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lasting progress on your biggest challenges.

COMMON GOOD PARTNERSHIPS

Formerly Leadership Transformation Grants

APPLY AUGUST 10 - SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Background Information

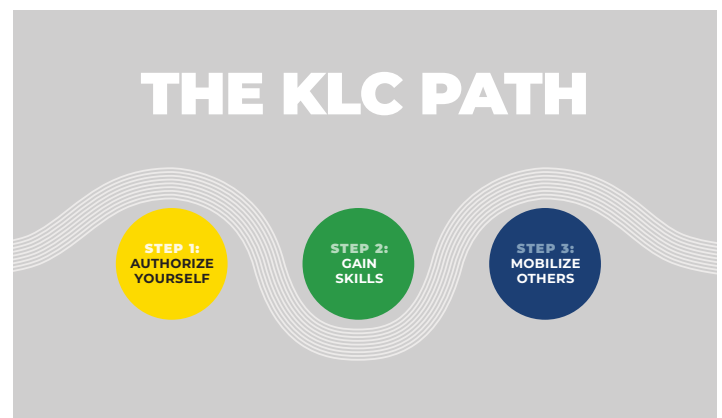
A nonprofit organization founded by the Kansas Health Foundation, the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) provides training to foster leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities. Through the Common Good Partnerships, KLC partners with organizations to help them create a culture of leadership that embraces change, tackles problems and seizes opportunities. We are looking for partners across the state to saturate their organization with our proven framework in order to make lasting progress on their biggest challenges.

KLC's own Third Floor Research indicates that leadership development at all levels of an organization leads to a more engaged workforce in the non-profit sector, with employees more committed, more hopeful for the future, and more satisfied with their jobs. ORS Impact, funded by a third party, interviewed over 50 of KLC's past grantees to learn the effect of leadership training on an organization. The research indicates a strong link between increasing leadership behaviors among employees, positive change to culture and greater progress on key challenges facing the organization.

To deliver these outcomes, we've developed a simple yet powerful framework. It starts with the idea that leadership is an activity, not a position, and that anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere. We offer a three-step sequence of dynamic program experiences—The KLC Path—taught by an inspiring and diverse team of teachers and coaches. By speaking to the head, heart and gut, our training shifts perspectives and empowers participants to put what they've learned to use immediately. The results drive lasting behavior change, with the power to mobilize an entire organization to own its challenges and seize opportunities for progress in their organization and communities.

Organizations selected for a Common Good Partnership receive grant-funded access for one year to attend programs on the KLC Path: When Everyone Leads, Your Leadership Edge and either Lead for Change or Equip to Lead. With multiple offerings throughout the year, participants are free to choose when to attend their next program on the KLC Path. Path programs must be attended in consecutive order and organizations are responsible for participant recruitment.

To accommodate the various needs of our partners, we plan to offer both in-person and virtual When Everyone Leads and Your Leadership Edge programs throughout 2027. Lead for Change and Equip to Lead will be held in person in Wichita.



WHAT'S NOT COVERED

The grant does not cover the cost of books or material fees. Organizations will either need to cover the cost of these materials or place the responsibility on their participants to purchase materials for their program participation.

Partner Responsibilities

Each partner organization will establish a Core Team to lead implementation of its Common Good Partnership. This team of 3-5 individuals, one of whom must be of senior authority in your organization, needs to be identified on the grant application. Should your organization be selected, your Core Team will be responsible for:

1. **Attending KLC events and programs.**
2. **Recruiting and supporting participants.**
3. **Participating in regular evaluation efforts.**
4. **Utilizing KLC resources and consultation.**

Who is eligible to apply?

The grant is open to civically engaged Kansas organizations in the following sectors:

- **Education Sector:** school districts, institutions of higher education, school support organizations, educational networks
- **Faith Sector:** churches, Islamic societies, temples, district level entities, collaborative faith alliances
- **Government Sector:** city, county, state government agencies
- **Non-profit Sector:** community foundations, health organizations, social advocacy organizations, arts organizations, chambers, civic clubs and business associations

How to apply

Once applications have opened (Aug. 10), review the resources on the grant webpage kansasleadershipcenter.org/grants/ in preparation for completing the grant application. Applications and letters of support can be submitted from Aug. 10 – Sept. 14, 2026, on the grant webpage. KLC will review grant applications and make final decisions by mid-October. Common Good Partnership recipients will have their Grant Administrator attend a virtual onboarding workshop in November.

Questions?

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