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FOR SOUTHEAST KANSAS

*“When rural Kansas succeeds,
the state as a whole succeeds.”*

-Lt.Governor Lynn Rogers



2020 Virtual Listening Tour
September 9, 2020
5:30-7:00 p.m.

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Agenda

- ORP Overview, Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers
- Childcare and Early Education, Melissa Rooker
- Housing, Ryan Vincent
- Community Development, Kayla Savage
- ORP Policy Priorities, Joshua McGinn
- Looking Forward, Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers
- Closing, Jillian Fisher



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#LynnListens

Join us as Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers visits your town to discuss plans for rural prosperity in Kansas. He wants to hear what you have to say!



Listening Tour Schedule

Nickerson - June 17th	Winfield - July 8th	Concordia - August 1st
Atchison - June 20th	Lindsborg - July 10th	Sabetha - August 5th
Colby - June 24th	Garnett - July 22nd	Dodge City - August 7th
Phillipsburg - June 25th	Independence - July 23rd	
	Ulysses - July 30th	

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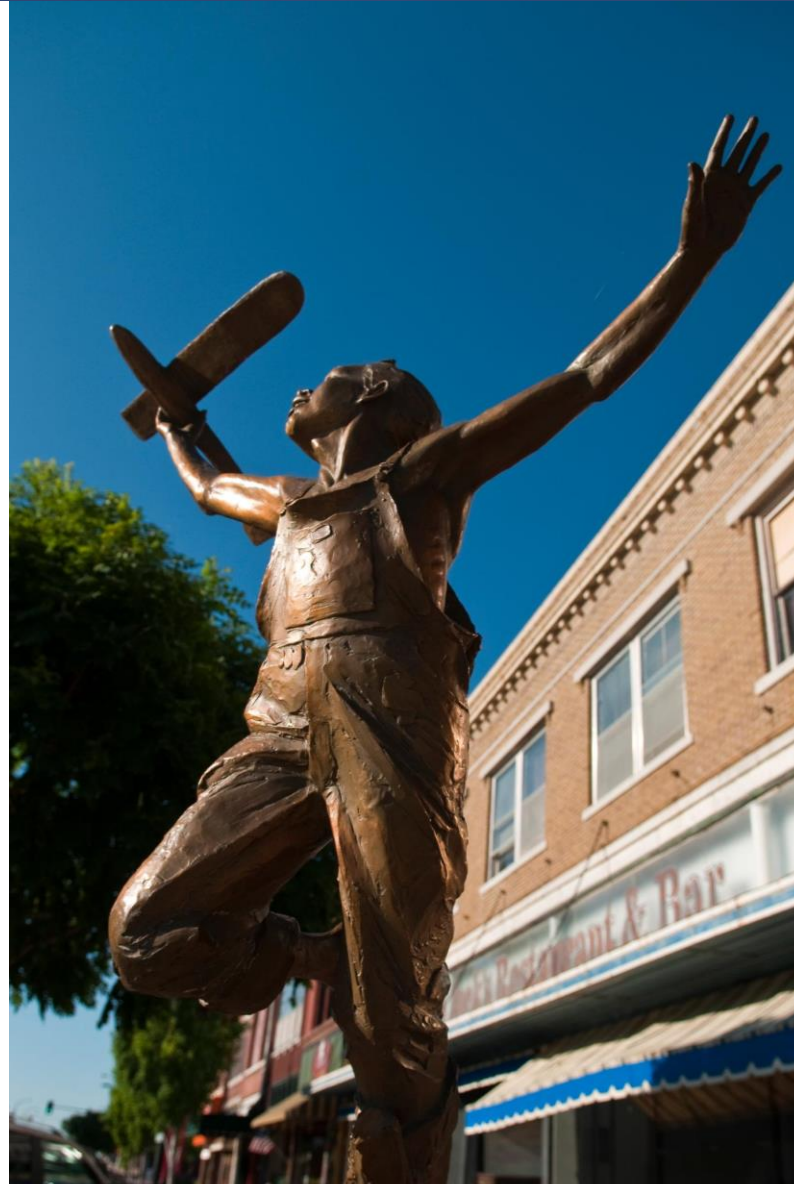
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RURAL PROSPERITY LISTENING TOUR

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Expanding Capacity

- ORP Staff
 - Jillian Fisher, Deputy Director
 - Joshua McGinn, Policy Analyst
- Community Development Division
 - The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
 - The Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP)
 - The Kansas Main Street Program
 - The Office of Broadband Development



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Interagency Work Groups & Policy Priorities

- Looking at things from a Rural angle
- Three “Rs”: Research, Resources, and Recommendations
- Childcare
- Housing
- Broadband
- Rural healthcare
- Additional Infrastructure



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August 2020

Early Childhood Care and Education – 6,000 Voices

Central Messages:

- The experiences of families with young children in Kansas are **shaped by where they live**, both across the regions of the state and within their communities.
- Young children are growing up in families where **basic needs are not being met**.

