More than $1 million in grants awarded to Kansas nonprofits

The Sunflower Foundation Board of Trustees has awarded a total of $1,080,158 in Capacity Building grants to 67 nonprofit organizations statewide. The grants were approved at the board’s meetings in April and June.

Capacity Building grants were open to nonprofit organizations providing health care and prevention services to low income, uninsured, and other vulnerable populations in Kansas. Funds provided through this opportunity support implementation of short-term strategies that build core organizational strength by increasing effectiveness, efficiency, quality, safety, impact, and/or sustainability.

“Hundreds of nonprofit organizations around our state are dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Kansans. But when resources are tight, productivity and efficiency can be undermined by things like outdated technology or obstacles to public communication,” said Billie G. Hall, Sunflower Foundation President and CEO. “That’s why, every few years, Sunflower has sought to boost the core strength of our state’s nonprofit organizations. The ability of Kansas nonprofits to focus on their missions is vital to our state.”

Sunflower Foundation began issuing Capacity Building grants in 2002 in response to a surge in financial pressure on the state’s nonprofit sector. Likewise, the foundation has since intermittently offered this grant opportunity to support organizations’ core strength, particularly in order to help them focus their limited resources on their missions. Over the last 15 years, Sunflower Foundation has awarded 485 Capacity Building grants totaling $8,599,364.

This year, Kansas nonprofits could apply for a maximum of $30,000 for projects to address organizational needs in three priority areas: 1) Technology, 2) Training and education, and 3) Media messaging and communication.

Following are brief summaries of the Capacity Building grants awarded this year. For more information, please contact Phil Cauthon, Sunflower’s Director of Communications: (785) 232-3000 or pcauthon@sunflowerfoundation.org.

Sunflower Foundation 2017 Capacity Building Grants

All Faith Counseling Center of Atchison
$10,265
Atchison County — Atchison
This counseling and educational services organization will upgrade its office computer technology and network security system.
Atchison Community Health Clinic
$8,576
Atchison County — Atchison
This Federally Qualified Health Center will develop and redesign the clinic's website, develop a publishing strategy, and develop a social media plan to reach its target audience.

Attica Hospital District #1
$12,102
Harper County — Attica
This non-profit hospital will upgrade its phone system, upgrade its office computer technology, including new equipment for use in staff training and community meetings.

Caritas Clinics, Inc.
$16,200
Wyandotte County — Kansas City
This safety net clinic will provide electronic medical record training to its providers, certified medical translators, assistants, and front desk staff to ensure adherence to coding procedures.

Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas
$10,627
Saline County — Salina
This social service organization will upgrade its office computer technology.

Central Kansas Mental Health Center
$28,125
Saline County — Salina
This community mental health center will purchase new accounting software to replace their current, 22-year-old system.

Cheyenne County Hospital
$6,416
Cheyenne County — St. Francis
This critical access hospital will transition to a different electronic medical record, as their current system was discontinued. Funds will also support upgrading security technology.

CLASS LTD
$12,692
Cherokee County — Columbus
This disability-focused organization will upgrade its office computer technology, including emergency back-up equipment.
Coffeyville Regional Medical Center Foundation  
$30,000  
Montgomery County — Coffeyville  
This non-profit hospital foundation will implement wayfinding technology to better serve patients and visitors.

COMCARE of Sedgwick County  
$16,470  
Sedgwick County — Wichita  
This community mental health center will train staff in improving patient engagement.

Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas  
$30,000  
Crawford County — Pittsburg  
This Federally Qualified Health Center will upgrade its pharmacy software system and interface with the clinic’s electronic medical record.

Episcopal Social Services, Inc.  
$27,942  
Sedgwick County — Wichita  
This social service organization will upgrade its phone system and network to improve efficiency and privacy protection.

Families Together, Inc.  
$14,490  
Sedgwick County — Wichita  
This disability-focused organization will update its website to provide resources for parents and to raise community awareness of their services.

Family Service and Guidance Center of Topeka, Inc.  
$19,359  
Shawnee County — Topeka  
This community mental health center will conduct group management training and strategic planning.

