



Kansas Health Foundation

Kansas Health Foundation Civic Engagement Grants

Request for Proposals



Background

In order to identify strategies that increase voter participation in communities with poor health outcomes, the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) is offering mini-grants to organizations working to carry out non-partisan civic engagement work. KHF is making available several grants up to \$10,000 to support this work. Grant projects should support non-partisan voter engagement strategies designed to increase citizen participation in the 2016 elections.

Grant projects are limited to specific census tracts that experience poor health outcomes and are characterized by a high concentration of health risks (high rate of uninsured, high rate of poverty, high rate of food stamp utilization, etc.). Specific focus will be on census tracts that exhibited relatively lower recent rates of voter participation (voting in 2012 and 2014 elections, and voter registration).

Purpose

The primary goal of all grants will be to increase voter participation in the 2016 election (compared to the 2012 election). KHF staff will base award decisions on the potential for proposed activities to effectively engage and mobilize voters. Applicant organizations are encouraged to propose innovative strategies that could inform KHF's future support in civic engagement and voter participation.



Proposed activities can include, but are not limited to:

- Direct, one-on-one resident contact and follow-up;
- Voter registration drives;
- Creation and distribution of candidate and issue guides;
- Non-partisan meet-the-candidate forums;
- Use of technology to facilitate voter registration and voting; and
- Strategies that make it easier for voters to get to the polls.

Application Information

Grant proposals are due by April 15, 2016. Applications, or questions regarding the mini-grants, should be submitted to Jeff Willett, Vice President for Programs and Policy, at jwillett@khf.org.

Grant period: May 1 – November 8, 2016

Each application must include:

- A cover page using the template found on www.kansashealth.org/ceg;
- An unaudited financial statement (balance sheet); and
- A narrative section of no more than two pages, responding to the following:
 - Brief introduction to the organization, its mission statement, and how this project fits into your existing body of work.
 - Identify the specific census tract (from list below) you will be working with. Describe any experience you have had working in that census tract. If you have not worked in that census tract, describe any relevant experience working in similar Kansas communities.
 - Describe what you know about the census tract, including civic engagement strengths, disparities, and barriers.
 - Describe (to the extent of your knowledge) what additional efforts to increase civic engagement are underway in the census tract and how this project would contribute and/or intersect with those efforts.
 - Description of the project, including objectives, activities, and how this project will increase voter participation.
 - Timeline outlining major anticipated activities during the grant term.
 - Budget and brief budget justification.



Eligible Census Tracts

Grant eligibility is limited to projects focusing on 25 specific census tracts. These census tracts, listed below, were chosen due to lower rates of recent voting. For visuals showing the borders of these census tracts, please see the link titled “Eligible Census Tract Maps” at www.kansashealth.org/ceg.

Census Tract #	Primary County
20009971700	Barton
20055960501	Finney
20061000200	Geary
20125950500	Montgomery
20125951200	Montgomery
20155000700	Reno
20155000800	Reno
20173000100	Sedgwick
20173000400	Sedgwick
20173000900	Sedgwick
20173001800	Sedgwick
20173002400	Sedgwick
20173002600	Sedgwick
20173003700	Sedgwick
20173004000	Sedgwick
20173006500	Sedgwick
20175966000	Seward
20177000400	Shawnee
20177001100	Shawnee
20177004000	Shawnee
20209042001	Wyandotte
20209042002	Wyandotte
20209042300	Wyandotte
20209042400	Wyandotte
20209042600	Wyandotte