

NCRPC Community Connection

Partnering for Success



North Central Regional
Planning Commission

Serving Kansans Since 1972

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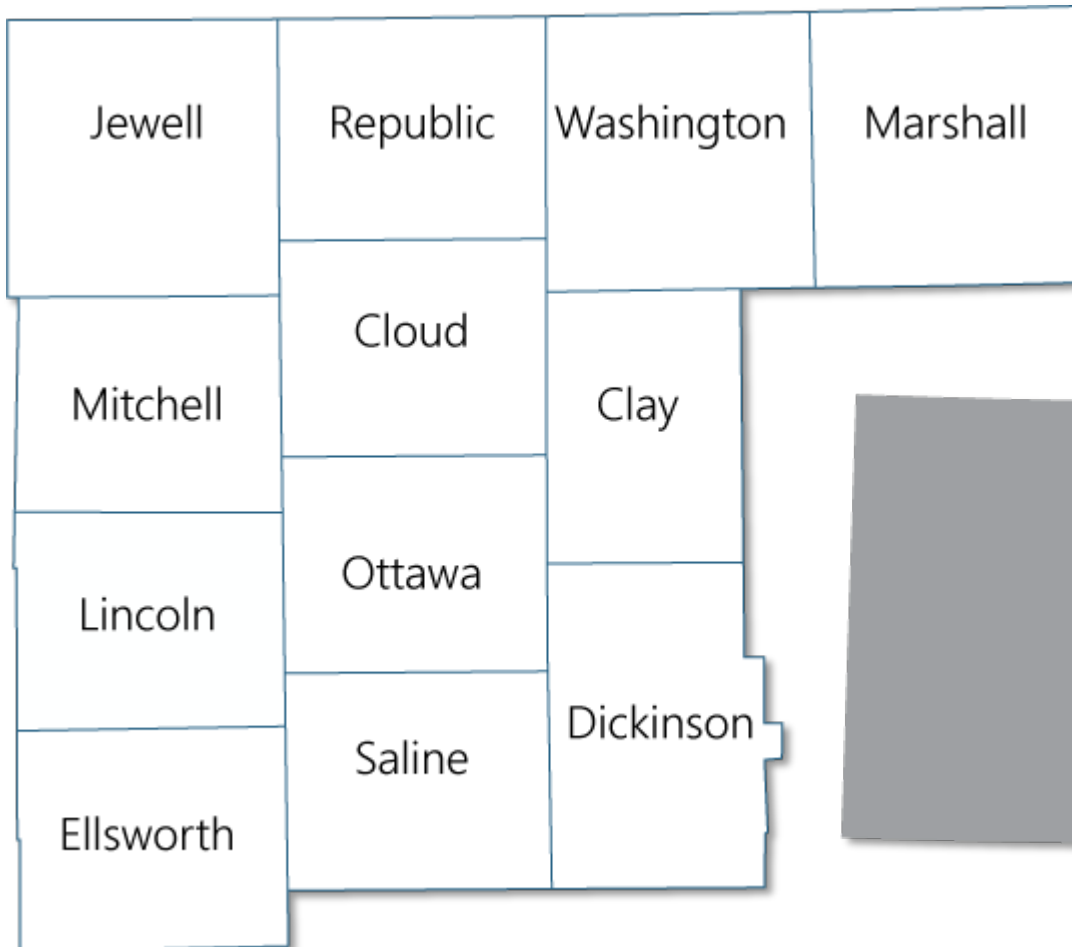
WHO WE ARE

Your on-call staff ready to help!

About Us

- » The North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) is a comprehensive community development and planning organization
- » Membership focused
- » Fee for service also provided at reasonable cost
- » Project planning/management
- » Results driven

Service Area



Core Areas of Problem Solving



Community Development & Planning

Addresses infrastructure, strategic planning, technical assistance needs, and more



Housing

Addresses housing needs in communities, improves energy efficiency through Weatherization Assistance Program, inspection services, and more



Business Finance

Works to enhance job creation and job preservation by assisting in obtaining loan funding to start, improve, expand or buy a viable business

OUR SERVICES

HOW WE CAN HELP

Providing support and solutions for projects of all sizes and types.

Our Services:

Community Development

- » Planning and Technical Assistance
 - » Strategic Planning
 - » Project Planning
 - » Capital Improvement Planning
 - » Meeting Facilitation
 - » Funding Source Identification
 - » Application Preparation (Grants, Loans, etc.)
- » Grant and Tax Credit Planning & Administration
- » Loan Administration
- » Environmental Reviews & Assessments
- » Regional Applications for BIL Funding
- » Customized Solutions

Our Services: Housing

- » Grant Writing and Administration
- » Special Housing Initiatives
- » Inspection Services
 - » Certified Asbestos Material Inspection, Lead-Based Paint Inspection, Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessment, Housing Quality Standards Inspection, Residential Energy Audit, Radon Testing, Demolition Inspection, Pool & Water Tower Asbestos Inspection
- » Weatherization Assistance Program for 41-county service area in NW and NC Kansas

Our Services:

Business Finance

- » Reviewing viability of starting, purchasing, or expanding a business
- » Discussing potential funding available and eligibility requirements
- » Preparing loan application(s)
- » NCRPC also offers two business loan programs in the region for gap financing:
 - » NCK Business Down Payment Assistance Loan Program – Up to \$50,000
 - » NCRPC Revolving Loan Fund – Up to \$150,000

Other Services

- » Information Technology – NCKCN
 - » Internet Service Provider
 - » NCK-WiFi
- » Homeland Security Planning & Fiscal Services



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FUNDING SOURCES

TOOLS TO HELP

Helping members and others access funding for a variety of projects having an impact in the region and beyond.

