



More than \$1 million in grants awarded to Kansas nonprofits

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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 But when resources are tight, productivity and efficiency can be undermined by things like outdated technology or obstacles to public communication," said Billie G. Hall, Sunflower Foundation President and CEO.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.

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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.



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HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

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.



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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.



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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.



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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.



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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.



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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.



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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.

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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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