

*Listen. Learn. Respond.*



Sunflower Foundation  
HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS  
2019 Annual Report

Cover photo: An aerial photo of Menninger Hill in Topeka, Kansas.

*The Sunflower Foundation will relocate to Menninger Hill in late 2020.  
Our home will be located directly south of the Tower Building (pictured in this report).  
For more information on our new home  
and nonprofit center, visit [www.sunflowernonprofitcenter.org](http://www.sunflowernonprofitcenter.org).*



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# Reflections from the Board Chair and President & CEO

## *Reflections...*

There are times when you reflect on the work that has been done and you realize that it carried much more significance than you could have ever anticipated. This past year was one of those times. Our focus was on advancing health equity through the social determinants of health. Addressing social determinants is not only important for improving overall health, but also for reducing disparities that are often rooted in long established policies and practices that fuel social and economic disadvantages.

During FY 2019, our grantmaking focused on efforts to address health outcomes negatively impacted by social factors such as housing, employment, education, workforce development, safety, transportation, and safe neighborhoods. We have learned through years of public health research that race, racism, and poverty are the roots of many of the disparities we see in this work. The community advocates and leaders behind this work focused on diverse strategies, policies, and programs to advance health equity and social justice in communities across our state.

In addition to the focus on social determinants, we encouraged collaboration and cross-sector partnerships. Grants were awarded as core operating funds because nonprofit organizations and communities need resources that allow them to lead adaptively instead of technically. They need *financial support* that allows for *innovation, bold decision-making and calculated risk-taking*. And they need *time* to better *cultivate the conditions that lead to collective impact*. When that happens, we see more effective advocacy efforts that focus on policies and programs.

As we release this report, we are listening, learning and reflecting on our role as a health foundation. The Sunflower Board of Trustees and staff are encouraged and inspired by our many partners advocating for real change in advancing health and racial equity for all Kansans. We will strengthen our role as a catalyst to advance understanding and community conversations around what creates better health and what drives inequities. As a member of the philanthropic community, we can *and will strive* to do better.

Andrea Krug Krauss  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Russell

Billie G. Hall  
President & CEO  
Topeka



# Investing in Community Partners

## A Focus on the Social Determinants of Health

*“Nearly 80 percent of what impacts quality and length of life is driven by health behaviors and non-health related factors routinely referred to as the Social Determinants of Health.”*

National Academy of Medicine<sup>1</sup>

### Social Determinants of Health

Addressing social determinants is not only important for improving overall health, but also for reducing health disparities that are often rooted in long established policies and practices that fuel social and economic disadvantages. In FY 2019, Sunflower Foundation allocated \$1.3 million to this work – a significant investment for Sunflower but only a fraction of the overall investment needed to substantially move the needle on the myriad of issues which comprise the social determinants of health.

Our approach focused on identifying and hopefully growing the number of diverse organizations in this space. In addition, we sought to better understand the philosophy and approach that grantee organizations deploy as they work to address the broader social needs of the people and communities they serve.



### Moving Upstream

A primary focus of this grant program was to encourage organizations to reflect on how they approach their work to address the social determinants of health. We wanted grantees to stretch their thinking, to move their organizations further “upstream”<sup>2</sup> and be more mindful and strategic in selecting and implementing the strategies they choose to deploy.

<sup>1</sup>*Social Determinants of Health 101 for Health Care: Five Plus Five* (Oct. 9, 2017) at <https://nam.edu/social-determinants-of-health-101-for-health-care-five-plus-five/>

<sup>2</sup>*Meeting Individual Social Needs Falls Short of Addressing Social Determinants of Health* (January 16, 2019) at <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hblog20190115.234942/full/>



# Investing in Community Partners

## Learning from Grantees

As we do each year in our annual report, we are sharing a few stories from the work of our grantees. The projects highlighted below represent a fraction of the 46 health equity grants Sunflower awarded in 2019. The grantees represent a diverse group of community and state organizations dedicated to rethinking how they address the broader social needs of the patients, clients and communities they serve. The work is eclectic, with some grantees focused on very specific strategies, such as building an advocacy network or passing a policy, while others are more introspective, focusing their time and resources on developing better processes, systems and partnerships to better support the social needs of those they serve. Sunflower's expectation for grantees was to focus on what was changed or accomplished – not on the specifics of how the grant dollars were spent. As we are learning, it's not always about the amount of money invested, but how it was invested. As one of the health equity grantees so eloquently noted, "grant money, well-placed, can do wonders."

