WHO WE ARE
The Kansas PRIDE program is a volunteer, grassroots effort to improve the quality of life in local communities. Kansas communities share a common bond: a rich heritage based on self-reliance and community pride. Since 1970, the PRIDE program has assisted and encouraged more than 400 communities to prepare for the future by building on their past and forming a vision of that future. The goal of PRIDE is to help maximize community and economic development efforts by encouraging groups to coordinate and work collaboratively for community betterment.

Through the PRIDE program, local communities identify what they would like to preserve, create, or improve for their future. Volunteers then pull together to create that ideal future, working with the program's resources.

For details on how to become a PRIDE community, including benefits, participating community map, grant and award offerings, and sponsorship information, visit: kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu

PARTNERSHIPS
The Kansas Department of Commerce is a foundational partner of the Kansas PRIDE program. The Community Development Division supports efforts that enhance and grow communities of all sizes. PRIDE communities have access to Commerce’s programs and resources, including the option to become an affiliated city of the Kansas Main Street program. Community Development Block Grants, and a network of grant writers and community development professionals.

Partnering with the PRIDE program, Kansas Masons have pledged their support to local communities. Their efforts include assisting with fundraising, providing knowledge and volunteers, and celebrating local community success.

Since 2017, through our partnership with the Kansas Masons, nearly $200,000 has been awarded to PRIDE communities for projects and community promotion. Local Masonic Lodges may have opportunities for funding local projects. If your community does not have a Masonic Lodge, contact the PRIDE office to find a contact.

Thank you to our sponsors who make educational and funding opportunities possible

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Growing opportunities for Communities

All sponsorship funds raised by Kansas PRIDE, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, go directly to Kansas communities through project grants, educational opportunities and recognition. Overhead and staff expenses are provided by K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce.

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### 2021-22 COMMUNITY AWARDS

#### Project Excellence
- **Alton** – Kansas Food Bank project
- **Alton** – Centennial Garden revitalization project
- **Potwin** – Flower barrel beautification project

#### Rising Star
- **Alton** – Tony Dibble
- **Blue Rapids** – Bob and Sandra Roepke
- **Delia** – Rural Fire Department District #5
- **Perry** – First State Bank and Trust
- **Yates Center** – YCHS woodshop class

#### Community of Growth (COG) Grants
- **Anthony** – Materials for celebration and fundraising
- **Leon** – Community signage
- **St. George** – Community signage
- **Portis** – Materials for updating city park benches for safety
- **Scranton** – Reimbursement for tax exemption forms

#### Community of Action (COA) Grants
- **Toronto** – Schoolyard project
- **Yates Center/Revitalize YC** – “Adore Your Door” campaign; annual clean up
- **Grainfield** – Li’l Hawks Village Daycare
- **Highland** – “Degginger as a Destination” photo stand-ins
- **Leonardville** – Holiday display project
- **Toronto** – Public entrances/fire exits updates

### Community Promotion Grant
An opportunity provided through our partnership and the generosity of the Kansas Masons had five applications:
- **Arlington** – “Showing the Way to Arlington” project
- **Caney** – “Welcome to Caney” sign and landscaping
- **Iola** – Welcome signage billboards
- **Highland** – Event promotions and signage
- **Ozawkie** – PRIDE informational signage

### Community of Excellence Designation
- **Alton**
- **Blue Rapids**
- **Caney**
- **Iola**
- **Lecompton**
- **Norton**
- **Potwin**
- **Randolph**

### By the Numbers

**Total projects including:**
- 1,107
- 128 new, 608 ongoing and 320 youth-related projects

**Volunteer hours**
- 69,193

**Value of volunteer hours**
- $1,764,422

**Public dollars raised**
- $132,515

**Private dollars raised**
- $341,725

**Partnerships**
- 645

**Communities**
- 80

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K-State Research and Extension provides technical assistance and evidence-based programs to citizens working to help their communities survive and prosper. Since 2016, more than 2,000 people have attended K-State Research and Extension’s in-person and online grant writing workshops resulting in nearly $30 million in successful grants to communities to fund childcare, technology, education, arts, parks, and more. The First Impressions community assessment program has given 130 Kansas towns an opportunity to identify areas to preserve, create, or improve to boost the overall quality of life and develop sense of place. For more information on these and other programs, visit [ksre.ksu.edu/community](http://ksre.ksu.edu/community).