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Kansas Leadership Center announces recipients of 2026 Leadership Transformation Grants

Wichita, Kan. – The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) has selected 76 organizations across Kansas as 2026 [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 11 years. While this program has grown every year, this year we intentionally selected fewer partners to shift our focus on making a more profound impact for each partner. We look forward to helping these organizations make lasting progress on their biggest challenges,” said Kaye Monk-Morgan, president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center.

KLC’s Leadership Transformation Grants 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](#).

“Changing individual engagement with complex challenges is how organizations can improve innovation and employee satisfaction. We offer these experiences in order to help organizations create and support cultures where more people are exercising leadership,” 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 Camille Scott, KLC partner manager.

In the 11 years awarding these grants, KLC has given 776 grants, trained more than 15,000 people and partnered with 416 Kansas organizations and communities.

The following organizations have been selected as KLC’s 2026 Leadership Transformation Grant partners:

Education

- Fort Hays State University
- Friends University
- Garden City Community College
- Kansas State University Salina
- K-State Research and Extension
- MO-KAN-NE Chapter
- Newman University
- Race Project KC, coordinated by Johnson County Library
- Southwestern College
- University of Kansas Medical Center – Project Eagle Head Start
- Wichita Collegiate School
- Wichita State University
- WSU Tech

Faith

- The 316 Church
- Whole Truth Tabernacle

Government

- City of Lawrence
- City of Liberal
- City of Wichita
- Gove County Medical Center
- Kansas African American Affairs Commission
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas Department of Corrections
- Kansas Judicial Branch Office of Judicial Administration
- Larned State Hospital
- Phillips County Health Systems
- Reno County
- Sedgwick County

Nonprofit

- American Academy of Family Physicians
- Black Entrepreneurs of the Flint Hills

- Build WyCo
- Central Topeka Grocery Oasis Group
- Child Care Aware of Kansas
- Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas
- Children's Alliance of Kansas
- COF Training Services
- Create Campaign
- Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness
- El Centro, Inc.
- EmberHope
- FosterAdopt Connect
- Four County Mental Health Center, Inc.
- Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc.
- Great Bend Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Salina Community Foundation
- Habitat for Humanity Kansas City
- Heartspring
- HOBY Kansas
- Hutchinson Community Foundation
- Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System
- ICT SOS
- Kansas City Public Library
- Kansas City Roller Warriors
- KC for Refugees
- Lead Wichita
- LMH Health
- McPherson Soul
- Mennonite Central Committee – Central States
- Mental Health America of South Central Kansas, Inc.
- Metropolitan Energy Center
- Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corp.
- Mulvane Community Foundation, Inc.
- Newman Regional Health
- Prime Fit Youth Foundation
- Rainbows United, Inc.
- Restoration Family Services
- Rooks County Health Center
- SACK (Self Advocate Coalition of Kansas)
- Saint Francis Ministries
- SENT Topeka
- The Chamber in Hays, Kansas
- United Way of Greater Kansas City
- W - A Community of Young Professionals
- Wichita Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

- William Newton Hospital
- Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
- Wyandot Behavioral Health Network

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 18 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.

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