### A Health Care System that Reflects the Community it Serves

*Kansas City Medical Society*

The Kansas City Medical Society Foundation recognizes the challenges to staffing health care facilities in diverse communities. Challenges that are multiplied when trying to recruit a provider that understands the culture and speaks the language of those they serve. After all, language and culture affect numerous aspects of care, including access to and use of health care, how health care is provided and received, and adherence and compliance with treatment programs. As communities in and around Kansas City become more diverse, it is crucial to diversify the pool of health care providers.

Not content to simply help recruit from the existing pool of health care professionals, the Kansas City Medical Society Foundation is working to *"create an education-to-employment pipeline for a full range of multi-lingual, multi-cultural primary care and behavioral health professionals, utilizing existing high school, college and training options and connecting with Wyandotte County employers. Part of the mission of this work is to help the community see students' diverse languages and cultures as crucial assets to building a more diverse and thriving medical community."* While much work remains, Kansas City Medical Society Foundation is taking the long view and moving upstream to deploy new thinking and new strategies to tackle challenges that have long plagued the health care workforce.

### Building Community through Healthy Food Access

*The Sunrise Project*

The challenges to increasing access to healthy foods are many. One aspect that is often talked about, but not always implemented, is how to engage and support individuals and families in obtaining access to food in a sensitive, culturally appropriate way. The Sunrise Project from the Lawrence Community Food Alliance has developed an approach that combines access to healthy food with a host of other strategies aimed at food education, building social connections, enhancing leadership skills development, and in promoting an understanding of advocacy and policy change.



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A cornerstone of this work is the community meals program. Through this innovative program, a diverse group of community members come together to prepare and share a healthy meal and discuss a wide variety of community issues. Through this loosely structured, approachable format people can learn about one another and the opportunities and challenges they face in the community. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Sunrise Project is helping to build community through food and the power of connecting over a good meal. This is one of the few opportunities that an individual living in poverty might have to sit down on equal footing and enjoy a meal and conversation with the mayor, city commissioner, or school board member. Changing systems and policies truly begins with people who understand and respect one another.

## Ensuring Mental Health and Crisis Services to Reduce Recidivism

*Episcopal Social Services*

In a mental health crisis, people are more likely to encounter police than get medical help. As a result, millions of individuals with mental illness are booked into jails each year. The vast majority of the individuals are not violent criminals, but typically arrive there as a result of an overwhelmed, understaffed and disconnected crisis support system. Once in jail, many individuals don't receive the treatment they need and end up getting worse, not better. They stay longer than their counterparts without mental illness. They are at risk of victimization.

After leaving jail, many no longer have access to needed health care and benefits. A criminal record often makes it hard for individuals to get a job or find housing. Many individuals, especially those without access to mental health services and supports, wind up homeless, in emergency rooms and are often re-arrested. Episcopal Social Services is committed to understanding how to better serve incarcerated individuals with mental illness. Specifically, they are partnering with law enforcement, crisis support services, the local mental health center and others to review and modify a number of policies aimed at connecting people to needed health and social services – improving quality of life and reducing recidivism.

## Building a Movement for Safe and Affordable Housing

*Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice*

Families in need of affordable housing live everywhere: small towns and sprawling cities. While the need has been present in communities across the state for some time, the issue has not always received the attention it deserves. Kansas Appleseed is working to change that and is currently partnering with stakeholders to design a statewide healthy housing advocacy movement that will connect local efforts to a statewide coalition with the power to develop and advance specific systemic solutions. This more defined structure will provide communities and individuals working in this space an easier way to connect, learn from one another, and access content experts and training.

Kansas Appleseed believes community-led capacity building is the way to ensure sustainable advocacy, including the work needed to promote safe and affordable housing.