Key Findings:

Accessibility



Availability



Navigation



Collaboration



Workforce



Facilities



Systems Alignment



Bright Spots



Needs Assessment

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All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan

➤ Our Vision: *Every Child Thrives*

➤ Goals, Strategies, Tactics, and Indicators of Success:

- State Level Coordination
- Community Level Coordination
- Family Knowledge and Choice
- Private Sector Collaboration
- Capacity and Access
- Workforce
- Quality and Environments



State: State agencies



Local: Individuals or small group champions



Partner: Statewide and/or community-level organizations, businesses, school systems, and philanthropy



Policy: Elected officials

Strategic Plan

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Our Tomorrows – Stories from Kansans

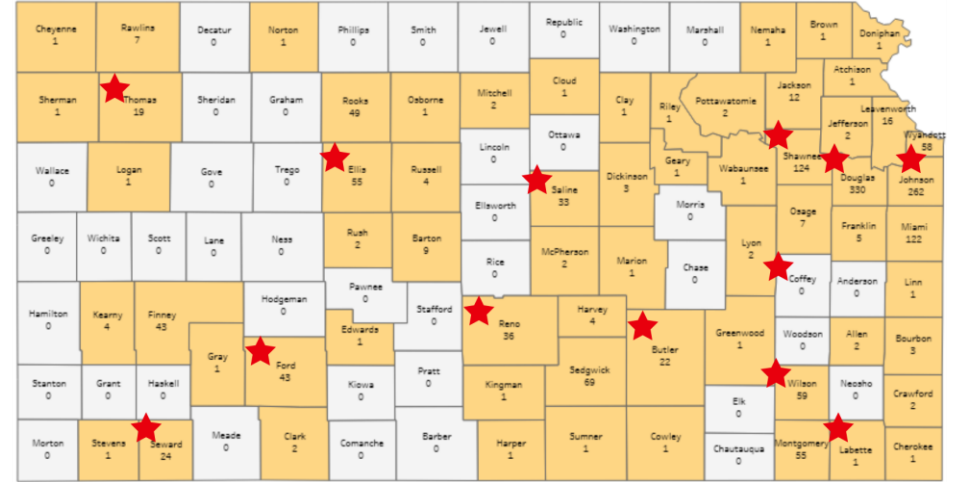
Rural Kansans Experience

- Acceptance, hesitance, confusion, and frustration in response to COVID-19
- COVID-19 Impact on employment, healthcare, technology, financial struggles

Understand Impact

- Stories offer deeper context for understanding the real impact on families
- Perspectives in the words of Kansans
- Informs our decision-making

<https://ourtomorro.ws/ORP>



(Map updated on 08/19/2020)

We asked for input, **we heard** your stories, and we are responding!

Rural Voices

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Response to COVID-19

➤ Listening

- Bi-weekly webinars, fielded questions and concerns.
- Share form for questions/concerns on Children's Cabinet webpage.
- Our Tomorrows Stories and Scans

➤ Resources

- Child Care Action Labs – mini grants
- Hero Relief Program – Dept. of Children & Families
- KCCTF Website and weekly email updates

**Early Childhood Care
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Response to COVID-19

➤ CARES Act – County-Level Support

➤ CARES Act – State-Level Support

- Early Childhood Consultant Network – help early childhood services and providers respond to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Early Childhood Workforce Health Fund – help uninsured early childhood workers with medical expenses directly attributable to COVID-19.
- Technologies for Families Fund – provide access to equipment and devices to support virtual access for families served by early childhood care and education providers.

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Strategic Plan – Next Steps

➤ **Preschool Development Birth – Five Renewal Grant**

- Three year renewal \$8.9 million per year
- Will build on Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan

➤ **Infrastructure Solutions:**

- Workforce (Goal 6) - Recruitment and retention, training and professional development, and a workforce registry to support career advancement.
- Common Application(Goal 1) - Streamline process with a single application to apply for multiple funding opportunities.
- Community Subgrants (Goal 5) - Fund community-generated solutions to equip and connect providers and community-based services in ways that make getting access to care easier for children and families.

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QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Connect with your county CARES Act efforts –
#EarlyChildhoodsEssential

Share your thoughts: www.kschildrenscabinet.org/share

Share your story: <https://ourtomorro.ws/ORP>

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Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

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Unlocking Home

Ryan Vincent
Executive Director



Kansas Housing: Overview

Who we are: A self-supporting, nonprofit public corporation, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) administers housing and community programs across Kansas.

What we do: We help Kansans access the safe, affordable housing they need and the dignity they deserve.

Who we work with: Local government officials, mortgage lenders, business leaders, developers, builders, property managers, real estate professionals, service providers, homeless / affordable housing advocates, nonprofit organizations, government agencies.



