

WHO WE ARE

The Kansas PRIDE program is a volunteer, grassroots effort to improve the quality of life in local communities. Kansas communities share a common bond: a rich heritage based on self-reliance and community pride. Since 1970, the PRIDE program has assisted and encouraged more than 400 communities to prepare for the future by building on their past and forming a vision of that future. The goal of PRIDE is to help maximize community and economic development efforts by encouraging groups to coordinate and work collaboratively for community betterment.

Through the PRIDE program, local communities identify what they would like to preserve, create, or improve for their future. Volunteers then pull together to create that ideal future, working with the program’s resources.

For details on how to become a PRIDE community, including benefits, participating community map, grant and award offerings, and sponsorship information, visit: kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu



PARTNERSHIPS

The Kansas Department of Commerce is a foundational partner of the Kansas PRIDE program. The Community Development Division supports efforts that enhance and grow communities of all sizes. PRIDE communities have access to Commerce’s programs and resources, including the option to become an affiliated city of the Kansas Main Street program, Community Development Block Grants, and a network of grant writers and community development professionals.

Partnering with the PRIDE program, Kansas Masons have pledged their support to local communities. Their efforts include assisting with fundraising, providing knowledge and volunteers, and celebrating local community success.

Since 2017, through our partnership with the Kansas Masons, nearly \$200,000 has been awarded to PRIDE communities for projects and community promotion. If your community does not have a Masonic Lodge, contact the PRIDE office to find a contact.

Thank you to our sponsors who make educational and funding opportunities possible

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By the Numbers

1,107 Total projects including:

128 new, **608** ongoing and **320** youth-related projects

69,193 Volunteer hours

\$1,764,422
Value of volunteer hours

\$132,515
Public dollars raised

\$341,725
Private dollars raised

645
Partnerships

80
Communities



2021-22 COMMUNITY AWARDS

Project Excellence

Alton – Kansas Food Bank project

Alton - Centennial Garden revitalization project

Potwin – Flower barrel beautification project

Rising Star

Alton – Tony Dibble

Blue Rapids – Bob and Sandra Roepke

Delia – Rural Fire Department District #5

Perry – First State Bank and Trust

Yates Center – YCHS woodshop class

Community of Growth (COG) Grants

Anthony – Materials for celebration and fundraising

Leon – Community signage

St. George – Community signage

Portis – Materials for updating city park benches for safety

Scranton – Reimbursement for tax exemption forms

Community of Action (COA) Grants

Toronto – Schoolyard project

Yates Center/Revitalize YC – “Adore Your Door” campaign; annual clean up

Grainfield – Li'l Hawks Village Daycare

Highland – “Degginger as a Destination” photo stand-ins

Leonardville – Holiday display project

Toronto – Public entrances/fire exits updates

Community Promotion Grant

An opportunity provided through our partnership and the generosity of the Kansas Masons had five applications:

Arlington – “Showing the Way to Arlington” project

Caney – “Welcome to Caney” sign and landscaping

Iola – Welcome signage billboards

Highland – Event promotions and signage

Ozawkie – PRIDE informational signage

Community of Excellence Designation

Alton Lecompton

Blue Rapids Norton

Caney Potwin

Iola Randolph



K-State Research and Extension provides technical assistance and evidence-based programs to citizens working to help their communities survive and prosper. Since 2016, more than 2,000 people have attended K-State Research and Extension’s in-person and online grant writing workshops resulting in nearly \$30 million in successful grants to communities to fund childcare, technology, education, arts, parks, and more. The First Impressions community assessment program has given 130 Kansas towns an opportunity to identify areas to preserve, create, or improve to boost the overall quality of life and develop sense of place. For more information on these and other programs, visit: ksre.ksu.edu/community.

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