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## Stop Predatory Lending in Kansas

*Topeka JUMP*

Access to credit equals access to opportunity. According to a Federal Reserve study released in 2017 people with less access to credit are more likely to report financial hardships. Credit freedom also results in greater independence and allows borrowers to have more control over their own financial health. Unfortunately, for many Kansans, access to credit comes only in the form of predatory lending. These loans most often come with unaffordable payments, unreasonable durations, and unnecessarily high costs. They carry annual percentage rates (APRs) of 300 to 500 percent and are due on the borrower's next payday (roughly two weeks later) in lump-sum payments that consume about a third of the average customer's paycheck, making them difficult to repay without borrowing again. Topeka JUMP is working with partners to change that reality for Kansans.

While this work requires long term commitment, Topeka JUMP is helping to lay a strong foundation anchored in grassroots organizing and a dedicated and expansive network of advocates.

## Hospital Care Re-imagined

*Cherokee County Hospital*

As the Critical Access Hospital (CAH) in St. Francis, a small community near the Colorado border, staff are accustomed to providing the traditional services community members expect from their hospital. And while important, hospital staff have come to recognize the need to better address some of the underlying issues that give rise to challenging health conditions, such as access to mental health, poverty and food access. To learn more, hospital staff went out into the community to talk to residents and community-based organizations—meeting in places and at times convenient for them. They wanted to know how the hospital could be helpful, beyond the traditional services people associated with the hospital.

“We are no longer just talking about mental health and our lack of access. We are holding discussion forums and creating action plans and meeting with commissioners, school administration, and the communities to make real change.” In Northwest Kansas, “we are realizing that we are all dealing with the same issues and collaborating to create change is much better together than individually!”

## Moving Community Priorities Forward

*Kansas Sampler Foundation*

The Kansas Sampler Foundation is not shy about tackling tough issues that impact rural Kansas. The organization has been finding innovative and approachable strategies to convene and activate people for years. But like any organization, the foundation requires funding to function. Unfortunately for the foundation, and many small organizations like them, this means having to sometimes choose between securing the critical funds needed to operate and in moving forward the work that they and their partners see as fundamental. This results in a growing number of projects that are placed on the back burner and staff that are increasingly forced to manage the push and pull of a business model that at times becomes more focused on funding than in moving forward



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the mission of the organization.

Kansas Sampler Foundation named 2019 “the year of the network” to intentionally connect more Kansans together to do more powerful work than any one person or organization could do on their own. Through a network of local, regional, statewide and national partners, Kansas Sampler convenes “do-alogues” on priorities facing rural Kansans, such as childcare and aging in place. All of the issues have strong connections to social determinants of health and now those connections are part of the conversation and there are funds to move forward the identified priorities. Far too often available funding doesn’t always match the work that communities see as the priority. For the Kansas Sampler Foundation, this grant is a rare opportunity to support both the organization and the work it’s called to do. “This funding has allowed us to breathe, to think bigger, and somehow it is showing us a new way to exist.”

# Sunflower Foundation Board of Trustees

The Sunflower Foundation is governed by nine trustees who represent, as much as possible, the diversity of Kansas. Eight trustees are appointed through a process overseen by the Community Advisory Committee and the Kansas Attorney General. One trustee is appointed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas. The voluntary trustees serve three-year terms and can serve up to three terms.



**Jay Kennedy**

Jay Kennedy, Frankfort, is Chief Executive Officer of First National Bank. He was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2015.



**Martie Ross**

Martie Ross, Leawood, is a Principal at Pershing Yoakley & Associates healthcare consultants. She was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2014.



**Andrea Krauss, Board Chair**

Andrea Krauss, Russell, is Secretary and Treasurer of John O. Farmer, Inc. She was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2013.



**Ben Schears**

Ben Schears, Goodland, is President of the Northwest Kansas Technical College. He was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2019.



**Beryl Lowery-Born, Treasurer**

Beryl "Bebo" Lowery-Born, Topeka, retired in 2013 from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas as the Chief Financial Officer. She was appointed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas in 2014.



**Don Sherman**

Don Sherman, Wichita, is Executive, Community Affairs, at Evergy. He was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2014.



**Mike Matson**

Mike Matson, Manhattan, is Director of Industry Affairs and Development for the Kansas Farm Bureau. He was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2018.



**Liz Sosa**

Liz Sosa, Garden City, is Chief Executive Officer of Epitome Enterprises. She was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2016.



