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## *Vibrant communities with a positive future*

### Partners In PRIDE Spotlight: Iola PRIDE, Downtown Beautification Project



The Iola Community Involvement Task Force/PRIDE (CITF/PRIDE) is proud to announce the completion of their Downtown Beautification project as of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A total of \$3,313.37 was spent on the project, but they were also awarded \$1500.00 from Kansas PRIDE through a Partners in Pride (PIP) grant. They hung 16 signs on the decorative light fixtures around their downtown square that had historical photographs and facts about Iola. Then they continued the project by hanging historic sign plaques on historic buildings around the square. The information on these plaques includes the name of the original business housed there as well as the year the building was built.



Their project was a success and members of the group grew in their personal relationships as well as in their relationships with local businesses. This has since had an influence on local businesses and their desire to mind their store fronts. The historical plaques have also been a point of interest of those passing through the town, and a teaching tool for summer programs. They are very proud of this accomplishment and are very grateful to the PIP Grant Committee for helping make this all possible for the City of Iola.

### Community of Excellence Applications Due October 15, 2014

If your community has enrolled as a STAR community, or your community has recently engaged in a strategic planning process, we encourage you to apply for Community of Excellence status. Communities of Excellence are eligible to apply for Partners in PRIDE grants. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit our website at: [kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=36](http://kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=36)

### Partners in PRIDE Grants Due August 15, 2014

If you are designated a Community of Excellence, and do not have a current PIP grant that you have yet to close, you are likely eligible for applying for a PIP grant! [CLICK HERE](#) or visit <http://kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=31> for PIP guidelines and application. Please email us at [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu) for any questions concerning eligibility.

### Events Calendar

Check out our [Community Events Page](#) for what might be going on in your area this quarter!

August 15, 2014—Partners in PRIDE Grant Applications are Due

October 15, 2014—Community of Excellence Essays are Due (contact [PRIDE@ksu.edu](mailto:PRIDE@ksu.edu) for more information)

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