



Vibrant Communities

with a Positive Future





In 2018 – 19 the Kansas PRIDE program served 74 communities.

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| Admire [§] | Bushton | Grainfield ^{^+} | Lecompton ^{^+} | Moran | Rozel ⁺ |
| Agra | Caney ^{##} | Grinnell ^{^+} | Lenora [^] | Mount Hope | Russell |
| Alden | Centralia | Haysville | Leonardville | Natoma | Savonburg [§] |
| Alma | Clifton [§] | Herndon | LeRoy | Norton ⁺ | Solomon |
| Alton ^{*+##} | Columbus ^{^+@&} | Highland ⁺ | Liberal | Olsburg ^{*+##} | Stockton |
| Arlington | Council Grove ⁺ | Hoyt | Lincoln | Overbrook | Tampa |
| Ashland ⁺ | Delia ^{^+##} | Humboldt ^{^##} | Linn Valley ^{+##} | Ozawkie | Vermillion [^] |
| Assaria | Dover ⁺ | Independence | Lucas | Park City | Wakefield [§] |
| Basehor | Elk City ^{+&} | Iola ^{+##} | Luray ^{§##} | Perry ^{*+##} | Wilson ^{§@} |
| Baxter Springs | Ellis | Kinsley | Macksville | Potwin ⁺ | |
| Belleville | Fort Scott | La Harpe ^{^+} | Marion | Randolph ^{+##&} | |
| Blue Rapids [§] | Frontenac | Lakin ⁺ | McFarland | Riley | |
| Burlingame | Glasco ^{+@} | Larned ^{+@} | Melvern | Rossville ⁺ | |

Key: * = Project Excellence Award; § = Community of Growth Award; ^ = Community of Action Award; + = Community of Excellence Award; # = Rising Star Award; @ = Community Promotion Award; & = Volunteers Impact PRIDE Award

Partnerships



KANSAS FREEMASONS
ON THE LEVEL

As a partner of the Kansas PRIDE program, the Kansas Masons, from more than 200 lodges across the state, have pledged their support to local communities. Since the partnership was established in March of 2016, Masonic Lodges have continued, or provided new, active support in more than 20 communities. Their efforts include assisting with fundraising, providing knowledge and volunteers, and celebrating local community success. If your community does not have a Masonic Lodge, contact the Kansas PRIDE office to find a contact.

Since 2017, through our partnership with the Kansas Masons, nearly \$105,000 has been awarded to Kansas PRIDE communities for large-scale projects and community promotion.



K-State Research and Extension continued to partner with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to implement the Community Intern, First Impressions, Ripple Effects Mapping, and County Leadership programs. In 2018 there were eight interns in six counties, two of which had PRIDE communities; 10 communities participated in First Impressions, two of which were PRIDE communities; seven counties participated in Ripple Effects Mapping, two of which had PRIDE committees; and three counties started or continued leadership programs and had PRIDE communities.



137 new projects
943 total projects



68,836 hours of volunteer labor
(more than \$1,552,940 based on
calculations by Independent Sector
for Volunteer Time)



\$166,728 public dollars raised
\$302,005 private dollars raised



528 ongoing projects, 213 of
which engaged youth



74 Kansas PRIDE Communities

K-State Research and Extension

The Community Vitality staff have visited more than 100 communities to lend support through strategic planning, informational presentations, and workshops. The First Impressions program, administered by K-State Research and Extension, helps communities learn more about strengths and weaknesses through the eyes of a first-time visitor. It also provides an opportunity to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of other communities. The immediate impacts of First Impressions are the call to action and engagement of community volunteers; the development of improved communication between residents and community organizations; and the increased awareness of community attributes. Since 2015, more than 80 Kansas communities have participated in First Impressions. For more information, contact us at PRIDE@k-state.edu.

Kansas Department of Commerce

As a partner of the Kansas PRIDE program, the Kansas Department of Commerce's Business and Community Development Assistance Team worked with communities and businesses throughout the state. During 2018, the regional project managers made 69 visits to PRIDE communities. The team also prospected four additional communities with a focus on joining the PRIDE organization in 2019.

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Numbers

Over the last 10 years, Kansas PRIDE, Inc. has provided nearly \$136,000 in grants, awards and recognition.

Proud to work with:



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On the cover: Wakefield, Kansas. "Our Community may be small, but it sure is Mighty. Our community has a great sense of PRIDE. With the help of many organizations, business, and individuals, we were able to put in a nine-hole Disc Golf Course with plans to finish the additional nine holes in the near future."



