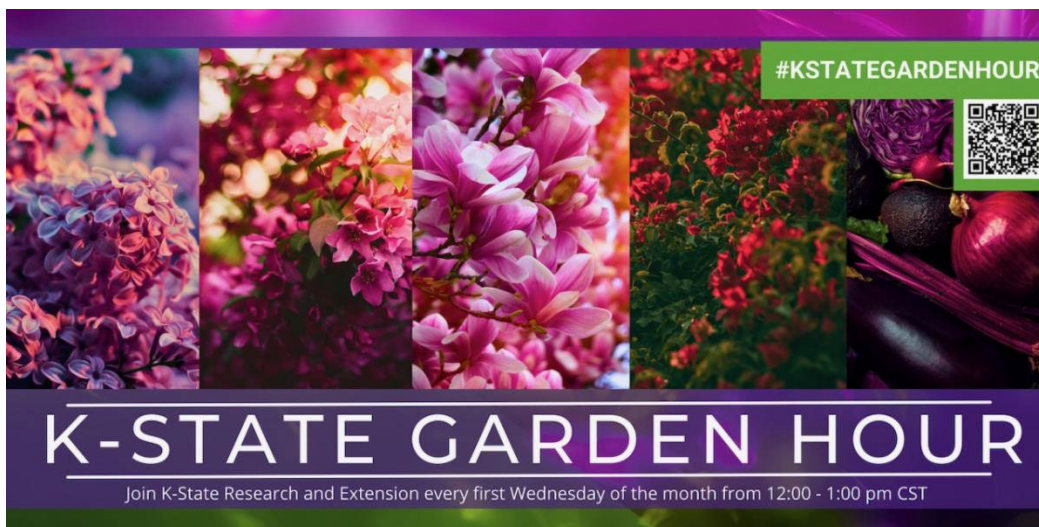
Relocation Assistance may be available to the selected candidate.

Comprehensive Benefit Package: The County offers excellent benefit options for full-time employees that include:

- Health Coverage: Excellent coverage with nominal employee contribution
- Paid leave: 12 days (0-5 years) accrued monthly for vacation *and* sick leave each. Eleven (11) paid holidays
- Retirement Plans: Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) and Optional 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (pre or post tax)
- Voluntary Supplemental Benefits: Include life, accident, cancer, illness, disability, and pet insurance
- Employee Assistance Program

For detailed information, please visit the benefits page at: [2025 Sedgwick County Benefits Summary](#).

Sedgwick County is committed to making the application, interview, and pre-employment testing process accessible to all qualified persons in compliance with ADA, EEOC, Non-Discrimination, Veterans Preference, and all federal and state employment laws.



K-State Garden Hour is hosted by K-State Research and Extension horticulture staff from across the state. Join the webinar series on the first Wednesday of each month at noon for some horticultural tips and training. Sessions are recorded and posted online after each event.

May 7: [Heat Loving Perennials for Kansas](#)

June 4: [Native and Ornamental Grasses of Kansas](#)

July 2: [Cutting-Edge Efforts in Kansas Demo Gardens](#)

[Register Here](#)

Popular Sunflower Summer Program Returning for Another Summer

Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland announced that the popular **Sunflower Summer program**, which encourages young Kansans to explore and fall in love with Kansas, will return this summer. Designed for Kansas residents and families with school-aged children from Pre-K to Grade 12, Sunflower Summer will run from July 12 to August 3.

The program covers admission costs for eligible students and one adult guardian per attraction, per season. Tickets can be claimed through the free Sunflower Summer app and are later redeemed at the participating venues upon arrival.

Kansas Tourism is encouraging eligible tourism attractions to apply to be part of this year's Sunflower Summer season. The application for attractions opens April 15 and will remain open through April 30. Participating attractions will be announced in early June. Sunflower Summer has updated venue participation requirements and reimbursement guidelines for the 2025 season. For important updates, the attraction application and additional information, visit the program webpage [here](#).