**Krista Postaj, Secretary**

Krista Postaj, Pittsburg, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas. She was appointed by Attorney General Derek Schmidt in 2014.

# Community Advisory Committee

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The nine-member Sunflower Foundation Community Advisory Committee (CAC) nominates candidates for the foundation's Board of Trustees. The Kansas Attorney General appoints eight of the committee members; the ninth member is the chair of the Sunflower Foundation board, serving as ex-officio with vote. Terms of office are three years and committee members may serve up to three consecutive terms.

Below are the individuals that served all or part of FY 2019 as members of the CAC. One position was vacant.

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## **Kent Bradley, MD**

Obstetrics-gynecology physician  
Newton Medical Center  
*Valley Center*

## **John Coen**

President & CEO  
Ottawa Chamber of Commerce  
*Ottawa*

## **Susan Concannon**

Representative  
Kansas House, District 107  
*Beloit*

## **Francie Currie**

Office Manager  
Neodesha Family Medicine  
*Neodesha*

## **Andrea Krauss**

Serves in her capacity as chair of the  
Sunflower Foundation Board of Trustees  
*Russell*

## **Sue Krische**

Retired Chief of Staff to four  
Kansas Senate Presidents  
*Topeka*

## **Terry Presta\***

Former Executive Director  
Kansas Lottery  
*Overland Park*

## **Donna Thomas, DDS**

Pediatric dentistry  
*Leawood*

## **Vacancy**

Pending appointment

\*Resigned prior to the end of his term. The position is now vacant, pending appointment.

# Sunflower Foundation Staff

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*Sunflower Foundation staff members are passionate about our work. Whether it is talking through a possible project or finding creative ways to provide technical assistance, we believe in trusting our partners' knowledge and perspective. Relationships are important to us and we strive to foster a culture of grantee-centric service. Trust, fairness, responsiveness and respect are the principles we use to guide our daily work and grantmaking decisions.*

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## Billie Hall

*President & Chief Executive Officer*

Billie Hall is the president and chief executive officer and works in partnership with the board of trustees and staff to provide leadership, vision and direction for the organization. Hall's career has encompassed many aspects of health care and public health, including health education, health care administration, women's health, community health planning and health policy.



Prior to the Sunflower Foundation, Hall was vice president for public affairs for the Kansas Health Institute. Other positions include founding director of the first specialty women's health center in Topeka, member of the leadership team that launched the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care and public health educator for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Education: Master of Science in Public Health, University of Missouri; Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Washburn University.

Billie is a native of Topeka, Kansas and a fourth generation Kansan.

## Cheryl Bean

*Chief Financial & Operating Officer*

Cheryl Bean oversees finance, operations and grants management for the foundation working closely with the CEO and the



board of trustees. She has been with the foundation since its inception. Previously, Cheryl was accounting manager for Key Staffing, a personnel firm in Topeka, Kansas.

During her time with the foundation, Cheryl has served on the board of PEAK, a member-led national association of professionals who specialize in grants management. During her five-year tenure (serving as treasurer for three years), membership increased significantly and the organization grew from a staff of four to twelve. Cheryl is also a graduate of the 2018 Leadership Topeka class.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Management, Washburn University.

Cheryl is a native of Claflin, Kansas and a fourth generation Kansan.

# Sunflower Foundation Staff

## Elizabeth Stewart Burger

*Senior Program Officer*

Elizabeth Stewart Burger oversees the foundation's Healthy Living & Active Communities program area, which focuses on the built environment: systems, structures and surroundings that promote physical activity and healthy food access. Burger began her career as a TV news producer but later transitioned to health and wellness. While completing her graduate degrees, she owned a personal training business, managed hospital-based wellness programs and taught health education at the collegiate and community level.



Most recently, she served as the evaluation director of practice-based research for the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Education: Ph.D. and Master of Science degrees in Health and Human Performance from the Oklahoma State University; Master of Business Administration from Rockhurst University; post-doctoral fellowship from the University of Kansas; and Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications/Journalism from the University of Tulsa.

Elizabeth is a native of Oklahoma but has made Kansas her home since 2004.

## Brandon Skidmore

*Senior Program Officer*

Brandon Skidmore oversees the foundation's health care program area, which focuses on integrated care: a comprehensive, team-based approach to patient care which integrates primary and behavioral health care at the clinic and community level.



