South Central Kansas
WELLINGTON
SEEKING A CITY MANAGER

Wellington, Kansas a family oriented community only 30 minutes south of Wichita via Interstate 35 or US Highway 81. Located in the heart of Sumner County as the county seat, Wellington is a great place to raise kids with state level athletic programs, Cowley College Sumner Campus, a historic movie theater, an active recreation/fitness center, beautiful parks, a golf course and many community service organizations. Wellington invites you to call their community your home.
SITUATED
Wellington, Kansas (pop. 7,748; $38 million budget; 127 FTE’s), the Wheat Capital of the World, has all the charm and safety of a small town but is only a short drive south of Wichita. Wellington is the county seat of Sumner County.

COMMUNITY
The City manages electric, water, wastewater, trash collection, police/fire protection and an airport. Wellington boasts a number of community events and recreational opportunities. Beautiful neighborhood playgrounds located throughout the City and two lighted walking paths. The Wellington Lake offers an exciting day of fishing, boating or camping. The Municipal Golf Course provides a challenging game, on an excellent course. The City also has a disc golf course, a skate park and an aquatic center or get fit at the Wellington Fitness Center.

The Chisholm Trail Museum, National Depression Glass Museum, and Panhandle Railroad Museum are a must-see! Catch the Kansas Wheat Festival, this four-day festival celebrates Sumner County’s title as the Wheat Capital of the World and includes nightly entertainment, food trucks, contests, a carnival, a large parade and more.

The community has access to critical care, general and specialized healthcare, dentistry, eye care, mental health services, developmental disability, chiropractic and physical fitness services.

ECONOMY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
The local economy has historically been anchored by agriculture, designating Sumner County as the Wheat Capital of the World. Precision machining and aerospace manufacturing has grown over the decades to be a staple industry for the region. Today, Wellington is home to two major aerospace suppliers.
STRENGTHS & CHALLENGES
Wellington is prime location for development and is ripe for growth. Regional priorities that need focus are economic development, downtown & neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing.

POWERS & DUTIES
The City Manager is Chief Executive of the City, under general policy guidance from the City Council and directly accountable to the City Council. The City Manager plans, organizes, integrates, directs, administers, fiscally controls, reviews and evaluates the activities, operations, programs and services of the City of Wellington. The City Manager is responsible for carrying out policies and programs determined by the elected City Council; ensures development and execution of the City’s annual budget, goals and work plans; represents the City’s interests with other levels and agencies of government; effectively serves the needs of the community at large and business interests; while complying with applicable laws and regulations; and performs related duties as assigned by the City Council.

QUALIFICATIONS & QUALITIES DESIRED
The governing body seeks candidates with strong interpersonal skills who can communicate well with citizens, businesses, the commission, and City staff. Applicants should have a bachelor’s degree/master’s degree in public administration or a related field, and at least five years of local government experience and a master’s degree is preferred. The successful candidate must also be able to competently create and manage budgets, oversee and develop personnel, and foster excellent intergovernmental relationships.

Competitive benefits. Salary $86,000-$126,000, DOQ. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and three work-related references to LEAPS-Wellington@lkm.org. If confidentiality is requested, please note in application materials. Application review will begin June 20. EOE.