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Kansas Leadership Center offering grants to Kansas organizations wanting to empower employees and create progress

Wichita, Kan. – The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is offering workforce development grants to organizations across Kansas to help them create a culture that embraces change, tackles problems and seizes opportunities. Applications are now being accepted for KLC's 2025 Leadership Transformation Grant program.

"This is the tenth year KLC has been awarding grants to civically engaged organizations around the state and we are proud to have spent the last decade helping them make lasting progress on their biggest challenges," said Kaye Monk-Morgan, KLC's president and CEO. "Our Leadership Transformation Grants are just one of the many ways KLC provides training to foster leadership for healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities."

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 allow participation in 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.

KLC's own [research center](#) 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 job. Among high-tech employees, it yields an [adaptive mindset, collaborative problem-solving, and better listening and communication](#). And 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.

In the 10 years KLC has provided Leadership Transformation Grants, the organization has given 600 grants, trained over 13,000 people and partnered with over 325 organizations across Kansas.

KLC will host virtual informational webinars about the grants and application process on August 21 at 1:30 p.m., August 30 at Noon and September 4 at 3 p.m. Registration for those one hour sessions is [here](#). Applications for Leadership Transformation Grants are being accepted through September 15, 2024. Any organization from Kansas can apply but those most suited for the grant are in the following sectors: education, faith, government and nonprofit. Learn more or apply at <https://kansasleadershipcenter.org/grants/>.

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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 civic leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities in Kansas and beyond, 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.

For more than 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 kansasleadershipcenter.org.

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