Previously, he served as Director of the Bureau of Health Promotion at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, where he worked for more than a decade. He is a Fellow of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute and a recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Biology, University of Kansas.

Brandon is a native of Augusta, Kansas and a fourth generation Kansan.

# Financial Report, FY 2019

## Statement of Financial Position • June 30, 2019

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and investments	\$88,807,650
Property, fixed assets and other assets	\$3,173,637
Debt proceeds receivable	\$9,949,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$101,930,287</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$792,214
Grants payable	\$2,940,426
Long-term debt	\$9,899,790
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$13,632,430</b>
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$88,297,857
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<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$101,930,287</b>

# Financial Report, FY 2019

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets • Year Ended June 30, 2019

<b>Support and Revenue</b>	
Investment income, net of expenses	\$3,978,046
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,978,046</b>
<b>Grants and Expenses</b>	
Grant awards	\$2,629,014
Grant awards (refunds/adjustments)	(\$39,851)
Special initiatives	\$882,866
Program and general administrative expenses	\$840,458
Write-off of property and equipment	\$872,858
<b>Total grants and expenses</b>	<b>\$5,185,345</b>
<b>Change in net assets without donor restrictions</b>	<b>(\$1,207,299)</b>
<b>Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$89,505,156</b>
<b>Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year</b>	<b>\$88,297,857</b>

The above amounts are from the Foundation's fiscal year 2019 audited financial statements.  
A copy of the Foundation's audited financial statements is available upon request.

# Sunflower Foundation Grants, FY 2019

## ACCESS TO CARE

*Supporting safety net systems in better meeting the complex social needs of their communities through identifying social determinants of health, strengthening referral networks and integrating those processes into practice.*

### **Cheyenne County Hospital**

\$30,000

St. Francis – Cheyenne

Funding to support local and regional work to impact poverty and address economic stability, trauma and healthy food access.

### **Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas**

\$30,000

Pittsburg – Crawford

Funding to support a Community Health Action Team to provide targeted care in high need neighborhoods.

### **Delivering Change:**

#### **Healthy Families – Healthy Communities**

\$30,000

Junction City- Riley

Funding to expand the wraparound supports provided to local families with a specific focus on families of childbearing age.

### **GraceMed Health Clinic, Inc.**

\$30,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to integrate a social determinants of health screening tool into the clinic's electronic health record system and to develop a partner network to better connect patients with services and supports to address critical needs.

### **Healthcore Clinic, Inc.**

\$30,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to integrate a social determinants of health

screening tool into the clinic's electronic health record system.

### **Konza Prairie Community Health & Dental Center**

\$30,000

Junction City – Riley

Funding to integrate a social determinants of health screening tool into the clinic's electronic health record system and to improve the school-based health center's capacity to identify and respond to the social barriers impacting students.

### **Medical Service Bureau, Inc.**

\$30,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to formally integrate a social determinants of health screening tool into the organization's operations and to build a more responsive referral network across a diverse range of social determinants factors.

### **Nurses Global Outreach**

\$20,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to provide case management and care coordination for high risk/high need populations.

### **South Central Kansas Medical Center**

\$30,000

Arkansas City – Cowley

Funding to streamline local systems to better support and treat individuals with substance abuse problems and mental health issues.

### **Topeka Doula Project, Inc.**

\$24,700

Topeka – Shawnee

Funding to provide doula support for teen mothers, incarcerated and reintegrating mothers, and low-income mothers and their families.

# Grants (con't)

## **The Topeka Housing Authority, Inc.**

\$30,000

Topeka – Shawnee

Funding to support primary care and related outreach within an urban public housing community.

### **AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOUSING**

*Promoting advocacy and innovative housing strategies to create and preserve access to safe, affordable housing.*

## **Family Promise of Lawrence**

\$20,000

Lawrence – Douglas

Funding to expand services and supports for families who are homeless and need short- and long-term housing assistance.

## **Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Inc.**

\$30,000

Lawrence – Douglas

Funding to support a statewide healthy housing advocacy movement-connecting local community housing related efforts to a statewide coalition structure designed to develop and advance systemic solutions.

