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Kansas Masons - A Continuing Partnership with Resources for Your Community

We’re excited to announce that the Kansas Masons have pledged continued support of the Kansas PRIDE program for 2023! This ongoing partnership has resulted in increased program capacity and resources available to local PRIDE
communities. Did you know that in addition to the Community Emergency, Volunteers Impact PRIDE, and Community Promotion grants PRIDE groups also have access to:

- Funding from local Masonic Lodges for projects? Whether you have a Lodge in your town or a nearby city, you’re encouraged to engage with community Masons to seek funds for your worthwhile efforts.
- Potential meeting space? Is your PRIDE group lacking a regular meeting place or maybe would like to look at alternative locations to gather for planning and business? The Masonic Lodge in your city may be available for just such a purpose!
- Possible volunteers? PRIDE groups are always encouraged to invite representatives of government, businesses, schools, and other organizations to meetings to bring ideas, perspectives, and volunteer resources to the table for quality-of-life improvement activities. Your town’s (or nearby) Masons are interested in community betterment – why not engage them?

To engage your nearest Kansas Masons, email us at pride@ksu.edu for updated Lodge contact information. We have various routes of communication and can work with you to start or strengthen that local relationship for your community’s benefit. - Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinator, jmsteen@ksu.edu

**PRIDE Community Happenings**

Blue Rapids Community Action Team (PRIDE) shared the presentation of their Rising Star award to Bob and Sandra Roepke recently. Congrats! Rising Star awards are guaranteed recognition awards at no cost to your PRIDE group. Learn more about the award and consider sending an application in the spring to recognize the contributions of your community members!

**Harper PRIDE** worked with the K-Kids of Harper Elementary and the City of Harper to paint the new county flag/logo onto a structure in the city park. This is a new symbol for Harper County, designed by several local creative people from the county's three larger communities. It's
Special thanks to Iola CITF/PRIDE for hosting Kansas PRIDE, Inc.'s September board meeting. Board members and guests joined together after the business portion of the meeting for a wonderful meal and a trolley tour of the great things happening around town.

Potwin PRIDE's annual National Night Out was a success with a lot of people in attendance, great hot dogs and desserts, and the presentation of an award. Potwin PRIDE received a Project Excellence award for their Flower Barrel Beautification project. Way to go!

Sponsor Highlight: Blue Valley Technologies

Time to highlight another great Kansas PRIDE sponsor – this time Blue Valley Technologies. BVT is an independent communications cooperative located in rural Kansas, serving multiple communities in the northeast part of the state. As an innovative and forward-thinking organization, they were one of the first in the nation to deploy fiber to even its most rural customers. Thanks to the folks at Blue Valley Technologies for supporting Kansas communities! You can visit them online here.
The Kansas PRIDE Program uses no state or federal dollars to fund community projects or recognition. Sponsors support communities participating in the program by helping to fund grants and awards and have the opportunity to serve on the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. board of directors. It’s not just the communities that benefit – the sponsors get a lot out of it, too! To see how your company’s or organization’s support can benefit communities throughout the state, visit our Sponsors and Sponsorship page to find out how to donate.
CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION

Awards provided through our Partnership with the Kansas Masons

VOLUNTEERS IMPACT PRIDE

Russell
Support your community through Grant Writing

- Conquer your grant writing fears and start writing!
- Explore ways to find data to document community needs.
- Discover new sources of grant funding.
- Practice developing the grant Elements: Problem, Outcomes, Activities, Evaluation, and Budget.

CLICK HERE to Learn More

K-STATE
Research and Extension

FIRST FRIDAY E-CALLS
K-State Research and Extension offers entrepreneurship webinars every first Friday of the month. Visit our Webpage for all past sessions. Registration information for upcoming sessions can be found HERE.
NO BUDGET MARKETING

Well, just a little....

