

Vibrant communities with a positive future.



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- *Enrolling in the Kansas PRIDE Program* – How to enroll in the program as a new or returning community.
- *Reporting System* – Using the database to report your quarterly efforts, including searching reports and projects from your community, and other communities.

Check the Education page often for more videos and other useful materials. – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmsteen@ksu.edu**

Educational Videos



If you missed the recent webinar about the Kansas PRIDE Program overview and available awards, never fear! The recorded

presentations are now online for viewing at any time. Head over to <http://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu/education> for a current list of videos. As of this edition of the newsletter the following topics are available:

- *Introduction to the Kansas PRIDE Program* – A basic overview of what the Kansas PRIDE program is and how communities participate.
- *Awards and Recognition* – Available awards and recognition opportunities for communities.

Awards Update



What a great article by Jan about the videos, because it plays directly into this article! As Jan noted, there is a new video concerning the types of awards that each community is eligible for (see Jan’s article on Educational Videos). And here is some other important information: There has been an extension for:

Volunteers Impact PRIDE Communities of Excellence Grant (for Communities of Excellence only, that are in good standing).

The deadline has been extended to March 15, 2018.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and VIP Communities of Excellence Grant application.

All other applications, for Recognition and Funding have a deadline of February 15.

If you are interested in Recognition Awards, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you are interested in Funding, including the new Community Promotion Grant, [CLICK HERE](#).

Need a consultation or coaching? Email us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we are happy to set up a Zoom meeting to walk you through the application that you are interested in!

Thank you for all that you do, and we cannot wait to see your applications! – **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu**

Regional Workshop Sites/Dates

SAVE THE DATE

You've asked for Regional Workshops, and deliver we will! Five communities have volunteered to host, so mark your calendars for:

Haysville – April 18
Iola – April 19
Grainfield - April 19
Rossville – April 24
Kinsley – April 26

Meetings are set for 6pm. Host community highlights, grant application process and volunteer recruitment and retention will be part of the main subjects of presentation.

More details concerning registration will be highlighted in either the Community Opportunities and the March 2018 Newsletter. – **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu**

Reporting 4th Quarter 2017, What an Adventure!



"I don't know about you, but I feel like Easy Street is overrated. I would rather things be confusing and difficult. That's the way I like it." Said No One, Ever.

What a ride it has been! Thank you to all communities that have given feedback, your patience and understanding.

On January 16, after an incredible amount of testing and demoing, with much excitement did Jan and I unveil our wonderful, shiny, "user-friendly"

and certainly infallible new database. And things went swimmingly...for about 14 minutes when it became quite apparent that not all was well.

So we scrambled to push the pause button again, and it was back to the drawing board. A lone database technician set about doing the work of 4 people, making things as right as they could be. And so, we are back online. You should be able to report for 2017, you can use your old or new credentials to do so, but one rule (there are other rules, but those are being worked on behind the scenes): you must enroll every year from now on with your 2017 username. If leadership changes, we can get you the information to enroll.

[CLICK HERE](#) to report.

Enrollment can be done [HERE](#).

Thank you all again, for all that you do, and for your kindness and patience as we plunged into the unknown! – **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu**

Engage the “One-and-Done” Volunteers

It seems these days that people don't always have a lot of extra time – multiple jobs, kids in school activities, church activities, etc. These folks still care about their community, and may still attend and appreciate events your local PRIDE group puts on, it's just the commitment of a regular meeting that doesn't fit for them right now.

Still consider approaching these folks as episodic volunteers! By approaching someone in person to tap into their knowledge, skills, or access to resources, they may be more open to volunteering to help with a one-time event. It's less

commitment than regular meetings and multiple events per year, but they still have a chance to be involved, and the community benefits from that involvement. This may open the door for some to help with more events and planning in future years as their schedules change. – **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmsteen@ksu.edu**

Photo Contest

Every year we highlight your work in the Kansas PRIDE Annual Review. One of the hardest tasks associated is choosing a cover photo.



Inspired by the League of Kansas Municipalities Kansas Government Journal photo contest of yesteryear, Jan and I decided it would be a great way to promote your communities on our Facebook page, and allowing you all to vote for your favorites! The winner will be the photo with most likes. Don't resist the chance to be semi-famous!

The Rules:

1. Photos must be high quality. This means that when you send them you must send them original size, not compressed. *If you send them from your phone at all you should try to get onto a Wi-Fi network to avoid outrageous data charges.*
2. One photo per community please.

3. A sentence or paragraph about your photo is required so that we can highlight your great works!
4. Have fun!

Send your photos to PRIDE@ksu.edu By April 1, and we will post them to Facebook for voting. We are excited to see your photos!

Don't forget to use a photo release form if any people are in your photos. You can find a copy online here: <https://goo.gl/f3umBn> (website address is case sensitive).

Up for a Community Visit?

Would your PRIDE organization like to be brought up to speed on available opportunities? Have you had a leadership change and would like to make sure you're on the right track? Let us know and we'll work on scheduling a time to meet with you. Send us an email at PRIDE@ksu.edu. – *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension* jmsteen@ksu.edu

Outside Funding Opportunities



Looking for funding? Click on the \$ to view our Outside Funding and Other Useful Funding Resources Page.

K-State Research and Extension has Grant Writing Workshops. Contact PRIDE@ksu.edu to find out if one will be provided near you in 2018.

Events Calendar

Quarterly Report Dates:

April 15th

July 15th

October 15th

January 15th



Opportunity Dates:

February 15, 2018 – Award Applications Due

March 15, 2018 – VIP Communities of Excellence Grant Application Deadline (Extended)

August 15, 2018 – Award Applications Due

Regional Workshop Dates:

April 18 - Haysville

April 19 – Iola and Grainfield

April 24 - Rossville

April 26 – Kinsley



Cold? Hold on! Just like our next newsletter, SPRING arrives next month!