



Kansas PRIDE Awards and Timings

Recognition:

STAR Capital Awards – February 15 deadline –

Kansas PRIDE has competitive awards. The competitive awards are intended to recognize communities who have done excellent work developing community capitals. Local PRIDE programs are encouraged to nominate a high quality project for state-level recognition which reflects their work in a community capital area. Nominations may be submitted in all seven capitals but must be a separate project nomination (different project) for each capital. Capital awards are competitively selected from the nominations received. The due date for these awards are February 15 of each year.

Community Partner Awards – February 15 deadline –

Kansas PRIDE guarantees on plaque per community per year to recognize a local business, organization, or individual that has gone above and beyond to assist the local PRIDE community with its efforts. The due date for these awards are February 15 of each year.

Community of Excellence – October 15 deadline –

Once a PRIDE Community has become a Community of Action, they are eligible to apply to become designated a *Community of Excellence (COE)*. Recognition as a COE is a noteworthy accomplishment for a community PRIDE group. COEs will receive recognition in the PRIDE Annual Review and on the Website, eligibility to apply for Partners in PRIDE grants to support efforts related to long-term community goals, and a recognition bar for community sign. A community designated with this award should be able to demonstrate that they have created a shared vision and mission and are working in an inclusive, collaborative manner on projects of high importance to the community. The designation of COE is awarded for a term of three years.

Funding:

The Kansas PRIDE Program affords two opportunities for funding: Partners in PRIDE Grants and Growth and Action, which are available exclusive to local PRIDE Communities by Kansas PRIDE, Inc.

Partners in PRIDE – Spring and Fall

Partners in PRIDE (PIP) Grant is a funding opportunity provided by Kansas PRIDE, Inc. as a 1:1 match with communities that can provide funding up to the maximum amount of \$2,000 per project for Kansas PRIDE Communities of Excellence that qualify. PIP grant applications are available in two rounds of funding per year. To date nearly \$48,000 has been awarded to PRIDE Community projects.

Spring – February 15 deadline –

Fall – August 15 deadline –

Growth and Action Awards – Spring and Fall

Growth and Action Awards help offset out of pocket expenses for community members, and help with costs associated with starting a local PRIDE community improvement group.

Spring – February 15 deadline –

Fall – August 15 deadline –

Call to Action: Week of PRIDE

Week of PRIDE - May 22-30, 2016! -

In spring of 2015, the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors announced that Week of PRIDE would replace Day of PRIDE as the Kansas PRIDE volunteer event. Day of PRIDE was an educational and networking event. Week of PRIDE is a call to action for PRIDE communities to improve their towns during the last week of May. Nearly a third of the PRIDE communities took part in the event in 2015.