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**New USDA Guide for Disaster Recovery**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) unveiled a resource guide as part of National Preparedness Month to help rural communities seeking disaster resiliency and recovery assistance. The guide can be downloaded and viewed [here](#).
The resource guide outlines USDA Rural Development (RD) programs and services that can help rural residents, businesses and communities impacted by disasters and support long-term planning and recovery efforts. A resource matrix categorizes RD programs that can support preparedness and recovery through four key assistance types:

- housing assistance, and community and economic development planning;
- infrastructure and equipment financing;
- industry, entrepreneurship and local business development; and
- education and training.

The guide also includes information on technical assistance providers and other federal agencies that work with USDA to support rural communities in disaster planning and recovery efforts. It features examples of how customers have used USDA programs to support their recovery efforts.

Additional resources to support rural communities seeking disaster assistance are available here.

PRIDE Community Happenings

More good news to report from the Caney Community Betterment Group. The group held a Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting ceremony recently for a new business in town - Kane Kan Coffee. The group is also looking into improvements in their downtown area, including housing, businesses, and a lighting project. A little more on some happenings in Caney later in the newsletter...

Potwin PRIDE let us know about a natural capital project they've worked on - the Potwin Flower Barrel Beautification project. Potwin PRIDE has worked to make downtown look great, putting flower barrels out at the 4-way stop corner and at the Community House Park. They also repaired a flower barrel at the city building, and replaced two barrels at King Park, with a local 4th grade class assisting with planting.

Gardening anyone? The Conway Springs Development Foundation continues with their Community Garden project. Marion PRIDE worked with the local 3rd grade class on multiple occasions to plant vegetables, and the Methodist men's group helped with tomato cages. Caldwell starts October off right with a "Yard of the Week" competition for great looking resident and business yards.

Huck Boyd's Leader of the Year in Community Betterment -
The Kansas PRIDE Program

You’ve done it again! You’ve gone and gotten recognized for your awesome work!

The [Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development](#) took notice of all of your amazing efforts during 2020-2021, despite COVID, and chose to honor you as Leader of the Year in Community Betterment! Read the announcement [HERE](#).

This is something you are definitely going to want to share with your local stakeholders, community, media - pretty much "shout it out" for the world to hear!

For that, we have provided a news release friendly piece for sharing. You can access it [HERE](#).

**Congratulations to you, our AMAZING, AWESOME, PHENOMENAL, and HARD WORKING Communities!** THANK YOU for all that you do to make a difference in Kansas! - [Jaime Menon, Co-Coordinator of the Kansas PRIDE Program](mailto:jmenon@ksu.edu), jmenon@ksu.edu

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### Resolution on Resolutions

For those of you asking: "Can we submit resolutions less often?" and "Why is our resolution due annually?" We had the same question and concern, so we engaged the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board to get their opinion/ideas on Government Resolutions, and if they are necessary to renew so often.

The main point of a resolution is to make sure that we know that you have connected with local government, and they know that you are operating. Well, if leadership doesn't change often, then why should a resolution?

The Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Board of Directors met and considered the situation on resolutions. To lighten the burden on volunteer leadership in Kansas PRIDE communities, **it was decided that Government Resolutions can be good for 3 years!**
What does this mean?

- You will still need to provide a resolution, but it is easy to fill in the information into the database once you receive it.
- For subsequent years, you will need to pull the resolution information forward for all three years that it is good for in the database (you will have easy reference, as the resolution number is there in your user information in the database).
- It is probably good to have the resolution number read for the final year that it is good (example, Resolution #2023) so that you can keep up with when it is due, and we can make sure you are up to date.

And yes, that means that this year's resolution is good for 3 years!

Any questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to us at PRIDE@ksu.edu. Thank you for all you do! - Jaime Menon, Co-Coordinator of the Kansas PRIDE Program, jmenon@ksu.edu

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2020-21 Annual Review Available

You can now view the most recent Kansas PRIDE program annual review online in PDF format from our News section.

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Kansas PRIDE Participation: Definition of a Community

We've recently updated our FAQs page to include a definition of what a "community" is for the purposes of clarifying what type of entities may participate in the program. If you're on the list of enrolled communities at the end of the newsletter, you're in good shape!

The Kansas PRIDE Program defines "community" as a public serving entity that is formally recognized by a government (such as a city, county or district). For example a city is recognized as a community; a county may recognize an unincorporated area as a community; or a larger city, such as Wichita, Salina, Hutchinson or Kansas City, may formally recognize a district neighborhood as a community. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

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Kansas Profile - Danny Scott, Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation

We told you there was more to
CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOPS ARE BACK!
In 2021, K-State Research and Extension Grant-writing workshops went online.

The online workshop is designed to be presented to participants in two 3-hour courses and will cost $60. Local Extension agents are the hosts for the workshops, but since workshops are online, you can attend any workshop in the state. There are two ways to participate: go to our website (https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/) and under "Events" on the right side you can register at a scheduled workshop or ask your local extension agent to host.

