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Interested in Community of Excellence?

What a nice picture of community members receiving the designation of Community of Excellence!

Why is the distinction of Community of Excellence so...well...excellent?

Here are some of the perks:

- Opportunity to apply for multiple (and larger) grants all at once (Explanation: your community can apply for Community of Action, Community Promotion and Volunteers Impact PRIDE grants all at once, BUT you will have to close a grant though if you wish to apply for another of the same name - IE. you can't have 2 Community of Action grants open at one time)
- Hold the designation of Community of Excellence for three years without reapplying



- Get a nifty sign that can be presented at a meeting or celebration by PRIDE or Commerce Regional Project Managers at your convenience

Interested? If so, your community might be eligible if it:

- Is currently a Community of Action
- Is in Good Standing
- Has participated in a Community Assessment (First Impressions and Youth Community Perceptions counts!)

Deadline is October 15th.

Check out our Promotions Page (scroll to the bottom) for more information and even a nice example application to look over. Have questions or need assistance? Contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu, we are here to help! -**Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu**

[Visit our Promotions Page](#)



Welcoming Communities

Is your community welcoming? When someone new moves to your town or commutes there to start a new job, what is their impression? Are they overwhelmed with people asking them to be on

boards or to help organize the big fall festival, or are they left to wonder if anyone even knows they exist? There's a balance between no acknowledgment and being swamped with opportunities.

Take some time to get to know new arrivals to your town before asking them to make commitments. They need that time to unpack, to get familiar with their new neighborhood, their new way of life and get settled. When they are settled and ready to be a part of your boards or events, make an effort to listen. Not being a fifth-generation resident of the community shouldn't be a reason to exclude or dismiss. Some of our Kansas PRIDE communities offer welcome baskets to new residents packed with information about local organizations, businesses, events, and services and how to get involved when/if they're ready. This also might be a great way to welcome new commuting employees to your town, especially if you have a good line of communication with local employers so they can tip you off to new hires.

Another way to be welcoming? What about a community dinner specifically for newcomers? A personal invitation – mailed, hand-delivered, placed in a student's backpack at school. At the dinner, a welcome from the mayor or city

council representative who could also give a brief history of the community and what it has to offer. Maybe this is a time for new residents to network with each other, or with other community members and leaders added to the mix. What are some things your community is doing to make new residents and workers feel part of the local family? - *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension jmsteen@ksu.edu*

50 Year Celebration Opportunity

As you may know, the Kansas PRIDE Program will be celebrating its 50th year as a program. Fifty years of serving communities! Hooray!



The Kansas PRIDE Board of Directors always likes to have board meetings in PRIDE communities. Why? They like to hear the stories in person of the community and witness your awesomeness by seeing your finished projects. The 50th Year is no different, but it might have a twist...if you are interested. So we need to hear from you!

The Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors is interested in hearing if:

- Your community might like to host one of 4 board meetings
- If PRIDE Communities are interested in having an event where education and sharing can happen

Interested? Want to let us know? Don't hesitate to take our survey!

[Take Our Survey](#)

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)? The next will be at the Haskell County Fairgrounds on September 10th if you are near and interested. Deadline to register for that workshop is September 5th. Check out the link below for more information location and registration information.

[Grant Writing Workshops](#)

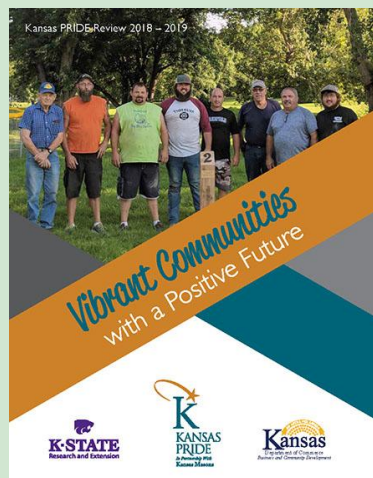
External Funding Opportunities

Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding

outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

Whole Kids Garden Grant: Open to non-profits and academic institutions for the creation of edible garden learning spaces. Application period closes October 15th.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation: Applications are currently accepted on an ongoing basis for the *Thriving Children Grants*. Projects funded focus on increasing access to local fresh, healthy foods to improve nutrition in schools and across communities.



2018-19 Annual Review

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The 2018-19 Kansas PRIDE Annual Review for 2018-19 is now online in PDF format (the print version is in production at the time of this writing). 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 Review's web page. Congratulations go out again to Wakefield for winning the cover photo contest! - *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension*
jmsteen@ksu.edu

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!

First Friday e-Calls: Check'em Out!

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ENROLL IN KANSAS PRIDE

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

[Enrollment and Reporting](#)

**Click here to learn more about
K-State Research and
Extension's
First Impressions
Program!**

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 recorded and are available to view at your convenience along with the slides and some notes. Visit: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/> for all past sessions. There are some great new sessions on Angel Investing, the Technology Development Institute at K-State, and New Market Tax Credit Strategies.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:

- October 15th, January 15th, April 15th, July 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>

- 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
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Fort Scott
- Frontenac
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Grinnell
- Haysville
- Herndon
- Highland
- Hoyt
- Humboldt
- Independence
- Iola
- Kinsley
- La Harpe

- 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
- Vermillion
- Wakefield
- Wilson
- Yates Center



FACEBOOK NEWS

Don't forget to like us on Facebook if you haven't already. We post there often, and some of that information



Interested in a FREE Face to Face Community Visit!

Needing guidance or help transitioning/organizing?

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!

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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!

[Community Visit](#)

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