Our Programs

EMERGENCY HOUSING

- + Emergency Solutions Grant

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

- + Community Services Block Grant
- + Tenant Based Rental Assistance

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- + Low Income Housing Tax Credit
- + HOME
- + Moderate Income Housing
- + National Housing Trust Fund

HOMEOWNERSHIP

- + First Time Homebuyer Program
- + Manufactured Housing

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- + Weatherization Assistance

COMPLIANCE

- + Contract Administration
- + Housing Compliance



Community Solutions

- The [Emergency Solutions Grant \(ESG\)](#), through a network of service providers, offers assistance to those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.
- The [Community Services Block Grant \(CSBG\)](#) is an anti-poverty program that serves low-income Kansans through eight local entities funded by KHRC.
- [TBRA](#) helps income-eligible households with rent and security and/or utility deposit payments. Assistance is distributed via a statewide network of grantees.
- The [Weatherization Assistance Program](#) provides free upgrades for qualifying households to improve energy efficiency and lower utility bills.



Housing Development

- **Financed through various programs:**
 - [Low Income Housing Tax Credits](#)
 - [HOME Rental Development](#)
 - [National Housing Trust Fund](#)
- **111** housing properties throughout Southeast Kansas have been developed with LIHTC, HOME, and/or NHTF funding.
- 2021 draft [Qualified Allocation Plan](#), which guides how tax credits are awarded, will give additional points to **Osage, Coffey, Linn, Greenwood, Woodson, Allen, Elk, Wilson, Neosho, Chautauqua, Labette, and Cherokee counties** to encourage development in these areas.



Housing Development



Timber Ridge: 42-unit new construction senior development in Paola, placed in service June 2018.



Housing Development



Rockville Place: 32-unit new construction senior project in Louisburg, placed in service June 2016.



Housing Development



Fort Scott Lofts: 35-unit historic rehab family development in Fort Scott, placed in service December 2016.



Housing Development

Homes at Walnut Creek: 14-unit new construction family development in Wellsville, 2021 LIHTC reservation.

Whittier Place II: 24-unit new construction family development in Emporia, 2021 LIHTC reservation, also includes NHTF.

Wea Creek Senior Apartments II 36-unit new construction senior project in Louisburg, 2021 LIHTC reservation.



Moderate Income Housing

The [Moderate Income Housing program](#) serves the needs of moderate-income households that don't qualify for federal housing assistance. MIH grants and/or loans are awarded to cities and counties to develop multi-family rental units and single-family for-purchase homes in communities with populations fewer than 60,000 people. This funding is allocated by the state legislature.



MIH Projects/Developments

Emporia: MIH funds awarded in 2016 used for down payment assistance for five homes. To date, four homes have been built and sold to MIH households, with two more homes near completion. Homebuyers have included a Marine and an employee of the city and university.



Compliance & Homeownership

The [First Time Homebuyer Program](#) helps income-eligible households purchase their first home by providing down payment assistance. The program allows qualifying homebuyers to apply for a 0% interest loan in the amount of 15% or 20% of the purchase price of the home. The loan is forgiven if the buyer remains in the home for 10 years!

- **28** Southeast Kansas closings between 2017-19

Compliance conducted by KHRC's Contract Administration and Housing Compliance Divisions

- **146** properties monitored in Southeast Kansas



Resources and Action Steps

Southeast Kansas service providers:

- Independence: Molly Wright, 620.332.2536
- City of Pittsburg: Megan Keener, 620.232.1210
- [Hope Unlimited, Inc.](#): Dorothy B. Sparks, 620.365.7566
- [Safehouse Crisis Center Inc.](#): Rebecca Brubaker, 620.231.8692
- [Wesley House](#): Marci Bender, 620.232.3760
- [Catholic Charities of Wichita](#): Casey Brown, 620.704.1653
- [ECKAN](#)
- [SEKCAP](#): Timi Myers, 620.724.8204

Moderate Income Housing:

- Applications due **September 28, 2020**
- Contact: Alissa Ice, alice@kshousingcorp.org

- Watch our [Current Announcements page](#) or [subscribe](#) to our email list for updates.



Questions?