Finney County Community Health Coalition, Inc.  
$21,200  
Finney County — Garden City  
This community health coalition will develop a new website, including secure access for partners.

First Care Clinic Inc.  
$15,577  
Ellis County — Hays  
This Federally Qualified Health Center will purchase video conference equipment for online classes.
Flint Hills Community Health Center
$30,000
Lyon County — Emporia
This Federally Qualified Health Center will upgrade its office computer technology and add a patient portal to their electronic medical record, as well as train staff and engage patients on using the portal.

Flinthills Services
$2,795
Butler County — El Dorado
This disability-focused organization will purchase technology needed to produce professional-quality videos and ancillary media.

Florence Crittenton Services
$3,000
Shawnee County — Topeka
This mental health center will develop a video to improve community awareness of its mission and services.

Fredonia Regional Hospital
$6,590
Wilson County — Fredonia
This critical access hospital will develop a new website and mobile site to provide easy-to-locate information about the hospital, its services, and its programs.

Friends of JCDS, Inc.
$21,890
Johnson County — Lenexa
This disability-focused organization will develop a new website that is easier to navigate for both clients seeking resources and potential donors.

Gove County Medical Center
$29,427
Gove County — Quinter
This critical access hospital will upgrade their electronic medical record.

Harper Hospital District #5
$18,404
Harper County — Harper
This critical access hospital will upgrade office computer technology used by medical staff.

Hays Area Children's Center
$5,455
Ellis County — Hays
This early child care organization will upgrade office computer and network technology, as well as purchase interactive white boards for use in classrooms.
Health Partnership Clinic
$30,000
Johnson County — Olathe
This Federally Qualified Health Clinic will upgrade its website and social media presence, and will develop a more user-friendly mobile website.

Historic Northeast Midtown Association, Inc.
$12,682
Wyandotte County — Kansas City
This neighborhood revitalization group — whose work is based in part upon an appreciation of the social determinants of health — will develop a new website, better integrate social media, and develop a resource guide with input from neighborhood residents.

Hunter Health Clinic
$12,825
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This Federally Qualified Health Center and Urban Indian Health Program will develop a new website to more effectively communicate its mission and services.

Infant Toddler Services of Johnson County
$6,040
Johnson County — Overland Park
This early child care organization will purchase office computer technology to better support staff working in the field.

Integrated Behavioral Technologies Inc.
$25,000
Leavenworth County — Basehor
This disability-focused organization will purchase office computer and network technology to better support the work of field staff and the families they serve.

Inter-Faith Ministries
$26,240
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This social service organization will purchase office computer and network technology.

K-State Research and Extension
$13,805
Riley County — Manhattan
Funding will support improved communication for the Network of Communities Focused on Poverty Alleviation.

Kansas Action for Children, Inc.
$9,000
Shawnee County — Topeka
This advocacy organization will train its staff to improve its presentation and public speaking skills.
Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved
$21,600
Shawnee County — Topeka
This advocacy organization will develop a database to better serve its members and evaluate its services.

Kansas CASA Association
$26,956
Ellis County — Hays
This child advocacy organization will upgrade the management software for its 23 member-programs statewide.

Kansas Food Bank
$27,000
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This hunger-relief organization will upgrade the software that organizes all aspects of its operations, including inventory and ordering, finance and accounting, and customer relationship management.

Kansas Learning Center for Health, Inc.
$11,388
Harvey County — Halstead
This health education organization will purchase office computer technology, video equipment, and conference technology.

Labette County Emergency Assistance
$2,797
Labette County — Parsons
This social service organization will upgrade office computer technology and develop a new website.

Lawrence Community Food Alliance
$23,420
Douglas County — Lawrence
This healthy food access organization (also known as Sunrise Project) will purchase office computer and network technology. Funds will also support a redesign of the organization’s website.

Live Well Live Atchison
$8,105
Atchison County — Atchison
This community coalition will develop a new website and social media strategy.

Logan County Health Service
$26,029
Logan County — Oakley
This critical access hospital will purchase network and other equipment for emergency operation.
Medical Loan Closet of Wichita, Inc.
$3,939
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This organization — which loans durable medical equipment to underserved individuals — will purchase office computer technology.

