

Vibrant communities with a positive future.

April 27, 2013 : Day of PRIDE—Save the Date



Heritage Mural, Lucas, KS

You will not want to miss this opportunity to learn more about what other Kansas PRIDE communities are accomplishing, see what 2 Kansas PRIDE communities have accomplished and network with community volunteers from across the state of Kansas.

The first year we went to southwest Kansas, last year eastern Kansas and this year we are going to the center of the state! The third annual Day of PRIDE will be held on Saturday April 27, 2013, following the Rural Opportunities Conference, and will be hosted by the Kansas PRIDE communities of Wilson and Lucas. They are located in central Kansas just off of I-70. In response to your comments through the Kansas PRIDE survey earlier this year we will include time for sharing among your communities, learn about new grant opportunities, and have an opportunity to see the sights in our host communities. Wilson is known for its Czech heritage, including the world's largest egg, kolaches, and the historic Midland Hotel. Lucas is known for its folk art culture including Garden of Eden, the Bowl Plaza, and it's restored theater, among many other arts to view around the community. Both communities have received STAR project awards, Partners in PRIDE grants, and are current Communities of Excellence.

Participants in past Day of PRIDE have indicated that they really enjoyed seeing and hearing the communities' stories, visiting with other volunteers from across the state, and learning about the award winning projects. If you have been to a Day of PRIDE conference you will know that you do not want to miss this one. If you have never been, trust you do not know what you are missing! Plan now to be in Lucas and Wilson Kansas April 27, 2013. More details to come in upcoming newsletters and other PRIDE communication. **So save the date and we'll see you there!**

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Funding Opportunity: 2013 Downtown Commercial Rehab Program

Kansas Department of Commerce:
Downtown Commercial Rehab

The purpose of the program is to foster the revitalization of downtown business districts by providing funds for the rehabilitation of privately-owned commercial buildings. Rehabilitation will be limited to improvements of the exterior of buildings, abatement of asbestos hazards, lead-based paint issues, and the correction of code violations.

The maximum grant award is **\$250,000**. At least **25%** of the project cost must come from private funds. Each application will be limited to one building. The project must qualify under the Slum & Blight national objective. The application deadline for the first round is **February 1**. The second round deadline is **August 1**.

For more information contact the Kansas Department of Commerce at (785) 296-3481 or visit the Kansas Commerce website at

kansascommerce.com

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Rural Program Manager Highlight: Barbara Anderson—Southeast Region

Barbara Anderson has worked for Kansas Department of Commerce four years, first in the Office of Rural Opportunities and now as a Regional Project Manager in 19 counties in southwest Kansas.

“In my current position I work with business, county and city leaders on issues that arise in the area of business and community development helping them find a grass-roots approach to assist with their concerns.” Additionally Barbara has facilitated many community meetings, brainstorming sessions and the Rural Chamber 101 Workshop.



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After holding several part time positions while a young mother, Barbara became a successful business owner. She has served as the Executive Director of the Iola Area Chamber of Commerce prior to coming to work with the Department of Commerce. A Kansas native Barbara holds a BA Degree from Friends University of Wichita. She and her husband live in Iola and have five grown children and three granddaughters. For more information on Business and Community Development Assistance, visit <http://kansascommerce.com/>

Community Capital STAR Project Awards

This year Kansas PRIDE communities who apply and receive Community Capitals STAR project recognition will be recognized at Day of PRIDE however, the actual awards will be presented in your community at a local event of your choice. Applications for the Community Capitals STAR projects will be due February 1, 2013 so it is time now to start your application. In addition to this every PRIDE community can apply to recognize a community partner in the same way. For more information on these awards please visit the Kansas PRIDE website at <http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/pride/prideforms.htm>

Communities of Excellence Announced!

Congratulations to the Kansas PRIDE communities of: Alton, Ashland, Iola, Lakin, Lenora, Potwin, Lucas, Spearville, Wilson and Rossville. After completing an essay of application and being screened by a committee from Kansas PRIDE, Inc. these communities have been named Communities of Excellence for 2013-2015. They join the communities of Humboldt, Glasco, and Larned who were named Communities of Excellence last year for 2012-2014.

Communities of Excellence designation distinguishes Kansas PRIDE communities who have demonstrated creating a shared vision and mission for their community and are working in an inclusive, collaborative manner on projects of high importance that will move them toward reaching their community vision. These are communities that are using a sound community development process including assessment, goal setting, plan implementation, evaluation, and celebration as they work together for a better Kansas community.

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Community of Excellence Article Continued...

As Communities of Excellence they will receive recognition in the Kansas PRIDE Annual Review, a community sign bar, and the opportunity to apply for a Partners in PRIDE grant from Kansas PRIDE, Inc. which gives communities the opportunity for up to \$2,000 in matching funds for a community project. For details of this see the following article.

We hope that other Kansas PRIDE communities will work toward becoming a Community of Excellence for 2014-2016. The process starts now and applications are due October 15, 2013. If you are interested please contact the Kansas PRIDE office at (785) 532-5840 or by email at PRIDE@ksu.edu.

Partners in PRIDE Grant Opportunities

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. has established a community grant program called Partners in PRIDE (PIP) to partner with local PRIDE programs to provide incentives for community improvement initiatives. These activities MUST have the potential of bringing long term impact to the quality of life of local citizens, and must address issues related to one or more of the Seven Capitals: Built, Social, Human, Financial, Political, Natural, and Cultural." To date 8 Kansas PRIDE communities have received these funds and are actively engaged in project implementation.

Application for the next round of funding must be received by February 15, 2013 and the application guidelines can be found at:

<http://www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/pride/Forms/PIP/PIPGuidelines2013.pdf>

To be eligible for these funds the local community must currently be a Community of Excellence for the 2013 program year. To apply for the funds the local PRIDE program must identify and prioritize local efforts, insuring that those projects identified will be viable, meet the program criteria, and will have long-term impact on the community. The awards amount will not exceed \$2,000.00 from Kansas PRIDE, Inc. per award and must be matched 1:1 at the local level.

If you have questions or need assistance in applying for these funds please contact Trudy Rice at trice@ksu.edu or (785) 766 3996

Events Calendar

December 15, 2012 – PRIDE Enrollment forms are due

January 15, 2013 - Community Garden Grants Due

February 1, 2013—2013 Downtown Commercial Rehab Program Applications Due

February 1, 2013—Community Capital STAR Project and Community Partner Nominations Due

February 15, 2013—Partners in PRIDE Grant Application Due

April 26-27, 2013 - Rural Opportunities Conference

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