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



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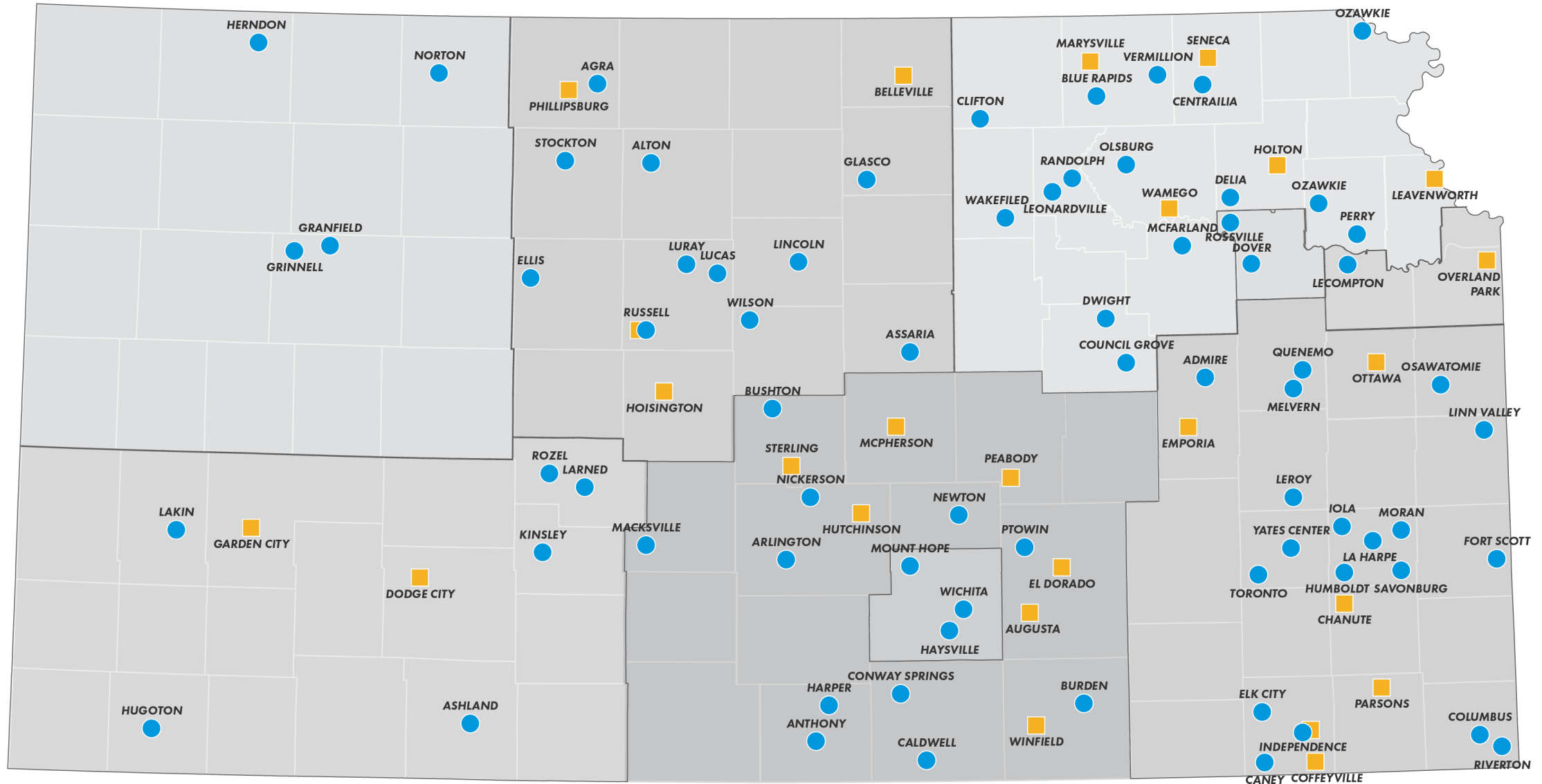
- Kansas Main Street
- Community Service Tax Credit Program
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission
- Office of Broadband Development
- Rural Opportunity Zones
- Individual Development Accounts
- Community Development Regional Project Managers



KANSAS MAIN STREET

- Kansas Main Street is back!
- 25 active designated Main Streets cities throughout the state
- New city application opens this fall

MAIN STREET & PRIDE COMMUNITIES



MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES



PRIDE COMMUNITIES



IN-STATE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARIES



Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Established to help Kansas communities (50K or fewer residents) **enhance their livability** by providing financial, technical and business assistance using HUD funding.

Grants are awarded in six categories:

1. Water/Sewer Grants (competition)
2. Community Facilities Grants (competition)
3. Housing Grants (competition)
4. Urgent Need Grants (e.g. disaster response)
5. Commercial Rehabilitation Grants
6. Economic Development (business finance)

To qualify, projects must meet one or more of the following condition:

- Benefit low- or moderate-income individuals
- Remove or prevent slum or blight conditions
- Eliminate an urgent need created by a disaster when local funds are unavailable

▶ CDBG PROGRAM SUMMARY

39 awards totaling \$17.4M made in FY20 across the State

- Awards were made in three different categories:
 - Water/Sewer
 - Community Facilities
 - Housing

10 awards totaling \$4,727,533 made in FY20 in South East Kansas

CDBG PROJECTS IN SOUTH EAST

Lyon County, Emporia	\$300,000	Rehab of 14 homes for owned and rental units.
Osage County, Osage City	\$600,000	Sanitary sewer improvements.
Osage County, Overbrook	\$600,000	Improvements to the water treatment facility and distribution system.
Woodson Co., Yates Center	\$400,000	Purchase of a new Quint Fire Truck for the city.
Wilson County, Fredonia	\$600,000	Wastewater treatment facility.
Montgomery Co., Coffeyville	\$268,500	Completion of an ADA sidewalk project.
Franklin Co., Williamsburg	\$421,230	Street project.
Labette County, Parsons	\$272,500	Storm sewer project in the city.
Bourbon County, Fort Scott	\$665,303	Purchase a new 100' Platform Ladder truck for the city.
Cherokee County, Columbus	\$600,000	Street project.



Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP)

Improves the ability of non-profits to undertake **major capital fundraising drives** for community projects (e.g. community service, crime prevention, health care, youth, apprenticeships and youth job creation)

- Applicants may request up to \$250,000 in tax credits to contributors of approved projects
- Organizations in rural areas (less than 15,000 in population) are eligible for a 70% credit
- Organizations in non-rural areas are eligible for a 50% credit

CSP SOUTH EAST AWARDEE HIGHLIGHT

Humboldt Daycare and Preschool, Inc., Childcare Addition Allen County, Humboldt

Awarded \$192,500.00 in 70% tax credits

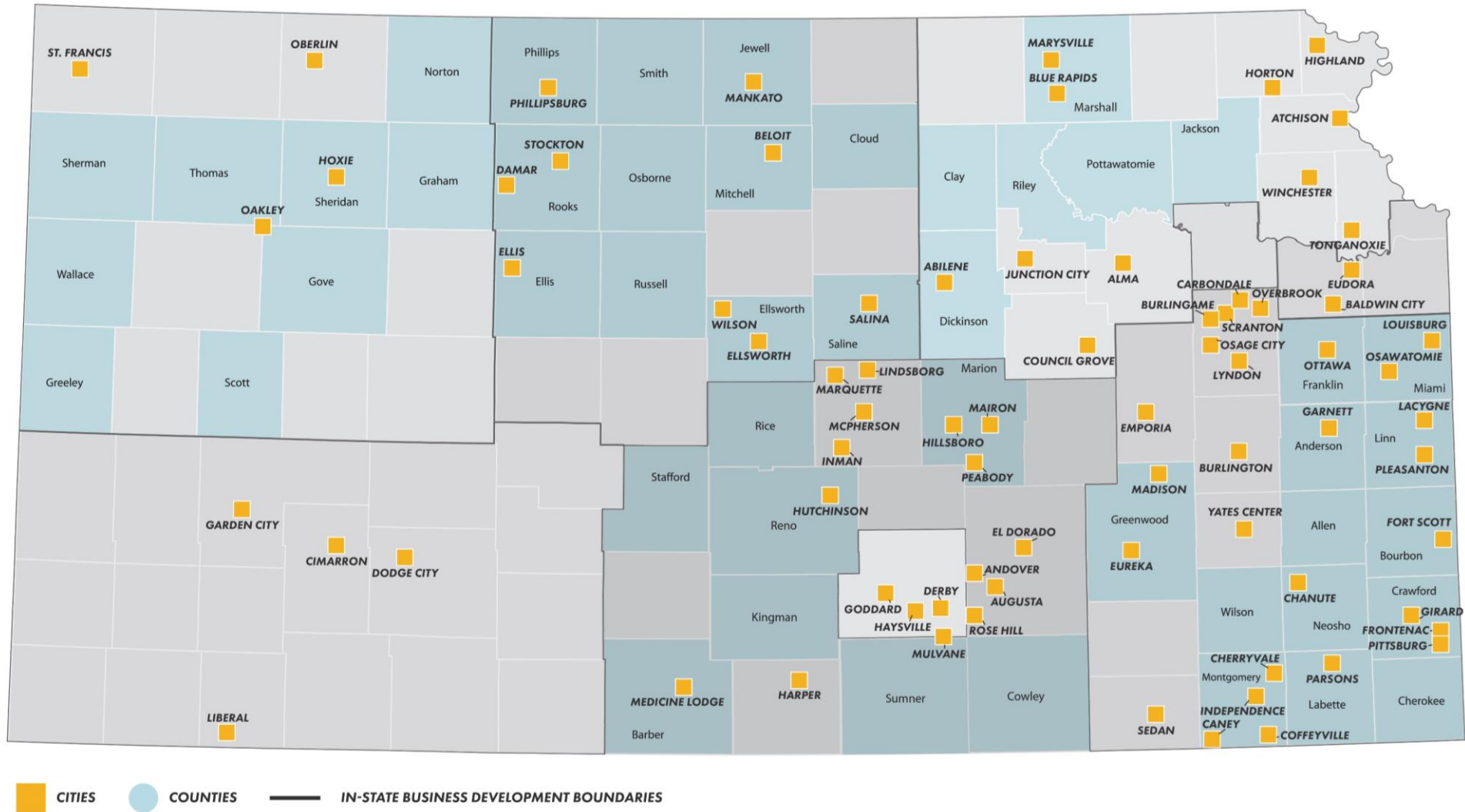
Project: Expanding 4000 SQ to include an indoor activity area, two more classrooms, two more restrooms and a new kitchen.



