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Community Service Tax Credit Program awards announced *Nonprofit organizations receive total of \$4.13 million in tax credits*

The Kansas Department of Commerce announced today that 25 nonprofit organizations will share \$4.13 million in tax credits under the Kansas Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP). Since 1994, CSP has helped nonprofit organizations undertake major capital fund-raising drives for various projects.

“Community Service Tax Credits support the fund-raising efforts of organizations that help make Kansas a great place to live,” Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George said. “The non-profits receiving CSP awards serve communities all across our state by providing a wide range of services that enhance the quality of life and create economic opportunity.”

Projects eligible for tax credit awards include community service, crime prevention and health care. Tax credit awards are distributed through a competitive application process. Based on the scope and cost of the proposed project, applicants may request up to \$250,000 in tax credits. Applicant organizations in rural areas (less than 15,000 population) are eligible for a 70 percent credit. Applicant organizations in non-rural areas are eligible for a 50 percent credit.

The following organizations will receive tax credits:

Bethany Home Association, Lindsborg, \$215,000

The Bethany Home Association’s Assaria Community Care Campaign will expand in Saline County with a new Homes Plus care facility that will allow seniors to remain in their community while receiving industry-leading healthcare. The organization will utilize property within Assaria to develop a care facility that will accommodate up to 12 residents.

Cedar Lake Village, Olathe, \$160,000

Cedar Lake Village will expand its services and add a new Memory Care Assisted Living Center. This new area will be designed specifically to provide care for the growing number of individuals who are struggling with the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease or other related dementia.

Central Kansas Foundation for Alcohol and Chemical Dependency, Salina, \$190,000

Pathfinder@50 is a capital fundraising campaign launched by Central Kansas Foundation to help more people find paths to recovery through the physical expansion of residential detox and treatment services.

Pathfinder@50 will provide ongoing support for the expansion of the Pathfinder Recovery Center, a drop-in community center for recovery from substance use disorder.

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Cloud County Health Center, Concordia, \$115,000

Cloud County Health Center will purchase and install new radiology equipment, reducing patient stress and improving patient safety through local access to advanced radiology. The new equipment will allow the local healthcare system to effectively detect and treat a range of life threatening illnesses, including heart disease, cancer, stroke and lung disease.

Community Enhancement Foundation of Plains, Plains, \$220,000

The Community Enhancement Foundation of Plains will use the CSP tax credits to help build a grocery store in the underserved community of Plains. The store will provide many unique services, primarily convenient access to fresh healthy food items at affordable prices.

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Inc., Kansas City, \$215,000

As part of its Hope for a Better Tomorrow Building project, Cross-Lines Community Outreach will build a 10,000 square foot building on its campus to house its commodities distribution program, an expanded food pantry, thrift store and volunteer center.

Gove County Health Department, Gove, \$125,000

Gove County will move the county's health department from the city of Gove to the city of Quinter, in order to provide better and more convenient access to healthcare services for the majority of the county's residents.

GraceMed Health Clinic Inc., Wichita, \$200,000

GraceMed Health Clinic will develop a system of nonprofit health care clinics in south Wichita to serve uninsured and underinsured Kansans. School-based clinics will be constructed and staffed at Oaklawn Elementary School, Jardine Middle School, West High School and Clark Elementary School, and a 29,000 square foot 'hub' clinic will be built on the campus of the south branch YMCA.

Hospital District #6 of Harper County, Anthony, \$205,000

The Hospital District will use the tax credits to raise funds to provide an outpatient clinic in a rural area, as well as expand its services in currently underserved areas.

Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation, Claflin, \$215,000

Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation, a non-profit in central Kansas that provides emotional and financial support to children living with childhood cancer, sponsors Camp Hope, a one-week summer camp for children from across the state who have or have had cancer. It will use the tax credits to help rebuild a camp facility that was lost in a fire earlier this year.

Kansas Sampler Foundation Inc., Inman, \$200,000

The Kansas Sampler Foundation will build an online platform called Kanstarter that will be used by to help crowd fund community projects and to find volunteers. Kanstarter is designed to help sustain Kansas communities through the project submission process as well as the social media outreach for funding support.

