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2020 Awards and Grants: Deadline February 15, 2020

Have projects or people that you would like to recognize from 2019? We know you have a lot to share!

The Project Excellence Award can help you get state recognition for your awesome projects from last year. The Rising Star Award is a GUARANTEED award that will bring your volunteer or partnering entity recognition, along with promotion for your local PRIDE organization. Check out our Promotions Page for more on these opportunities.

Looking for funding? We have an array of funding opportunities for all community levels. Need start up, promotion or larger scale grants to get things going? You might find what you are looking for on our Funding Opportunities Page.

Check out our Education Page for
End of the Year Reminders

As the year draws to a close, we wanted to put out a few reminders to everyone:

- **Don't forget to enroll** again after January 1! Re-enrolling each year lets us know you're still active, keeps contact information current, and is a requirement to be in good standing (which keeps you eligible for grants and awards).

- **Report** your quarterly efforts. The deadline for the Q4 reports is January 15, but if you’re wrapping up your year, you can start to report now. Reporting is also a requirement to remain in good standing, and it helps us track your efforts throughout the year (not to mention it's a great way to network with other communities to see what they’ve done).

- Get a new **resolution of government support**. If your community is incorporated, you'll need to get a resolution from your city council. Unincorporated communities do the same from the county commission. This is a resolution that lets your local government know you exist and are doing great things to improve the community, and it lets us know that you're in contact with your local government. It's important because leadership changes regularly in elected positions and in local PRIDE groups. A resolution of support can acquaint officials with the local program and reaffirm the spirit of working together to better the community. This is also one of the requirements to be in good standing to have access to grants and awards. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmsteen@ksu.edu
Want to involve youth in your community? Youth Community Perceptions can help youth learn how to identify needs and opportunities that exist for your community's future, and work with community leaders to make a difference!

This program was created through a collaboration between K-State Research and Extension Community Vitality and 4-H to address the needs of rural and urban communities in the area of civic engagement. According to recent statistics, Kansas rural county populations have been declining since 2012. Remote rural communities have experienced this trend much longer. Youth are leaving rural communities and given little encouragement to return. While the program was developed based on rural issues, urban communities are also seeing a need to focus on youth civic engagement. What skills can youth and community members learn to address this issue?

One approach is to create opportunities for youth involvement. When youth are involved in their community, they:

- Can see themselves staying in, or returning to, their hometown.
- Are good stewards to the projects they are involved with, reducing incidences of vandalism.
- Feel a sense of belonging in the community.

Youth Community Perceptions is a community evaluation and assessment program that allows youth to discover the unique assets and strengths of their community as well as the needs, providing them with an opportunity to engage in community conversations and improvement. The program assists youth and communities in:

- Creating opportunities for youth to have a voice in the community.
Involving and familiarizing youth with local government and community processes.

- Bridging the gap between youth, local government, and the community.

The program is currently growing in popularity among schools as civic engagement is listed as a component for success in a high school graduate according to the Kansas State Board of Education (See page 13 under Section 14 of the Kansas Education Systems Accreditation). The pilot we ran for the program allowed us to refine a curriculum-ready program for interested schools. So that said, if your school might be interested, this could be a great tool for them.

I am going to back up now and revisit a sentence in a previous paragraph... "A community evaluation and assessment program." Community evaluations and assessments are required for communities to apply for Community of Excellence. This just might be your community’s opportunity to engage youth in community processes AND become eligible for the designation of Community of Excellence at the same time. Just a thought of course...

Interested? Contact K-State Research and Extension staff (which includes Jan and yours truly) at ksrecv@ksu.edu or contact your local Extension office. If your local office is not in the know (which might be the case, the program not only grew legs but wings too!), give them our contact information and we will reach out to them. Thank you for all that you do! - Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmenon@ksu.edu

**Youth Community Perceptions**

**Holiday Office Closing**

The Kansas PRIDE office will be closed from December 23, 2019 to January 1, 2020 for the holiday break. We’ll be available via phone and e-mail when we return on January 2nd. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

**CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION**

**GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS**

Did you know that K-State Research and Extension’s Nancy Daniels is providing upcoming Grant Writing Workshops throughout the state (she also does First Friday E-Calls, another AWESOME resource for
communities, which are also listed on the link we will provide below)? Check out the link below for more information about upcoming grant workshop locations and registration.