The workshops are based on the same workshop that has been conducted statewide to more than 1,700 participants in 60 local communities. In-person workshop participants who responded to a survey 6-12 months after their grant workshop (36% response), reported writing $48.5 million of grants with $24.8 million of successful grants.

For more information, contact Nancy Daniels nkDaniels@ksu.edu

External Funding Opportunities
Want to put your new grant writing skills to use? Here are some opportunities for project funding outside of the Kansas PRIDE grants:

The Sparkplug Foundation funds small-to-medium sized organizations or ideas and early stage projects in the areas of education and community organizing. Grants are for one year and range from $1,000 to $20,000. Letter of intent deadlines are October 11, 2021 and May 27, 2022. You can find more information on their grant seekers page: https://www.sparkplugfoundation.org/information/
The **Environmental Protection Agency** is offering funding in the Brownfields Program area (cleanup of contaminated land). Their first offering is for Brownfield Assessment grants, [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335878](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335878), and the second is for the actual cleanup grant: [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335837](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335837). Both grants have application deadlines in December of this year.

**Koch Family Foundation** grants are awarded to 501c3 organizations in Kansas. Projects should help people develop their abilities, reach their full potential, and make lasting contributions to society – building on the Koch family’s passion for creating a vibrant and inclusive community within Kansas. While they accept completed grant proposals throughout the year, to be reviewed and considered for approval at their annual board meeting, proposals must be received by September 15th each year. For more details, the Foundation’s grant page is here: [https://www.kochfamilyfoundation.org/our-grants](https://www.kochfamilyfoundation.org/our-grants)

The **Sunflower Foundation** has just announced a grant for trails as well as a trail-related learning opportunity. Up to $55,000 is available for the cost associated with trail construction and development and trail signage, based on the scope and cost of the project. Deadline is Tuesday, November 9, 2021. You can also take advantage of the Foundation’s **Trail Champion Cohort** learning opportunity for those seeking to enhance the value of their trails. You can find more information on the grant and learning opportunity here: [http://www.sunflowerfoundation.org/grants/for_grant_seekers/current_grant_opportunities/grants](http://www.sunflowerfoundation.org/grants/for_grant_seekers/current_grant_opportunities/grants)

**Additional Funding Resources**

Is your Kansas PRIDE community looking for funding to help with certain projects? Let us know what the project is, how much you’re seeking, and what your timeline looks like. We have access to a grants database and likely can give you some links to potential funding sources. Just email us at **PRIDE@ksu.edu** with your request and project idea.

Not a Kansas PRIDE community? This resource is a great reason to join! You can also reach out to your local **Extension office** which should have access to the database as well. - **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu**

**Up for a Virtual Community Visit? We Are, Too!**

Our offer at the end of each newsletter is to engage your community remotely so we can present an overview of the program, should you be interested in enrolling, or to discuss the program and any of its components or training modules if you’re already participating. We would be more than happy to host a Zoom meeting where your PRIDE group members, city council members, chamber participants, Masonic Lodge, or other groups could individually log in to see the presentation and ask questions. Just e-mail us at **PRIDE@ksu.edu**!
To view pre-recorded webinars giving an introduction to the program, step-by-step instructions on how to enroll or report, fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and more, head over to our Education page for more. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

We often post items of interest on our Facebook page between newsletters. Grants, volunteer training, project ideas, and even the occasional Live stream will pop up. Click the button below to like and follow the program activity there:

Like Us On Facebook!

First Friday e-Calls: Check’em Out!
K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month, and there have already been some great sessions this year. If you missed them, they’ve been recorded and are available to view at your convenience along with the slides and some notes. Visit: https://www.ksre.ks-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/ for all past sessions. Registration information for upcoming sessions can be found here: https://www.ksre.ks-state.edu/community/events/.

Have a local event going on? Got great places to visit? Eat? Play?
Why not send your ads here and we will place them in our newsletter? You just have to send a high quality photo and the verbiage you want to use and we will place them in our newsletter for one month!

Send Your Ad Here!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:
• January 15th, April 15th,
2021 Kansas PRIDE Communities

The following communities are currently enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE program. To enroll your community visit our Enrollment and Reporting page and click on the light blue "Enroll" button to get started.

- Admire
- Alton
- Anthony
- Arlington
- Ashland
- Axtell
- Basehor
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushton
- Caldwell
- Caney
- Clifton
- Columbus
- Conway Springs
- Council Grove
- Delia
- Dover
- Dwight
- Elk City
- Ellis
- Erie
- Fort Scott
- Glasco
- Grainfield
- Leon
- Leonardville
- LeRoy
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
- Mount Hope
- Newton
- Norton
- Olsburg
- Osawatomie
- Overbrook
- Ozawkie
- Perry
- Potwin
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