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## Partner in PRIDE Applications Due

The communities of Larned, Glasco, Humboldt, Alton, Goff, Lakin, Lenora, Melvern, Potwin, Rossville, Spearville and Troy are eligible to apply for Partners in PRIDE grant awards in 2012. These applications are due February 11, 2012 and August 12, 2012. For more information, [click here](#).

If you would like assistance with this process, please contact Trudy Rice at [trice@ksu.edu](mailto:trice@ksu.edu). She will be glad to assist you. The communities of Highland, Stafford, Grinnell, Wilson and Basehor currently have Partners in PRIDE funds with active projects underway. Each community is eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 with a 1/1 match of local resources to support an initiative that will assist them in meeting their communities long range goals. These are competitive funds.

## Community Capitals Awards

It is time to be recognized for the great work each of your PRIDE communities engage in. Please consider checking out the award options and making plans to submit one or more award applications by March 1, 2012.

Kansas PRIDE has two broad award categories: competitive and non-competitive. The competitive awards are intended to recognize communities who have done excellent work developing community capitals. Local PRIDE programs are encouraged to nominate a high quality project for state-level recognition which reflects their work in a community capital area. Nominations may be submitted in



While many more ideas were generated to add value to their water quality project, Humboldt's PRIDE group will begin organizing for their water project work soon. If you are interested in learning more about Humboldt's work in the Healthy Ecosystems-Healthy Communities (HEHC) Program, please email Humboldt PRIDE members [Sunny Shreeve](#) or [Vada Aikins](#) or the HEHC project coordinator, [Sherry Davis](#) at the KSU PRIDE office.

## Board Leadership Series: So You are Serving on a Board, Now What?

K-State Research and Extension's Board Leadership series is an opportunity to provide your community PRIDE Board members with affordable training necessary to be most effective as a community improvement organization. Training will be held on April 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 6-8 p.m. This PRIDE workshop will be offered in various locations across the state.

Participants will join from hosting Local Unit Extension Offices for interactive participation. Host sites include: Lakin, Garden City, Osborne, Oakley, Salina, Concordia, Topeka, Olathe, Wamego and Chanute.

Topics will include:

- Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members/Holding Effective Meetings

Make sure your board members understand not only what they should do, but what they shouldn't. We will review key responsibilities of board members as well as specific strategies to make meetings more productive and effective.

- Understanding Fellow Board Members/Conflict Management

Not all board members will share the same perspectives and values. Explore how personalities and generational differences impact the decision making process of boards. Learn how to properly manage conflict so that it is productive not destructive to the board.

- Fundraising and Fund Management/Legalities/Ethics

Raising money, managing money and understanding such things as Articles on Incorporation, Bylaws, Policies and the many 501(c)3, 501(c)4 and 501(c)5 options can be very confusing. This session will explore how this all fits together, where to go for more information and how your board can decide the best option.

- Strategic Planning

Do all board members understand the organizations mission and vision? This session will share a process which will help your board celebrate its past and identify priorities for the future.

Cost: \$25 per person for one or all four sessions. Different people can attend each session.

[Click here](#) for more information coming soon.

## Day of PRIDE 2012

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 2, 2012 for the annual Day of PRIDE. We will be visiting Osage County communities this year and our annual awards luncheon will be hosted by Melvern PRIDE. More details will follow soon. However, make plans now to attend this event. Many of those attending last year "voted" it their best Kansas PRIDE experience yet.

## Enrollment Time

If you have not yet enrolled as a PRIDE community for 2012, NOW is the time. For enrollment information, [click here](#).

## Best stories of 2011

Kansas PRIDE Communities are some of the greatest places in the state to live because of your hard work and planning. The Kansas PRIDE Office is aware of this fact, but how far does that knowledge stretch?

There are many ways in which Kansas PRIDE highlights your communities, such as the [Annual Review](#), the [Kansas PRIDE ENews](#) and the [Kansas PRIDE Website](#), which contains a link to [PRIDE Community Success Stories](#). This link,

created to highlight the accomplishments over the years of PRIDE, can also be a tool for your community to tell their story of success. We would like to encourage you to view your community's page, or if you do not yet have a page, request one. The PRIDE Office will be happy to edit or post your success stories, as well as pictures of your hard work. This is your chance to tell the story of your community in your own words and photos.

Please contact the PRIDE Office at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu) or by phone at (785) 532-5840 to get started or to share your 2011 accomplishments.

## 4th Quarter Reminder

Once again it is time to send in reports for the final quarter of the PRIDE Program year. Forms can be sent to the PRIDE Office via email to [jmenon@ksu.edu](mailto:jmenon@ksu.edu) or [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu), by regular mail or fax at (785) 532-6175. Do not hesitate to drop us a line if your reports will be delayed. The information on your quarterly reports helps our program accurately reflect your time, hard work and efforts for your communities to legislators, funding agencies and other communities like yours.

## Events Calendar:

February 15, 2012 - Partner in PRIDE Applications Due

March 1, 2012 - Community Capital/Community Partner Award Nominations Due

March 1, 2012 - Community Garden Grant Applications Due

June 2, 2012 - Day of PRIDE - Osage County, KS

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