Grant Writing Workshops

External Funding Opportunities

Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

**PeopleForBikes:** The spring grant cycle for the PeopleForBikes community grants opens on December 9, 2019 with a Letter of Interest deadline of January 17, 2020. Visit the link to apply and to read the grant guidelines. Projects eligible for funding include: bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges; mountain bike facilities; bike parks and pump tracks; BMX facilities, end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, parking, repair stations, and storage; and some advocacy projects. Requests of up to $10,000 are considered, and they do look at leverage and funding partnerships very carefully.

**Walmart.org’s Local Community Grants:** Walmart’s Local Community Grants deadline is coming up on December 31, 2019. Grants range from $250 to $5,000 and are open to non-profits doing work at the local level that will benefit areas served by Walmart retail operations. Visit the link for eligibility, guidelines, and the application form.

**Home Depot Community Impact Grants:** Home Depot offers funding in the form of gift cards up to $5,000 for projects that support veterans, diverse, or under-served communities. This round of grants closes on December 31, 2019. Visit the link for application guidelines.
Appreciative Inquiry

January 16, 2020
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
K-State Polytechnic
Conference Center
2310 Centennial Road
Salina, KS

Learn About:
The Appreciative Inquiry method that focuses on our strengths and asks questions which further enhances the capacity of the system. It enables groups to facilitate positive change in their organization and community.

Presented By: Donna Schenck-Hamlin, Program/Project Manager, CECD & ICDD
- Cost is $25- Checks payable to KSU
- Deadline to register is January 10th
- Send registration to Melissa McHugh, Extension Programs, 121A Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Rd, Manhattan, KS 66506
- Sponsored by K-State Research and Extension, Community Vitality
- Questions: Contact nsigle@ksu.edu or call 785-346-8256

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2018-19 Annual Review

The 2018-19 Kansas PRIDE Annual Review for 2018-19 is online in PDF format. In this year’s issue you can learn about the great communities participating in the program across the state, their successes, partnerships, and sponsors.

Just click on the button to visit the
2018-19 Annual Review

Have a local event going on? Got great places to visit? Eat? Play?

Why not send your ads here and we will place them in our newsletter? You just have to send a high quality photo and the verbiage you want to use and we will place them in our newsletter for one month!

Send Your Ad Here!

ENROLL IN KANSAS PRIDE

Just a reminder, there is still time to enroll if you haven't had the chance! Reporting is open too!

First Friday e-Calls: Check'em Out!

K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month, and there have already been several great sessions this year. If you missed them, they’ve been...
Enrollment and Reporting recorded and are available to view at your convenience along with the slides and some notes. Visit: https://www.ksre.ks-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/ for all past sessions. There are some great new sessions on Filling Empty Buildings, Funding Options for Small Businesses, and Effective Use of Social Media for Rural Organizations.

FACEBOOK NEWS
Don’t forget to like us on Facebook if you haven’t already. We post there often, and some of that information isn’t available in the newsletter – webinar announcements, community news, alerts.

Hit the button below to check us out, or “Like” us to see opportunities that are upcoming! Also invite us to “Like” your page if you have one!

Interested in a FREE Face to Face Community Visit! Needing guidance or help transitioning/organizing?

Wanting to show off your community?

Need strategic planning, ripple effects mapping or other resources?

Send us an email at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we will get one scheduled with you!

EVENTS CALENDAR
Quarterly Report Dates:
- January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, October 15th

Opportunity Dates:
- February 15, 2020 - Award Applications Due
2019 Kansas PRIDE Communities

The following communities have enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE Program for the year of 2019. If you want to see who was all enrolled last year, go to:

https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/about/2018%20Kansas%20PRIDE%20Communities.pdf

And if you'd like to enroll this year, go here and click on the blue "Enroll "button: https://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/enrollment-reporting/index.html. Communities enrolling after July of the current year will have the following full year count as their first year of enrollment for grant application purposes.

- Admire
- Agra
- Alton
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Basehor
- Baxter Springs
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushton
- Caney
- Centralia
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Frontenac
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Haysville
- Herndon
- Highland
- Hoyt
- Humboldt
- Independence
- Iola
- Lakin
- Larned
- Lecompton
- Lenora
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Linn Valley
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Overbrook
- Ozawkie
- Park City
- Perry
- Potwin
- Quenemo
- Randolph
- Riley
- Rossville
- Rozel
- Russell
- Savonburg
- Stockton
- Toronto
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wilson