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## Sunflower awards more than \$250,000 for trails

The Sunflower Foundation Board of Trustees has awarded just over \$250,000 to seven communities and one school district to build new trails, or connect and enhance existing trails.

The Sunflower Trails program is designed to promote healthy living by helping communities provide all populations with safe and accessible opportunities for outdoor physical activity.

"Trails can be transformative for a community," said Billie Hall, President and CEO of the Sunflower Foundation. "Enhancing walkability is good for health, and enhancing the built environment can be good for business. Trails connect people, promote community, and reinforce healthy lifestyles."

The following communities and school district were awarded grants by Sunflower's board at its April meeting:

- Andover Augusta Rail-Trail Initiative
- City of Basehor
- City of Fort Scott
- City of Minneola
- City of Overland Park
- City of Ottawa
- City of Pittsburg
- USD #348 Stafford Schools

All Sunflower Trails funding is a 50/50 partnership with the community or school. More details about each project are available at SunflowerFoundation.org.

Since its inception in 2005, the Sunflower Trails program has supported more than 140 trail-related projects in 58 Kansas counties. For more information, contact Sunflower's Director of Communications, Phil Cauthon, at (785) 232-3000 or mailto:pcauthon@sunflowerfoundation.org.

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