## **Live Well Live Atchison**

\$20,000

Atchison – Atchison

Funding to build a robust local network of partners to address access and availability of safe and affordable housing.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

*Advancing prevention and educational activities that impact community safety through enhanced training and outreach.*

## **ICT SOS**

\$15,000

Wichita – Sedgwick/Central Kansas

Funding for programming and prevention education

to impact human trafficking.

## **Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence**

\$30,000

Statewide

Funding to support a targeted needs assessment and outreach to communities impacted by sexual and domestic violence marginalized because of race or ethnicity.

### **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

*Supporting efforts to increase economic opportunities through a health equity lens with community planning, job skills training and economic growth.*

## **Dress for Success Wichita Inc.**

\$30,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to support weekend hours of operation and technology enhancements to better support client referrals and intake.

## **Inclusion Connections**

\$12,000

Olathe – Johnson

Funding for job coaching, entrepreneurship programming and transportation assistance for young adults with developmental disabilities.

## **Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department**

\$30,000

Lawrence – Douglas

Funding to build understanding of health equity, diversity and inclusion to better support implementation of the community health improvement plan.

## **Rosewood Roots & Wings Foundation**

\$30,000

Great Bend – Barton

Funding to provide soft skills and critical job training for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

# Grants (con't)

## **Topeka JUMP**

\$30,000

Topeka – Shawnee/Statewide

Funding to provide technical guidance to a robust, state-wide network of advocates working to address predatory lending.

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

*Support for achieving health equity in school systems and increasing educational opportunities for early childhood and adult learning.*

## **Community Health Ministries**

\$30,000

Wamego – Pottawatomie

Funding to implement a peer support program, connecting community members impacted by social determinants to mentors, education opportunities and other community-based assistance.

## **Franklin County Health Department**

\$26,500

Ottawa – Franklin

Funding to expand capacity to work in rural areas of the county, developing local action groups to support implementation of the county's health improvement plan and other pertinent local health priorities.

## **Jana's Campaign**

\$30,000

Hays – Ellis/Statewide

Funding to expand programming to schools and districts to identify and understand the warning signs associated with unhealthy relationship behaviors to stop violence before it starts.

## **Kansas City Medical Society Foundation**

\$30,000

Lenexa – Johnson and Wyandotte

Funding to develop the infrastructure in Wyandotte County to recruit and retain a multilingual, multicultural health care workforce.

## **Kansas Parents as Teacher Association**

\$30,000

Statewide

Funding to advocate for early childhood funding, programs and supports and related issues that directly impact the health and wellbeing of children and families.

## **Made Men, Inc.**

\$30,000

Kansas City – Wyandotte

Funding to support screening for a broad array of client's social needs, including work to develop a more robust and responsive network of community partners to begin collectively addressing the challenges identified.

## **Riley County Health Department**

\$30,000

Manhattan – Riley

Funding to implement a broad range of school health policies throughout USD 383.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

*Supporting changes in policy and practice to improve environmental quality.*

## **Climate + Energy Project**

\$30,000

Hutchinson – Reno

Funding to engage state and local public health officials to identify the connections between local public health and changing environmental conditions and to implement solutions to build community resilience.

# Grants (con't)

## FOOD ACCESS

*Advancing policy, cultivating awareness and ensuring the sustainability of healthy foods in communities.*

### Kansas City Community Gardens

\$30,000

Kansas City – Johnson and Wyandotte  
Funding to expand self-help gardening, schoolyard gardens, community gardens and the Giving Grove.

### Lawrence Community Food Alliance; Sunrise Project

\$30,000

Lawrence – Douglas  
Funding to bring together marginalized neighborhoods with city and county leaders and to assist peoples of diverse backgrounds to build the skills and comfort to engage local government officials.

## COMMUNITY DESIGN

*Support for building community elements that promote health through cross-sector and regional partnerships, assessment, and health improvement plans inclusive of upstream social determinants of health.*

### Johnson County Department of Health & Environment

\$25,000

Olathe – Johnson  
Funding to track progress on community health improvement efforts and to engage stakeholders in systems change for improved population health.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

*Encouraging the activities of healthy living through engagement in green spaces in the community.*

### Child Start, Inc.

\$12,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to engage low income families and children participating in Head Start to more regularly use parks and green space in their vicinity.