CDBG COVID Response

- \$16.9M awarded in two phases, first come first serve basis
- Funds awarded to cities and counties throughout Kansas
- Small business grants to be used for working capital expenses
- Meal program grants to support food pantries and community meal programs for children and families
- Decisions made on the local level to go where needed most

CDBG-CV Award Grantees



THANK YOU

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ORP's Policy Priorities

- Childcare
- Housing
- Workforce
- Rural Healthcare
- Infrastructure
- Broadband

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Workforce

- The SPARK Task Force has approved \$8.1 million in funding to address Kansas's workforce needs:
 - Training/retraining in growing fields, including IT certifications, cybersecurity
 - Technical college instructional equipment to support automation/advanced manufacturing
 - KANSASWORKS jobseeker support



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Rural Healthcare

Medicaid Expansion:

- With MO & OK approving Medicaid Expansion, KS is 1 of only 12 states to refuse Federal funding.
- Estimates are that more than 150,000 Kansans do not have health insurance during the pandemic.
- We must address this healthcare issue for Kansans and rural Kansas hospitals.

Other Issue ORP is Paying Attention to:

- Primary Health Centers & different payment models.
- Ensuring adequate medical providers in rural areas.
- Building on the progress we've made with telemedicine.

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Infrastructure

Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE):

- Rolling Program
- Focused on practical projects
- Partnership programs such as Cost Share and Local Bridges.
- Includes funding for broadband improvements and other enhancements.

Other programs:

- Multi-modal transportation with public transit
- Aviation
- Short-line rail
- Bike/pedestrian programs

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Cost Share & Bridge Awards Southeast

BRIDGES

Cherokee County
Greenwood County
Montgomery County
Osage County*
Woodson County

COST SHARE

Allen County (2x)
Anderson County
Crawford County
Greenwood County
Labette County
Miami County
Montgomery County

*Project part of KDOT District 1



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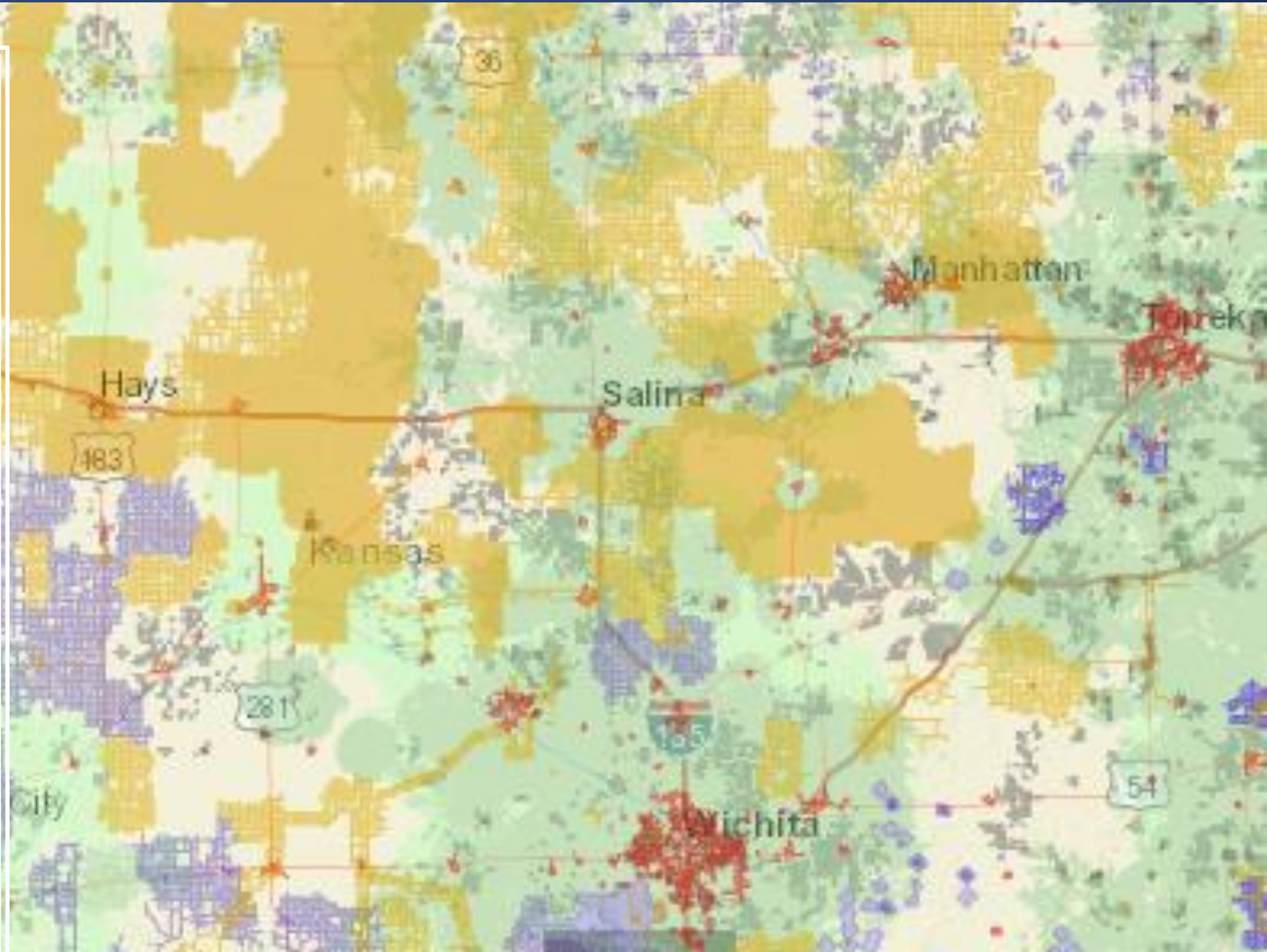
Broadband Grant Program

