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Kansas Leadership Center announces recipients of 2022 Leadership Transformation Grants

Wichita, Kan. – The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) has selected 37 new organizations and 50 returning organizations across Kansas as 2022 Leadership Transformation Grant (LTG) partners, making this the largest group of LTG partners in the history of the program. The grants will help the partner organizations create a culture that embraces change, tackles problems and seizes opportunities.

“The Leadership Transformation Grants are the primary vehicle for how we transfer the gift of the grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to organizations across the state. We’re proud to see this program grow every year since we started offering these grants eight years ago to civically engaged organizations around Kansas,” said Ed O’Malley, president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center.

In 2022, KLC will partner with 87 organizations across Kansas to help them manage change and make lasting progress for years to come.

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 Katy Weidner, KLC program 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.

The grants are divided among five sectors: business, education, faith, government and non-profit. In the past seven years of awarding these grants, KLC has awarded 334 grants, trained over 9,000 people and partnered with over 240 Kansas organizations and communities.

The following organizations have been selected as new 2022 Leadership Transformation Grant partners:

Business Sector Partners:

- Healthcare Coalition Partners of Kansas
- Plastikon Healthcare

Education Sector Partners:

- Division of Biology, Kansas State University
- Hayden Catholic High School
- Johnson County Community College
- Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus
- MidAmerica Nazarene University
- Wichita State University – Student Affairs

Faith Sector Partner:

- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kansas
- Cloud County Community Church
- Life Restoration Ministries

Government Sector Partners:

- 22d Maintenance Group
- City of Paola
- Unified Government Public Health Department

Non-Profit Sector Partners:

- Child Care Aware of Kansas
- CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness
- Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland
- Goodland Regional Medical Center
- Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc.
- Heartland Community Health Center
- Jana's Campaign, Inc.
- Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals
- Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
- Kansas Hospital Association

- Kansas Humane Society
- Kansas Silver Haired Legislature, Inc.
- Kansas Wildlife Federation
- Orpheum Performing Arts Centre, Ltd.
- Prevention and Resiliency Services
- Rawlins County Health Center
- Tallgrass Film Association
- The Cedars
- The Mirror, Inc.
- True North
- Wichita Habitat for Humanity
- YWCA Northeast Kansas

The following organizations will be awarded continued funding as 2022 Leadership Transformation Grant partners:

Business Sector Partners:

- Greater Topeka Partnership

Education Sector Partners:

- Blue Valley School District
- Chanute Public Schools – USD 413
- Emporia State University
- Fort Hays State University
- Greenbush – Southeast Kansas Education Service Center
- Kansas City Kansas USD 500
- Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
- K-State Research & Extension
- Lawrence Public Schools – USD 497
- Newman University
- Seward County Community College

Faith Sector Partners:

- Catholic Diocese of Wichita
- Central Kansas Dream Center
- Douglas County, Kansas
- Kansas-Oklahoma Conference United Church of Christ
- Ministry Leadership Initiative
- Tallgrass Community Church
- Western District Conference and South Central Conference of the Mennonite Church USA

Government Sector Partners:

- City of Derby
- City of Garnett

- City of Leawood, Kansas
- City of Topeka
- City of Wichita
- Hutchinson Correctional Facility
- Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF)
- Kansas Department of Corrections
- Linn County
- Sedgwick County

Non-Profit Sector Partners:

- Catholic Charities Wichita
- Climate + Energy Project
- Community Care Network of Kansas
- EmberHope, Inc.
- Four County Mental Health Center
- Habitat for Humanity of KC
- Hutchinson Community Foundation
- Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams
- Kansas City Repertory Theatre
- Kansas Democratic Party
- Kansas Library Association
- Mattie Rhodes Center
- Music Theatre Wichita
- NBC Community Development Corporation
- Rotary Districts 5681 and 5710
- Saint Francis Ministries, Inc.
- The Chamber – Hays, KS
- The Villages Inc.
- United Ways of Kansas
- Wichita Children’s Home
- Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

Applications for Leadership Transformation Grants are accepted between June and August 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 12 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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