Medical Service Bureau, Inc.
$5,292
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This organization — which provides underserved individuals vouchers for vision care and prescription medications — will upgrade their client database to enhance accuracy of recordkeeping.

Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas
$23,250
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This advocacy and service organization will upgrade changes to its service delivery systems and donor support network.

Morris County Hospital
$15,790
Morris County — Council Grove
This critical access hospital will purchase computer network technology.

Mt. Hope Sanctuary, Inc.
$6,000
McPherson County — McPherson
This organization — which provides transitional housing and support services for single women and their children — will train its board and staff on improving communications and increasing financial contributions.

NAMI Kansas, Inc.
$25,000
Shawnee County — Topeka
This advocacy organization will train its board and staff on fund development and enhancing communications.

Norton County Hospital
$23,224
Norton County — Norton
This critical access hospital will implement an intranet to support staff at the hospital and its clinics.

Oral Health Kansas, Inc.
$13,455
Shawnee County — Topeka
This advocacy organization will update its website to be mobile friendly.
Prairie Independent Living Resource Center  
$2,918  
Reno County — Hutchinson  
This center for independent living will update its phone system, linking the center’s three locations.

Rainbows United, Inc.  
$22,586  
Sedgwick County — Wichita  
This child and family support organization will purchase network technology.

Reno County Health Department  
$25,191  
Reno County — Hutchinson  
This local public health department will purchase office computer technology to support staff working in the field.

Russell Child Development Center  
$9,182  
Finney County — Garden City  
This early childhood support organization will purchase office technology.

Senior Services, Inc. of Wichita  
$30,000  
Sedgwick County — Wichita  
This senior services organization will implement an integrated database to track membership and participation.

Sheltered Living, Inc.  
$18,099  
Shawnee County — Topeka  
This disability-focused non-profit organization will upgrade office computer technology, video equipment, and staff training software.

Sheridan County Health Complex  
$5,284  
Sherman County — Hoxie  
This Federally Qualified Health Center will purchase office technology.

Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care  
$16,207  
Wyandotte County — Kansas City  
This safety net clinic will upgrade office computer technology.
Spring River Mental Health & Wellness
$19,766
Cherokee County — Riverton
This community mental health center will upgrade office computer and network technology.

Sumner Mental Health Center
$23,970
Sumner County — Wellington
This community mental health center will upgrade office computer technology.

The Arc of Sedgwick County Inc.
$4,409
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This disability-focused organization will purchase office computer technology for outreach efforts.

The Capper Foundation
$6,290
Shawnee County — Topeka
This developmental and intellectual disabilities social service organization will upgrade its donor database to better support fundraising efforts.

The Cedar House Foundation
$8,909
Dickinson County — Abilene
This organization — which provides transitional housing and services for women — will purchase office technology.

Thrive Allen County, Inc.
$18,393
Allen County — Iola
This community organization will upgrade its phone system, network, and videoconference equipment.

Topeka Community Cycle Project
$1,900
Shawnee County — Topeka
This community bicycle education and repair organization will purchase office computer technology to coordinate volunteer support.

Washington County Health Department & Home Health Agency
$7,200
Washington County — Washington
This public health department will upgrade office computer technology.
Wichita Children's Home
$28,340
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This organization — which provides emergency, temporary residential shelter for children — will upgrade office computer technology to improve online training and screening of clients.

Wichita Family Crisis Center
$5,075
Sedgwick County — Wichita
This organization — which provides shelter and program support to survivors of domestic violence — will enroll its board and staff in leadership development training.

Wilson Medical Center
$30,000
Wilson County — Neodesha
This critical access hospital will implement a new network interface between the hospital and its rural health clinics.

Sunflower Foundation was established in 2000 to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans. The Topeka-based nonprofit directs resources statewide aimed at promoting healthy living in partnership with Kansas communities and schools; improving health care for the whole person; and developing leaders of Kansas organizations in a variety of sectors to be even more effective advocates for the causes and communities they serve.

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