Lea Ann Seiler
Manager, NetWork Kansas
Former Economic Development Director

November 4
9:30 am
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:

**AmeriCorps Kansas** has three grant offerings available. The AmeriCorps Kansas Operational Grant is for organizations interested in operating an AmeriCorps program in the state. Matching funds are required. Due date is December 5, 2022: [https://kanserve.org/Grants-and-Funding/AmeriCorps-Kansas-Grant/AmeriCorps-Kansas-Operational-Grant](https://kanserve.org/Grants-and-Funding/AmeriCorps-Kansas-Grant/AmeriCorps-Kansas-Operational-Grant). The AmeriCorps Kansas Planning Grant is for organizations interested in a 12-month planning period to develop an AmeriCorps program in the state. Due date is
January 31, 2023, and this offering also requires matching funds: https://kanserve.org/Grants-and-Funding/AmeriCorps-Kansas-Grant/AmeriCorps-Kansas-Planning-Grant. The AmeriCorps Public Health Grant is for organizations interested in operating a public health AmeriCorps program in Kansas. It does not require matching funds and the deadline is December 5, 2022: https://kanserve.org/Grants-and-Funding/AmeriCorps-Kansas-Grant/AmeriCorps-Public-Health-Grant

For those in Eastern Kansas, the Sunderland Foundation has grants in the funding areas of higher education, human services, arts and culture, and healthcare and hospitals. You can view the application with a link to funding areas at the top of the page where you can view previous awarded projects to get an idea of what types of efforts they fund: https://www.sunderland.org/grantapplication

**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 an external 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

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

Our offer at the end of each newsletter is to engage your community remotely, or in person!

Our model has changed slightly - we prefer virtual for initial steps as our introduction videos can be shared widely throughout the community. 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 or discussion and ask questions. In person is a great way to get assessments or other community planning done, and we are happy to do a survey read out as a neutral party, or help you through a Strategic Doing session. Just e-mail us at PRIDE@ksu.edu to set up a schedule.

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. Keep your eye on that page, as we will be updating our Toolkit soon! - Jan Steen and Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Program Co-Coordinators, PRIDE@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!

K-STATE GARDEN HOUR

Wildlife Damage Prevention & Control in the Lawn & Garden
Wednesday, November 2nd 12:00PM -1:00PM CST

Have your prized vegetables and beautiful landscapes ever become an all-you-can-eat buffet for local wildlife? Learn how to identify the squirrels, rabbits, deer, gophers, or other wildlife that may be causing problems, and better understand how to prevent their damage. Join Dr. Drew Ricketts, Extension Wildlife Management Specialist, as he shares practical tips to prevent and control common wildlife damage issues.

Register Here!
Please register for this free Zoom Webinar at:
ksre-learn.com/KStateGardenHour

EVENTS CALENDAR

Quarterly Report Dates:
- January 15th, April 15th,
  July 15th, October 15th

Awards Deadlines:
- May 1st, September 1st
Holiday Closings
The Kansas PRIDE office will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veterans Day and November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Ways to Support Kansas PRIDE
Would you like to support communities' efforts to improve the quality of life across Kansas? Companies/organizations can sponsor the program and have the option to serve on the Kansas PRIDE, Inc. board of directors. KPI also accepts individual donations or you can contribute by using the Amazon Smile link here should you do any online shopping. Support your local merchants first, of course!

Support Kansas Pride, Inc.
When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates.

Go to smile.amazon.com

Partner and Resource Links

2022 Kansas PRIDE Communities
The following communities are currently enrolled in the Kansas PRIDE program for the 2022 program year. 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
- Assaria
- Axtell
- Basehor
- Belleville
- Blue Rapids
- Burden
- Bushton
- Lecompton
- Leon
- Leonardville
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Lucas
- Luray
- Macksville
- Marion
- McFarland
- Melvern
- Moran
Caldwell
Caney
Clifton
Columbus
Conway Springs
Courtland
Delia
Dover
Dwight
Elk City
Ellis
Erie
Florence
Fort Scott
Glasco
Grainfield
Grinnell
Harper
Haysville
Herndon
Highland
Hugoton
Humboldt
Independence
Iola
Kinsley
La Harpe
Lakin
Larned
Morland
Mount Hope
Newton
Norton
Olsburg
Osawatomie
Overbrook
Ozawkie
Perry
Portis
Potwin
Quenemo
Randolph
Riley
Riverton
Rossville
Rozel
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