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Governor Laura Kelly Announces Nearly $14 Million in Grants for Rural Kansas Communities

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Governor Laura Kelly today announced 32 rural Kansas communities will receive grant awards to assist with community development projects. In all, these communities across Kansas will share a total of $13,864,149 in federal grants.

Through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program facilitated by the Kansas Department of Commerce Community Development Division, these federal grants are being awarded for a variety of community improvement projects, including sewer and water projects, housing rehabilitation and community facility improvements.

“The Community Development Block Grant program is a powerful tool for improving communities, revitalizing vital infrastructure, and maximizing economic opportunity,” **Governor Kelly said**. “Over the past several months, the pandemic has heightened the challenges our rural communities face when it comes to community development – making assistance like this more important than ever. My administration is

dedicated to doing all we can to continue addressing rural Kansans' most pressing needs."

"Providing assistance to address quality-of-life issues is a necessary and noble part of economic development," Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland said. "By funding community projects like these, the CDBG program is helping to improve the overall business and residential appeal of these small towns. These investments will improve living conditions for Kansas residents, create new economic opportunities for rural communities and bolster the overall prosperity of our entire state."

Counties, applicant cities and award amounts are as follows:

Allen	Iola	$350,000
Barton	Great Bend	$600,000
Brown	Horton	$190,050
Chase	Cottonwood Falls	$499,125
Cloud	Concordia	$48,975
Cowley	Arkansas City	$455,000
Doniphan	Highland	$600,000
Ellsworth	Wilson	$300,000
Greenwood	Fall River	$360,000
Greenwood	Eureka	$600,000
Jackson	Holton	$600,000
Jefferson	Nortonville	$501,300

Jefferson	Valley Falls	$115,950
Jewell	Mankato	$600,000
Kingman	Kingman	$300,000
Kiowa	Mullinville	$380,000
Labette	Chetopa	$600,000
Lincoln	Lincoln County	$35,763
Lyon	Emporia	$700,000
Lyon	Neosho Rapids	$217,062
Marshall	Vermillion	$250,000
Meade	Fowler	$300,000
Miami	Osawatomie	$600,000
Montgomery	Independence	$700,000
Montgomery	Coffeyville	$574,320
Phillips	Phillips County	$192,514
Russell	Russell	$116,228
Sedgwick	Haysville	$342,000
Sumner	Caldwell	$600,000
Wabaunsee	Alma	$600,000

Wilson	Fredonia	$261,425
Woodson	Toronto	$550,000

The CDBG program administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce provides federal funds to local governments for the development of viable communities by addressing their housing, public facilities and economic development needs. To be awarded funds, local government units must meet at least one of three program objectives:

- The grant will benefit low- and moderate-income persons
- The grant will prevent or eliminate slums and blight
- The grant will resolve an urgent need where local resources are not available to do so

The CDBG funds are one of the Department of Commerce's primary tools in supporting the state's small, predominantly rural communities.

About the Kansas Department of Commerce

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About the Community Development Division

Established in 2019, the Community Development Division at the Kansas Department of Commerce exists to improve quality-of-life in communities across the state through various programs and services. The Kansas Department of Commerce understands the immense role played by strong communities in economic development and prioritizes investments in people and communities as major contributors to the overall strength of the Kansas economy. To learn more, visit the Community Development page at the Kansas Commerce website.

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