2018: Broadband Task Force

2019: Broadband Map Produced

2020: First Grant Programs Begin

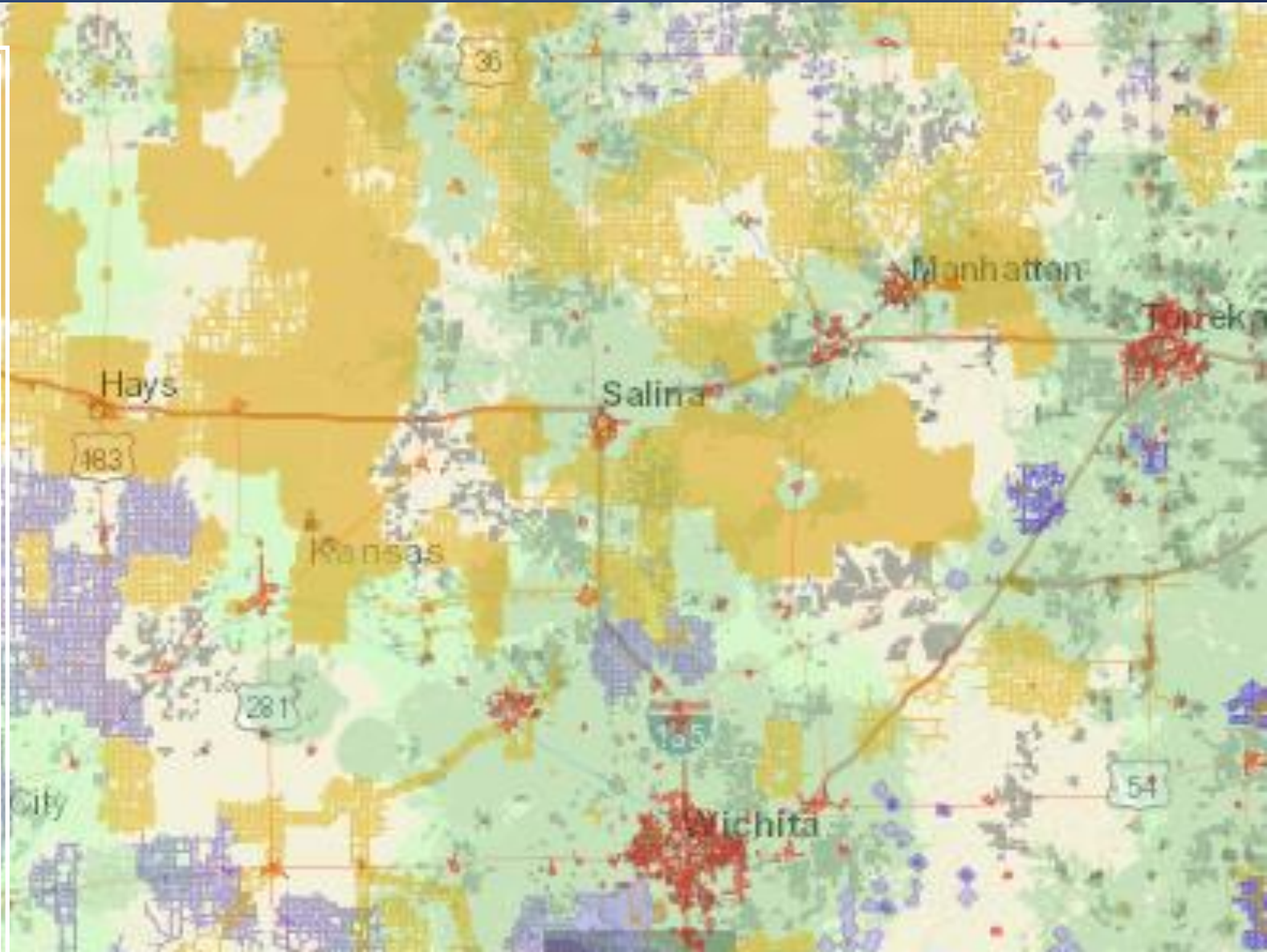
- January
 - Task Force Recommendations released
 - Governor includes first grant program in IKE
- March
 - Legislature approves & Governor signs legislation
 - IKE and grant program become law



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Broadband Grant Program

- Needs to demonstrate need & community support.
- Open to any public, private, non-profit partnership.
- Technology neutral but must be scalable to higher speeds.
- Ability to demonstrate impact.
- Includes matching requirement.



