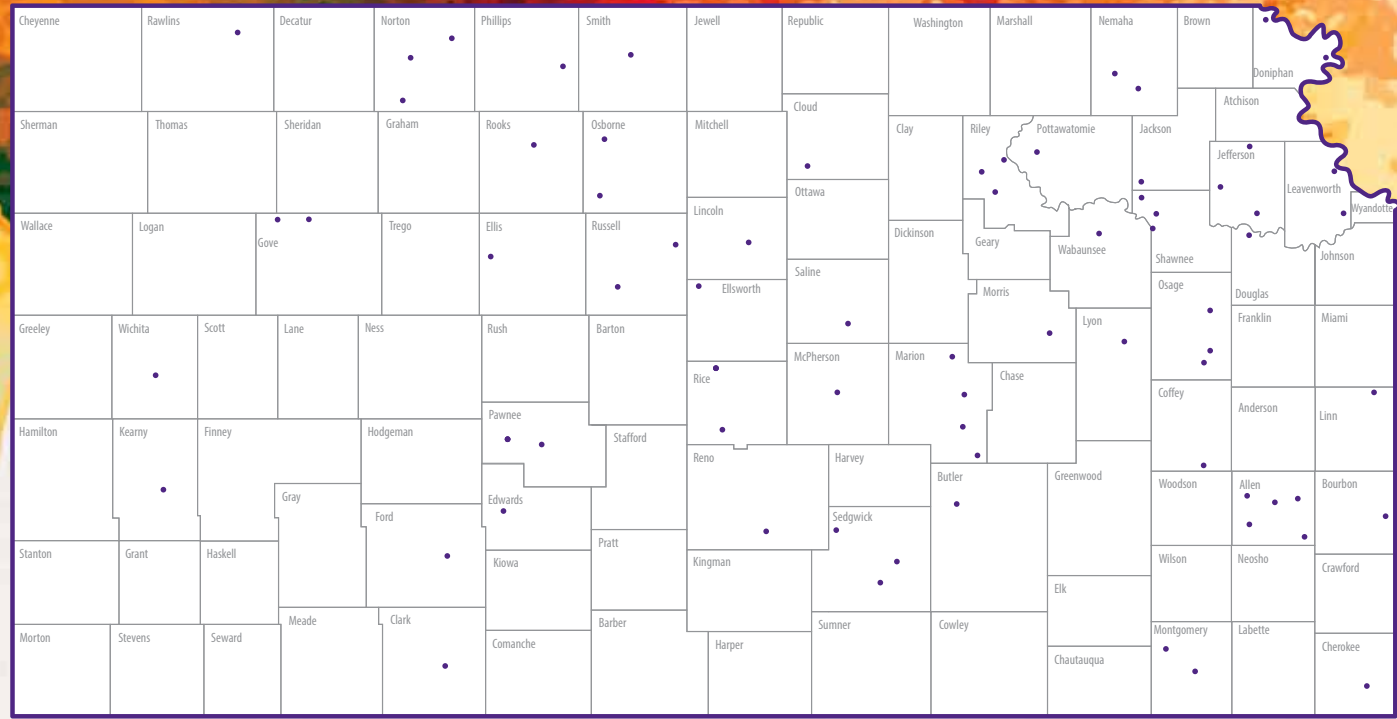




In 2015-2016 the Kansas PRIDE Program served 70 communities, 10 of these communities are new to the PRIDE program.

Admire	Ford	Lenora**	Ozawkie
Agra	Fort Scott Middle School	Leonardville^	Park City
Alden	Glasco*	Leoti	Perry*
Almena	Goff	LeRoy	Potwin^
Alton^	Grainfield^	Lincoln	Pretty Prairie
Ashland**	Grinnell^	Linn Vally\$	Quenemo
Assaria	Haysville	Lucas**	Randolph^
Basehor	Herndon	Marion	Riley
Burns	Highland^	McFarland^	Rossville**
Bushton	Humboldt^	McPherson\$	Rozel^
Centralia	Independence	Melvorn	Russell
Columbus\$	Iola*	Moran	Savonburg
Council Grove^	Kinsley	Mount Hope	Silver Lake
Delia**	Laharpe	Natoma	Smith Center
Dover^	Lakin	Norton	Stockton
Elk City\$	Lansing	Nortonville	Tampa
Ellis	Larned^	Olsburg*	Wathena
Florence	Lecompton^	Overbrook	Wilson

Key: * = Capital Award; \$ = Growth and Action Award; ^ = Partner in PRIDE Award; + = Community of Excellence Award

New Partnerships



In March of 2016, the Masons of Kansas became an official partner with the Kansas PRIDE Program. Kansas Masons donated \$1 million in support of the program. Across the state, 200 lodges have pledged support for local communities. Communities without local lodges are encouraged to contact the PRIDE office for regional contacts.



The First Impressions program, piloted in northwest Kansas, was made possible by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. In 2015 and 2016 the program was implemented in 16 communities. Five communities were PRIDE communities, and through the process, four communities not involved in PRIDE formed local PRIDE organizations. This program is now open to communities statewide.



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Vibrant Communities with a Positive Future
Kansas PRIDE Impact 2015 – 2016



K-State Research and Extension

The community vitality staff visited more than 45 communities to lend support through strategic planning, informational presentations and workshops.