Spring 2019 Awards

Project Excellence Award

Alton PRIDE for Built Capital: Alton PRIDE's original vision of applying for a grant to repair and repaint the Community Room walls quickly grew into a full-blown "Community Room Fixer-Upper" project. Luckily, the contractor wasn't fazed when PRIDE asked if he would take on the additional job of removing walls to expand and remodel the outdated bathroom into a new, ADA-compliant one.

Alton PRIDE for Natural Capital: How to go about recycling tires was a little out of Alton PRIDE's realm of "expertise," to say the least. In the end, Champlin Tire Recycling hauled 23.45 tons of unsightly, unwanted tires from Alton to Concordia, where they were recycled into useful products like the five picnic tables Alton PRIDE purchased from Champlin in 2017.

Olsburg PRIDE for Social Capital: The project became *We Care* and was formed to fill the unmet needs of children in the USD 384 School District. Once a need is submitted, the *We Care* committee, which consists of five members, discusses the need and determines if it meets the requirements. Once the committee has reviewed the request and made a decision, the liaison is notified.

Olsburg PRIDE for Financial Capital: Olsburg Land Utfard route went over 60 miles of backroads around Olsburg going through pastures, creeks, and down the dusty roads. Organizers and 20 volunteers did a tremendous job getting everything ready for the day, and their hard work paid off with \$15,000 raised.

Perry PRIDE for Social Capital: Perry was selected as a tour stop for the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Tour as the tree made its way from Willamette National Forest in Oregon to Washington, D.C. Perry PRIDE was asked to coordinate this project, which involved planning, coordinating with other groups, and promoting.

Fall 2018 Awards

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. provides grants for eligible local PRIDE organizations.

Community of Growth Grants, grants that are available for start-up or smaller projects, have been awarded to:

- **Admire** – Signage (\$200)
- **Clifton** – Beautification/materials (\$200)
- **Savonburg** – Signage (\$200)
- **Vermillion** – Kansas PRIDE signage and materials (\$200)
- **Wilson** – Brochures (\$200)

Kansas PRIDE **Community of Action Grants** have been awarded to five local PRIDE organizations for the following projects:

- **Lecompton** – Roof repairs (\$2,000)
- **La Harpe** – Lighting (\$2,000)
- **Lenora** – Gym equipment (\$1,500)
- **Columbus** – Garden (\$500)
- **Humboldt** – Park wheel (\$500)

Community Promotion Grants are a new opportunity through PRIDE's partnership with the Kansas Masons to assist communities with marketing and promotion. This year's grants were awarded to:

- **Columbus** – Marketing plan (\$1,000)
- **Wilson** – Website (\$1,000)





Rising Star

- Alton – Robbin Dibble
- Caney – Caney Valley Food Pantry
- Delia – Delia Masonic Lodge #419
- Humboldt – Clayton Broyles
- Iola – Mary Ann Regehr
- Linn Valley – Maria McDonald
- Luray – Midway Co-Op
- Olsburg – Tami Howland
- Randolph – Bruce Zimmer
- Perry – City of Perry

Community of Growth Grants

- Blue Rapids – Project materials (\$200)
- Caney – Survey postage (\$200)
- Luray – Reimbursement (\$200)
- Wakefield – Veteran’s Memorial (\$200)

Community of Action Grants

- Delia – Community building step repair (\$600)
- Vermillion – Sesquicentennial celebration (\$350)
- Grainfield – Awnings for medical building (\$1,491.88)
- Grinnell – Pocket park (\$2,000)
- Lecompton - Gazebo (\$2,000)

Community Promotion Grant:

An opportunity provided through our partnership and the generosity of the Kansas Masons had three applications:

- Glasco - Newspaper (\$950)
- Larned – Pole banners (\$1,000)

Volunteers Impact PRIDE

Provided through PRIDE’s partnership with, and the generosity of the Kansas Masons, the Volunteers Impact PRIDE (VIP) Grant program was developed by Kansas PRIDE, Inc. The grant provides incentives to communities for projects that enhance the quality of life and help communities help themselves through sweat equity and volunteerism at the local level. This is a single activity grant considering the measurable impact of the project on the community.

The 2018 VIP recipients include:

- Columbus – City Park (\$15,000)
- Elk City – Veterans Memorial (\$6,743)
- Randolph – Basketball/tennis court repair (\$11,600)

Total funding \$33,343

Week of PRIDE

The Kansas PRIDE program and 48 hours of 4-H invited 4-H clubs to partner with PRIDE organizations for volunteer opportunities during our Week of PRIDE. Since its inception, 944 adults and 774 youth in 63 communities have spent 7,718 hours planning and implementing their projects and have raised more than \$70,158 to invest into their communities. 102 youth from 19 4-H clubs have assisted in 14 communities.

For more information on awards and funding, visit our website at: kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu



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