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Broadband & COVID-19

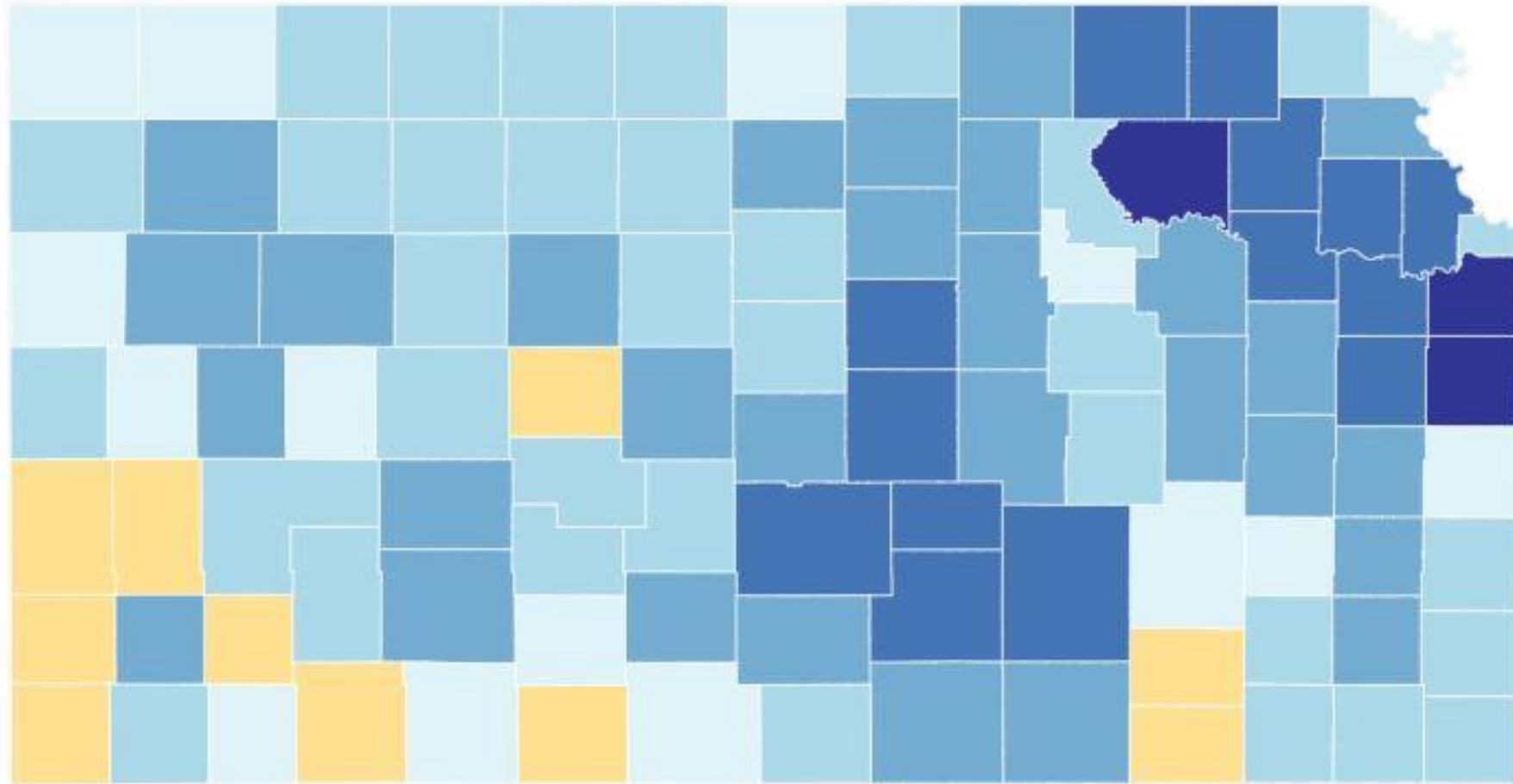
- SPARK Task Force identified need for broadband in these areas:
 - Increasing access to telehealth and telemedicine
 - Increasing broadband access for rural and underserved areas
 - Increasing access for continuous, distanced learning
 - Affordable, quality broadband for every Kansan
- SPARK Task Force & State Finance Council approve \$60 million for Connectivity.
 - Funding approved in time for Economic Development and Connectivity portal to open on August 13th.
 - \$50 million to expand broadband infrastructure throughout the state.
 - \$10 million to ensure remote health, ed, & work access for low-income Kansans.
- Local Communities could also invest \$400 million in Round 1 funding in Connectivity.

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Looking Forward

- Working Together Toward Solutions
- Impacts of COVID-19 on Priorities
- 2020 Census
- 2021 and Beyond

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Self-Response Rate (%)



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Thank You

- Survey: Anything else you want the Office of Rural Prosperity or Lt. Governor to know about your community?
- Our Tomorrow's Story Bank
- 2019 ORP Report



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