### Special Olympics Kansas

\$28,000

Statewide

Funding to connect athletes to new skills and venues to be more physically active in their own neighborhoods

## SOCIAL/CULTURAL COHESION

*Supporting communities to build civic engagement, increase social inclusion, and strengthen the network of resilience.*

### Kansas Sampler Foundation

\$30,000

Statewide

Funding to engage the foundation's vast network of rural based members to develop an advocacy agenda to impact select social determinants issues.

### NAMI Wichita

\$25,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to support volunteer recruitment, programming and enhanced outreach to reduce the stigma of mental illness and dollars to update curriculum and expand partnerships with organizations that support at-risk populations.

### Rosedale Developmental Association

\$30,000

Kansas City – Wyandotte

Funding to support the Advancing Rosedale Community Health (ARCH) project.

# Grants (con't)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Addressing social and institutional inequities, shaping a person's ability to achieve good health and practice healthy habits.*

**Community Health Council of Wyandotte County**  
\$30,000

Kansas City – Wyandotte

Funding to develop a hub for community conversations and partnership building to better support civic engagement and health focused policy and systems changes.

**Historic Northeast Midtown Association, Inc.**  
\$30,000

Kansas City – Wyandotte

Funding to implement the Northeast Area Master Plan with a focus on healthy food access, affordable housing, brownfields, parks and neighborhood improvements, and local history preservation and storytelling.

## CROSS SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

*Supporting the integral connections needed to effectively address social determinates of health and create sustainable cross-systems changes.*

**Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center**  
\$30,000

Newton – Harvey

Funding to expand partnerships and to enhance systems to prevent child abuse and to ensure more child abuse victims are identified and provided with the services and supports needed for short- and long-term health and safety.

**NAMI Kansas, Inc.**  
\$30,000

Statewide

Funding to assist NAMI affiliates in building more robust partner networks with local service providers and advocates and to develop a database to track outcomes and measure impact of local work.

**Reno County Health Department**  
\$30,000

Hutchinson – Reno

Funding to develop a local data repository to augment local programming and policy development.

## POLICY AND SYSTEMS CHANGE

*Supporting policy and systems change to make healthy choices practical and available to all community members.*

**Episcopal Social Services, Inc.**  
\$30,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to convene the local mental health system, sheriff's department, corrections and other key stakeholders to assess and develop a plan to address incarceration and mental illness.

**Humanity House Foundation**  
\$30,000

Iola – Allen

Funding to support local advocacy for policy and systems changes related to utility shutoffs, reconnects and fines, code enforcement, evictions and disability benefits.

**Kansas Advocates for Better Care, Inc.**  
\$30,000

Lawrence – Douglas

Funding to support a robust partner network to advocate for sound policies, programs and home-based supports to address and care for those living with dementia.

**Thrive Allen County, Inc.**  
\$30,000

Iola – Allen

Funding to assist and mentor other rural communities working to address the social determinants of health through right-sized and community-appropriate strategies.

# Grants (con't)

## ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

*Supporting access to health care by building or enhancing organizational and operational capacity and sustainability.*

### Central Kansas Mental Health Center

\$25,000

Salina – Saline

Funding to support a contract with the National Council for Behavioral Health to bring the Middle Management Academy training to Kansas.

### Community Care Network of Kansas

\$46,564

Statewide

Funding to support a process to increase federal Medicaid matching funds allocated to Kansas.

### Health Ministries Clinic

\$200,000

Newton – Harvey

Funding to support development of on-site pharmacy services to maximize 340B benefits available for patients. Funds will provide transitional financial support for salary and benefits of pharmacy staff.

### Kansas Department of Health & Environment Office of Local Rural Health Statewide Farmworker Health Program

\$48,000

Statewide

Funding to support technology enhancements for the Kansas Statewide Farmworker Health Program (KSFHP) to maximize existing resources and better serve clients.

### Made Men, Inc.

\$5,000

Kansas City – Wyandotte

Funding to convene Kansas faith leaders to better understand the health and health care related

challenges parishioners and community members face.

### Ness County Hospital

\$45,000

Ness City – Ness

Funding to ensure Ness County retains a primary care provider, allowing continued access to quality, reliable health care for all county residents.

