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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

getting a Kansas PRIDE logo made specifically for your community for promotional purposes, or if you would like to refresh the one that you already have, please contact the PRIDE office at 785-532-5840 or by email at PRIDE@ksu.edu.

Prepare for the 2017 Solar Eclipse



The next total solar eclipse visible from the continental United States will occur on August 21, 2017. You might be shocked to know that the best sight-seeing spot for this extravagant event is none other than the neighbor to Kansas itself, Missouri. In St. Joseph Missouri, you can witness right over 2 minutes and 38 seconds of this breathtaking view of totality.

There are also many communities in Kansas (41.5 miles) that has a set of strict and mapped-out paths that allow you to see this eclipse at its prime totality, **which in its own could offer your small community a major tourism boom.** You can see if your community is on the map at the following website:

www.eclipse2017.org/2017/states/kansas.htm

-Madison Blevins, K-State Research and Extension PRIDE Student Office Professional madisonmb@ksu.edu

Mark your Calendars for 484H!



Remember: Mark your calendars for October 8-9, 2016 – that is when 4-H Groups across Kansas will be

participating in 48 Hours of 4-H (484H). Your local groups just may be looking for volunteer opportunities, so don't hesitate to contact them to see if you can help them flesh out projects or invite them to participate projects that you might already have planned!

New App Created to Help Small Businesses Prepare for the Worst



MANHATTAN, Kan. – The sprinklers go off by mistake in your office building. A strong wind blows the roof off your lab. You lose all of your computer files in a major crash.

If you own or manage a small business, a disaster like any one of these could put a major dent in your work and your bottom line.

A new phone app won't fix such problems, but could help a business start operating again more quickly and easily.

The Small Business Disaster Plan app is available free for iOS and Android tablets and smartphones. It was developed by the North Dakota State University Extension Service and Myriad Mobile, Fargo, N.D.

"We used FEMA's ready.gov information for businesses and the [Extension Disaster Education Network's](#) Ready Business training program to integrate with the functionality of the tablet and smartphone," said Bob Bertsch, the NDSU web technology specialist who led work on the app's content. "Yes, there are online templates for business disaster plans, but this app provides portability and functionality."

The Extension Disaster Education Network is a collaboration of land grant universities focused on

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](#)