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LEARNING RESOURCES

GRANT OPPORTUNITY

This request for proposals (RFP) focuses on the systems impacting children's health, early learning, and high-quality education, to shift those in ways that create more opportunities for school readiness and educational success for more Kansas children.

GRANTS 101 WORKSHOP

This **workshop** will explore several topics related to Federal grants. Join The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to learn about the Federal Grant Application process, federal funding opportunities, technical resources, and engaging and collaborating with foundations.

FOOD JUSTICE

Join the Robert Wood Johnson foundation's upcoming webinar, **Reimagined in America: Advancing Food Justice** on March 5, 2021. Find out what's needed to create a more equitable and sustainable food system.

Growing a Community Food System

We all need food to survive, but according to Kansas Health Matters (2018) 12.7% of Kansans experience food insecurity. Through community initiatives, local food systems can be improved to support equitable and sustainable food access for residents.

How can we grow a community food system?

A food system is more than just economic interactions between food producers and food consumers. A food system includes social relationships and environmental management centered on a particular place. Community food systems can empower residents and improve health outcomes. You can find resources on developing community food systems here:

- [Kansas Farm and Local Food Taskforce Resources](#)
- [From Farm to Table: A Kansas Guide to Community Food Systems Assessment](#)
- [Empowering the Community to Lead: Food Systems Planning and Policy in Lawrence and Douglas County, Kansas](#)

What does food system work look like?

Click the icons below to explore different projects focused on the development and sustainability of food system in Kansas.



Lawrence, KS



Kansas City Metro



Crawford County

RILEY COUNTY



Northview Residents Advocating for Multipurpose Room & Community Kitchen

Northview Rising

Nestled in an area of Manhattan, Kansas prone to flooding and mold issues sits the Northview neighborhood. The neighborhood has a history of unmet resource needs, environmental concerns and is cut off from the larger community by Tuttle Creek Boulevard. The environment and social resources are so poor that residents experience a lower life expectancy here than on other areas of Manhattan. Debbie Nuss, chair of the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition, supports resident-led work in the Northview Neighborhood and she's concerned.

"During the pandemic, it was particularly evident that Northview residents had needs that needed to be addressed – food insecurity, lack of access to transportation, the need for rental assistance, and more," Nuss said.

In response to these issues, resident-led efforts are growing to strengthen the Northview community. **Northview Rising**, a resident-led advocacy group, has been making great strides in their efforts to improve Northview. Northview Rising is dedicated to investing resources into the neighborhood, ranging from developing mutual aid networks to advocating for a community space.

One issue the residents of Northview advocated for was a secular indoor space. Throughout 2020, members of Northview Rising requested the City of Manhattan to purchase and install a fully operational community kitchen in the Eisenhower Community Center.

Although the center is currently in development and funded by taxpayer dollars, the city denied Northview Rising's request. In response, Northview Rising partnered with the Flint Hills Wellness Coalition and the Farm and Food Council to continue their advocacy on the inclusion of an operational kitchen. Doug Benson, a member of Northview Rising, said "...there is a movement going to get other Manhattan groups involved in this advocacy work."

Northview Rising is currently a small group, but they hope to expand in the future. Benson explained that additional workgroup members would expand the capacity of the organization and help accomplish more efforts. Nuss agrees with him, adding, "My hope is that they can draw more of their neighbors and friends into the work they hope to accomplish immediately and in the future. The current cadre of residents leading the effort is small and needs support from others."

When asked what he thought was most fulfilling about being part of Northview Rising, Benson replied, "Working with the people. It's just a wonderful place to live, we have the most wonderful neighbors. The work is important because these people are important."