## ADVOCACY AND POLICY

*Supporting public policies aimed at improving the health of Kansans and supporting or developing efforts of nonprofit organizations to advocate for such policies on behalf of the populations they serve.*

### Community Care Network of Kansas

\$115,000

Statewide

Funding to support the Alliance for a Healthy Kansas, a multi-sector coalition coming together to educate the public, policymakers, and key stakeholders in communities statewide about health policy.

### Community Care Network of Kansas

\$6,000

Statewide

Funding to support the 2018 CCN Annual Conference.

## BUILT ENVIRONMENT

*Promoting and supporting efforts to improve the physical environment of where we live, work and play – to make the healthy choice the easy choice.*

### Kansas Trails Council

Topeka – Shawnee/Statewide

\$52,500

Funding to support the development of regional “trail hubs” across Kansas using “Trail in a Box” training, technical assistance and volunteer units.

# Grants (con't)

## Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Foundation

\$10,000

Topeka – Shawnee

Funding to support community engagement of public trails and green spaces for underserved populations

### CAPACITY BUILDING

*Developing core organizational skills and capabilities in order to increase effectiveness, impact and sustainability.*

## Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas

\$30,000

Salina – Saline/Central Kansas

Funding to support a security system at the association's new emergency shelter.

## KC Healthy Kids

\$20,000

Kansas City – Wyandotte

Funding to support advocacy and policy work related to increased access to healthy foods- especially among vulnerable families and children – through a reduction/elimination in the food sales tax.

### INTEGRATED CARE INITIATIVE

*Supporting primary care and behavioral health safety net systems that endeavor to move toward integrated service delivery models, efforts include provider and clinician education, peer collaboration, technical assistance, readiness assessments and planning, model implementation and sustainment and payment reform.*

## COMCARE of Sedgwick County

\$150,000

Wichita – Sedgwick

Funding to support sustaining primary and mental health care integration, including staffing, training and professional education.

## Labette Center for Mental Health Services, Inc.

\$150,000

Parsons – Labette

Funding to support sustaining primary and mental health care integration, including staffing, training and professional education.

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & NUTRITION

*Supporting the efforts of rural communities to increase access to healthy, affordable food.*

## American Heart Association – Midwest Affiliate

\$146,950

Statewide

Funding to support a three-year healthy food systems/nutrition education pilot program; guided by Kansas Tribal Health Committee and in partnership with Kansas State Research & Extension.

## Harvey County Food & Farm Council

\$8,000

Newton – Harvey

Funding to restructure the organization to include more diverse stakeholders while developing a 3-year detailed workplan focused on healthy food systems.

## Peabody Main Street USA

\$60,000

Peabody – Marion

Funding to support a community coalition to increase access to fresh produce at local grocery store.

## Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.

\$60,000

Goodland – Northwest Kansas

Funding to support capacity building around healthy food access in eight NWK counties.

# Grants (con't)

## RESPONSIVE GRANTS & SPECIAL INITIATIVES

*Supporting research, education, public engagement, communications and other efforts aimed at advancing Sunflower Foundation's mission.*

### Curators of the University of Missouri

\$30,000

Statewide

Funding to support the Kansas News Service health programming.

## OTHER GRANTS & AWARDS

### Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc.

\$96,800

Statewide

Funding to engage state membership organizations to participate in a learning network focused on innovative systems solutions for the effective delivery of health care, behavioral health and public health services.

### Humanities Kansas

\$10,000

Statewide

Funding to support community librarians and other related partners on how best to host and facilitate community conversations on challenging and critically important issues.

### Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Bureau of Health Promotion

\$10,000

Statewide

Funding to further develop the public health workforce through delivery of the Kansas Evidence – Based Public Health Course.

### Kansas Library Association

\$10,000

Statewide

Funding to support the 2019 KLA annual conference, including a presentation from author and journalist Sarah Smarsh on the value of libraries in civic life.

### Wyandot Inc

\$10,000

Kansas City – Wyandotte

Funding to support the final editing and screening for a new film/documentary to explore the effects of trauma on the Veteran and Urban African American communities. The documentary will look at the similarities of trauma in these two very different groups and the redemptive ways they are recovering.



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