Overview of Funding Sources

- » A project might be funded by a variety of sources
- » NCRPC staff can help determine the best fit
- » Local investment, foundations and smaller sources of funds are also important
- » Communities need to be prepared to invest in themselves and their priority projects

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation

- » Weatherization Assistance Program
- » Moderate Income Housing (MIH)
- » Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit (KHITC)
- » Low Income Housing Investor Tax Credit (LIHTC)
- » First Time Home Buyer-Accessed through Lender
- » National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF)
- » HOME Funds

Kansas Department of Health & Environment

- » Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund
 - » Loans for water projects for city or RWD systems.
 - » Loans are 20 years at below market interest rates
- » Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund
 - » Loans for publicly owned wastewater treatment systems
 - » Maximum loan period is 20 years. Interest rates are approximately 60% of market rate

Kansas Department of Commerce

- » The KS Department of Commerce distributes federal funds to Kansas cities and counties through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- » Projects must meet one of the following criteria:
 - » Benefit low-and moderate-income individuals
 - » Removes or prevents slum or blight condition
 - » Eliminates an urgent need immediately after occurrence, created by a disaster

CDBG Categories

- » Annual Competitive Round
 - » Varies each year
 - » In the past – Water, Sewer, Community Facilities
- » Housing Rehabilitation & Demolition
- » Economic Development
- » Urgent Need
- » Commercial Rehabilitation
- » New – Child Care, Architectural Barrier Removal, parks, sidewalks, Trails

CDBG Eligibility

- » At least 51% of the population benefiting must be of low- and moderate-income (LMI)
- » If this cannot be verified through Census data, a LMI survey is required
- » Surveys are often useable for several years
- » NCRPC will assist in tabulation, etc.
- » No survey is required for Housing Rehabilitation & Demolition
- » Some projects qualify on the basis of slum and blight removal OR serving limited clientele

Kansas Department of Commerce

- » Several new programs
- » Seeking outside funding that is NOT federal to allow flexibility
- » Examples: SEED and HEAL
- » Programs that likely will go away – BASE and others that were Federal funds related to Covid.

Kansas Creative Arts & Attraction & Development Funding

- » Larger grant pool focused on substantial tourism attraction
- » Small grant pool focused on
 - » Art installation such as murals
 - » Exhibits and visiting artists
 - » Helping strengthen non-profits in the arts to be more sustainable
 - » Events that are arts focused

Federal Emergency Management Administration

- » Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)
 - » Vehicle Acquisition
 - » Operations and Safety (i.e. training, equipment, personal protective equipment, modifications to facilities, and wellness/fitness services)
 - » Be aware of training requirements

USDA Rural Development

- » Community Facilities
 - » Develops essential rural community facilities including health care, telecommunications, public safety and public services
- » Water and Wastewater Grant/Loan Program
 - » Assists communities in developing water and waste disposal systems
 - » Loan is 40 year term, less than market rate
 - » Grant is paired with loan to keep rates reasonable

Rural Development

- » Single Family Housing
 - » Direct Loans (very low & low income)
 - » Housing Loan Guarantees (LMI Americans)
 - » Housing Repair Loans/Grants (very low & low income)
- » Rural Rental Housing
 - » Housing Direct Loans (very low income)
 - » Housing Loan Guarantees (very low to moderate income)
- » Farm Labor Housing Loans/Grants (affordable rental)
- » Housing Preservation Grants (very low & low income)

Kansas Department of Transportation

- » CCLIP
- » Safe Routes for All – Federal program that works in cooperation with KDOT – pedestrian focus +
- » Local Bridge Improvement Program
- » Short line rail improvement fund – part of economic development funding
- » Local Cost-share program
- » Airport improvements
- » Adding Charging stations

Kansas State Historical Society

- » Heritage Trust Fund Grant Program
 - » Grants for activities that preserve or restore historic properties
- » State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program
 - » State income tax credit equal to 25% of rehabilitation expenses for historic buildings

Office of Rural Prosperity

- » Programming and Funding
- » Annual Conference
- » Community Champions
- » Developing rural focused efforts for Kansas
Department of Commerce: HEAL & SEED
- » Kansas Murals
- » Rural Opportunity Zones (ROZ)

Community Service Tax Credits

- » Kansas Department of Commerce administers the program
- » An avenue for non-profit organizations to improve their ability to undertake major capital fund-raising drives for various projects
- » Tax credit of 70% if the organization is located in a community with population less than 15,000. Otherwise 50% tax credit applies
- » Eligible projects for tax credit awards include community service, crime prevention, youth and health care

Traditional Finance Options

- » Revenue Bonds
- » General Obligation Bonds
- » Lease Purchase Arrangements
- » Consultation with a Bond Attorney or a Municipal Finance Firm
- » Consult our website for a comprehensive list of funding options

Additional Resources

- » Capital Improvements Planning
- » Assistance with gathering data for Cost Benefit Analysis for Business Incentive Considerations
- » Connections to professional who can analyze Rate and Tax structure
- » Strategic Planning to Prioritize Projects

NCRPC Assistance

NCRPC is here to help you achieve results.

We would love to continue the conversation and find ways to work together.



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