KVC Health Systems Inc., Olathe, \$200,000

KVC Health Systems provides a full continuum of child welfare services to more than 3,000 children from 30 counties in Kansas. KVC will utilize the grant for construction of a best practice facility with an advanced technology infrastructure.

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Labette Health Foundation, Parsons, \$150,000

Labette Health is undertaking a \$5.5 million project that will allow cardiovascular patients the opportunity to remain close to home for cardiac catheterizations in the new cardiac catheterization laboratory. In addition, with this project joint replacement patients will recuperate in private rooms designed to improve orthopedic healing and reduce infection rates, among other advantages.

Logan County Hospital, Oakley, \$200,000

Logan County Hospital will use its CSP tax credits to raise funds for a critical update to its building. The hospital's current roof cannot be repaired, so it will install a new roof.

Lyon County Historical Society, Emporia, \$170,000

The Lyon County Historical Society will renovate a new building to provide greater accessibility for the public, enhance the visitor experience and create space for updated educational programming.

Mercy and Truth Medical Missions Inc., Kansas City, \$205,000

Mercy and Truth Medical Missions will modernize the first floor of its Wellness Center, located in the urban core of Kansas City. The organization currently provides Primary Health Care Services to the underserved and uninsured, and will expand its services to provide preventative and clinical care to the community. The improvements to the building's basic infrastructure will enable New Birth Company to open a birthing center.

Neosho Memorial Hospital Foundation, Chanute, \$160,000

The Neosho Memorial Hospital Foundation will raise community funds for the purchase of surgical and medical equipment as a part of a larger renovation project at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center in Chanute.

PACES Inc., Kansas City, \$140,000

PACES, an organization dedicated to helping children with emotional and behavioral health concerns and their families, will use its CSP award to raise funds for an emergency shelter and a service center for children in protective custody.

Pioneer Bluffs Foundation Inc., Matfield Green, \$205,000

Pioneer Bluffs Foundation will enrich the Flint Hills visitors' experience through restoration of an iconic barn at Pioneer Bluffs, an improved parking area and technology enhancements. Through its "Telling the Story" initiative, visitors will be immersed in unique stories of Flint Hills ranching by creating a self-guided tour and viewing interpretive exhibits at Pioneer Bluffs Historic Ranch.

Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence, Lawrence, \$105,000

Pregnancy Care Center of Lawrence's Life Skills Development initiative will allow for the expansion of educational programs at the center and strengthen collaborations with community partners. Additionally, this initiative will heighten organizational management and financial resources for the center.

Rice County Council on Aging Inc., Sterling, \$11,900

Rice County Council on Aging's "Keep Sterling Seniors Going" project will provide Sterling Silver Threads a gently used 12-passenger van equipped with lower step running boards. This van will provide regional day trips for community seniors.

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Russell Sr. Citizens Organization Inc., Russell, \$32,000

The Russell Senior Center will level, install proper drainage and pave its entire south parking lot. This will provide safe, off-street parking for the seniors of the community, as well as other individuals participating in the community's many activities.

Schowalter Villa, Hesston, \$140,000

Schowalter Villa is providing enhancements to its facility to encourage learning and social experiences for residents, staff and friends. Enhancements will include a new lighting system, change in room orientation, a new projection screen, a larger stage, additional lighting at the chapel entryway, new chairs and carpet, additional storage space for chairs and tables, room dividers and an electric door opener.

Scott County Hospital, Scott City, \$160,000

Scott County Hospital will use its CSP award to raise funds for the purchase and installation of permanent magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment. This will help provide improved care for patients, with faster diagnosis and treatment.

Tabor College Inc., Hillsboro, \$190,000

Tabor College will build a new \$9 million Center for the Arts that will include two performance venues, an art gallery, studio classrooms and a large lobby to host major events. This new facility will create opportunities for the Hillsboro community and Marion County for art exhibits, theater and musical performances, guest speakers and other community events.

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