Kansas Department of Commerce

As a partner of the Kansas PRIDE program, the Kansas Department of Commerce Business and Community Development Assistance Team worked with communities and businesses throughout the state. During 2015, the regional project managers assisted 33 PRIDE communities. The regional project managers also worked with at least one business in 17 PRIDE communities

First Impressions

The First Impressions program helps communities learn more about strengths and weaknesses through the eyes of a first-time visitor. It also provides an opportunity to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of other communities. The immediate impacts of First Impressions are the call to action and engagement of community volunteers, the development of improved communication between residents and community organizations, and the increased awareness of the communities attributes. Contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu for more information.

For complete stories of award winners, community highlights, and recognition and funding opportunities, visit our website: kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu



PRIDE STAR Capital Awards

The following communities received awards recognizing their outstanding work on community projects:

Financial

Lucas – The creation of the Robert Durham Trust Funds provides funds for projects for the Lucas community. This year's recipients were the Lucas Area Community Theater and the friends of S.P. Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden.

Social

Rossville – Rossville rallied to support DHTV director Mark Honer's documentary called Bigger than Baseball, a film about the history of baseball in the early 1900s.

Lenora – Welcome banners along the Main Street created a more welcoming feel and showcased Lenora's vitality and progressive spirit.

Delia – The first citywide garage sale in Delia encouraged citizens to work together to create a successful and profitable event.

Cultural

Perry – Perry highlighted the rich sports history of Perry-Lecompton by developing *The Evolution of Team Sports along the Kaw: Together we are Stronger*, a companion to the Smithsonian Hometown Teams exhibit that visited Perry in the summer of 2015.

Delia – The expansion of Delia Days from a slow-pitch tournament has led to an amazing array of community activities for people of all ages and includes a car show, horse and train rides, and inflatable bounce houses.

Natural

Iola CITF – Iola PRIDE created a 9-hole disc golf course that provides free, healthy recreation activities for all ages in Iola, Allen County, and the surrounding area.

Human

Delia – Delia PRIDE took on the old school library as their dedicated project. The organization of library materials has created opportunities for monthly community activities.

Lenora – Lenora partnered with the American Red Cross to offer a blood drive to the community.

Built

Delia – The Delia Community PRIDE received a \$250 grant from Thrivent Financial as well as donations of paint from local painters to update their community building. The facility can be rented for events and celebrations.



Funding

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. provides start-up grants for eligible local PRIDE organizations — start-up grants to Communities of Growth and Action, and Partners in PRIDE grants for Communities of Excellence.

Growth and Action Awards:

In the spring round of 2016, \$1,000 was awarded, \$200 to each community. The following communities received Growth and Action grants for startup and other related operating expenses:

- » Columbus
- » Delia
- » Elk City
- » Linn Valley
- » McPherson

Partners in PRIDE Fall 2016

Each community received \$1,100 to help fund a specific project.

- » Ashland PRIDE – Pavilion lighting project
- » Highland PRIDE – AME Church restoration
- » Lecompton PRIDE – Activity room update
- » McFarland PRIDE – Park sidewalk and parking
- » Randolph PRIDE – Park restroom renovation
- » Rossville PRIDE – Volleyball court expansion

Partners in PRIDE Spring 2016

- » Grainfield was awarded \$1,295 for signage.
- » Larned was awarded \$1,050 for Larned Pool seating.
- » Lenora was awarded \$1,400 for website and park renovations.
- » Leonardville was awarded \$1,400 for entrance signage
- » Lucas was awarded \$1,400 for Lucas Travel Plate restoration.

Community Partners

LaHarpe PRIDE – Raymond Maloney

Lakin PRIDE – Shannon McCormick

Randolph PRIDE – Mitch Innes

Alton PRIDE – Homer Smuck

Centralia PRIDE – Centralia Community Church

Humboldt PRIDE – Rick Lowry and Bob Reed

Iola PRIDE – Nancy Ford

Lenora PRIDE – Lenora F.C.E.

Linn Valley PRIDE – Lee Eisenhower

Perry PRIDE – Perry-Lecompton USD #343

Lucas PRIDE – D'Avalon Durham

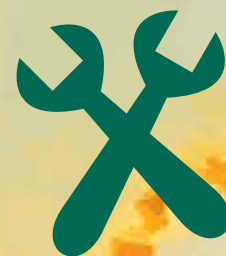


Week of PRIDE

Kansas PRIDE program partnered with 48 Hours of 4-H, inviting 4-H clubs to partner with PRIDE Organizations for volunteer opportunities during Week of PRIDE 2016. In the spring of 2016, 356 adults and 241 youth in 25 PRIDE communities spent 2,309 hours planning and implementing projects and raised more than \$26,460 to invest into their communities. Seventy-four youth from 15 4-H clubs assisted in 11 communities.



Created or maintained 227 collaborative partnerships



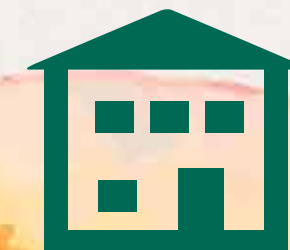
Donated 49,724 hours of volunteer labor (more than \$1,094,922)



Raised more than \$437,100 to reinvest in their communities



Were involved in more than 500 projects – 300 of those engaged youth



70 Kansas PRIDE Communities