Vibrant communities with a positive future.

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New Funding Opportunity

Volunteers Impact PRIDE (VIP) Grant Program

A new funding opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of our new partner, the Kansas Masons: Volunteers Impact PRIDE.

The Volunteers Impact Pride (VIP) grant program provides incentives to communities for projects that will enhance the quality of life in Kansas PRIDE communities.

The VIP program is designed to help communities help themselves through sweat equity and volunteerism at the local level.

Important Note: Only Communities in Good Standing with the Kansas PRIDE Program are eligible to apply for awards (meaning ALL awards).

Definition of Good Standing: Enrolled, Resolution of Government Support submitted, Quarterly Reports up to date.

CLICK HERE to see the VIP Application for requirements and deadline details. This is a new opportunity and we are sure you have many questions. Do not hesitate to contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu or by phone at 785.532.5840 –Jaime Menon, Program Coordinator, Kansas PRIDE Program jmenon@ksu.edu

Community Logos

Many thanks to Nicole Godek of Grainfield PRIDE and member of the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors (she is also an entrepreneur – founder of Love Small Town America – a online network for small towns providing many resources to communities. Check it out at http://www.lovesmalltownamerica.com/ ) for her work in creating Kansas PRIDE Community Logos. What does this mean? If your community is interested in
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reducing the effect of disasters through education. Kansas State University is a part of EDEN and shares preparedness tips on its Prepare Kansas blog.

“There are two things that I have heard small-business owners say repeatedly: The first is, they never have enough time. And the second is, 'Where did I file that?'” said Glenn Muske, NDSU extension rural and agribusiness enterprise development specialist.

The Small Business Disaster Plan app takes on both of those, Muske said, by letting you fill out important disaster plan information, along with supporting photos right from your smartphone or tablet – which you always have with you.

“Of course, you should save the information in the cloud, too, in case your phone or tablet is lost,” he added.

The app lets you enter information for your business, including basic and contact information, emergency planning, evacuation, insurance information and more.

Plans should be reviewed annually, Muske said, so the app uses your phone's alerts to remind you to review the information at a designated time in the future.

The content can be downloaded as a csv file. The app also encourages you to upload the content to a cloud service such as Dropbox, iCloud, Drop or a similar service for backup.

"Planning is never high on anyone's list," Muske said. "But think how easy the process is when the structure is there and you just need to fill in the blanks. That's exactly what this Small Business Disaster Plan app provides. And because September is National Preparedness Month, it's a great time to get your business prepared for disasters."

Development of the Small Business Disaster Plan app for tablets and smartphones was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture. - Mary Lou Peter, Communications Specialist, K-State Research and Extension mlpeter@ksu.edu

Events Calendar

October 8-9 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS – 484H

October 9-10 – Come See Us at the LKM Conference!

October 15 – Community of Excellence Applications Due

October 15 – Quarterly Reports are Due