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## **Kansas Leadership Center announces recipients of 2024 Leadership Transformation Grants**

Wichita, Kan. – The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) has selected 97 organizations across Kansas as 2024 [Leadership Transformation Grant](#) (LTG) partners. The grants will help the partner organizations create a culture that embraces change, tackles problems and seizes opportunities.

“KLC has been awarding grants to civically engaged organizations around the state for the past nine years and we look forward to helping them make lasting progress on their biggest challenges. We’re proud to see this program grow every year since we started offering these grants,” said Kaye Monk-Morgan, president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center.

In 2024, KLC will partner with 97 unique organizations across Kansas and provide the opportunity for participants to learn, practice and engage with the KLC Framework. The program also utilizes KLC’s best-selling book, [When Everyone Leads](#).

“Leadership isn’t about authority and position, it’s an activity where small actions are taken in moments of opportunity,” said Monk-Morgan. “When everyone leads, we make progress on our most important challenges. That’s what the Leadership Transformation Grants are all about – engaging people across the state to solve daunting challenges in their communities, organizations and professional lives.”

Organizations who receive a Leadership Transformation Grant will establish a core team of three to six individuals to take on the responsibilities of the grant. Organizations chosen will have one year to participate in KLC’s dynamic program experiences and utilize KLC resources and consultation.

“The Leadership Transformation Grants provide access to programs on the [KLC Path](#), a three-step sequence which teaches that leadership is an activity—not a position—and that anyone within an organization can exercise leadership effectively. These programs offer a framework by which organizations can share a common language and skills to approach their challenges and empower employees to mobilize others to create progress in their organization and communities,” said Rebekah Starkey Keasling, KLC partner manager.

In the nine years of awarding these grants, KLC has given 500 grants, trained over 11,000 people and partnered with over 315 Kansas organizations and communities.

**The following organizations have been selected as KLC's 2024 Leadership Transformation Grant partners:**

Business Sector Partners:

- Hays Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Districts 5680 and 5710
- W – A Community of Young Professionals

Education Sector Partners:

- Bethel College
- Cloud County Community College
- Emporia State Honors College
- Fort Hays State University
- Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom
- Kansas Head Start
- Kansas State University Libraries, Research and Extension, and Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus
- MidAmerica Nazarene University
- MO-KAN-NE Chapter of the Educational Opportunity Association
- Newman University
- Seward County Community College
- Southeast Kansas Education Service Center – Greenbush
- USD 308 – Hutchinson
- Wichita Collegiate School
- Wichita State University and WSU Tech
- Wynkoop Center – MidAmerica Nazarene University

Faith Sector Partners:

- Catholic Charities of Wichita
- Christian Church DOC of Kansas
- Christian DOC of Greater Kansas City
- Mosaic Church
- Presbytery of Southern Kansas
- Salem Lutheran Church
- Western District Conference Mennonite Church USA

Government Sector Partners:

- 184th Wing
- City of Derby
- City of Sedgwick
- City of Topeka
- City of Wichita

- Cowley County
- Douglas County
- El Dorado Correctional Facility
- El Dorado Police Department
- Ellsworth Correctional Facility
- Hutchinson Correctional Facility
- Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas Department of Commerce – Creative Arts Industries Commission
- Kansas Department of Commerce – Office of Rural Prosperity
- Kansas Department of Corrections
- Kansas Office of Information Technology Services
- Lawrence – Douglas County Public Health
- North Central Regional Planning Commission
- Ottawa Recreation Commission
- Reno County
- Sedgwick County

Non-Profit Sector Partners:

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- Breakthrough Episcopal Services
- Bright House
- Capper Foundation
- Communities Organized to Promote Equity (COPE) (KU-Med)
- Community Care Network of Kansas
- CrossWinds Counseling and Wellness
- El Centro
- EmberHope Youthville
- Family Crisis Center
- Four County Mental Health
- Goodwill
- Home Works USA
- HumanKind
- Hutch in Harmony
- Hutchinson Community Foundation
- International Rescue Committee
- Kansas City Repertory Theatre
- Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Kansas Democratic Party
- Kansas Historical Society
- Kansas Hospital Association
- Kansas Library Association
- KC United
- League of Women Voters Kansas

- Life Restoration Ministries
- LMH Health
- Mental Health Association of South Central KS
- Mulvane Foundation
- Newman Regional Health
- Pawnee Mental Health
- Real Men Real Leaders
- Saint Francis Ministries
- Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas (SACK)
- Special Olympics of Kansas
- Stormont Vail Health
- Sunflower House
- Sunlight Children's Services
- The Phoenix
- The Thread: A Women's Leadership Collective
- Trust Women Foundation
- United Way of Kansas (Harvey County)
- Wichita African Union
- Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center
- William Newton Hospital
- Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

Applications for Leadership Transformation Grants are accepted in the fall each year.

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#### **About the Kansas Leadership Center**

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a first-of-its-kind nonprofit educational organization with a civic mission, national reputation and global reach. Founded in 2007 to foster leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities, KLC receives core funding from the Kansas Health Foundation (a private, philanthropic organization). It partners with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and communities to build cultures that are healthy, productive and well-positioned to make measurable progress on daunting challenges and emergent opportunities. KLC Press publishes leadership books and The Journal, a nationally recognized, award-winning civic issues magazine.

Over the past 16 years, KLC has built a strong and respected institution in Kansas designed to deliver leadership development and culture change at unparalleled scale. Now, organizations across the country and around the world look to us to provide resources and consultation to support their own aspirations for mission-driven leadership education. Learn more at [www.kansasleadershipcenter.org](http://www.kansasleadershipcenter.org).

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