

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCELERATOR

Summary and Funding Recommendations for Approval
February 2, 2024



Overview of Review Process and Timeline

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - ROUND 2 PROPOSAL SUMMARY

- Round 2 - Total Proposals Received: **46** Submissions
- Round 2 - Total Funding Requested: **\$150.4 million**
- Round 2 - Total Funding Available: **\$27.7 million**

The Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grant is made possible by the US Treasury (Treasury) under the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) program established by section 604 of the Social Security Act (SSA), as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

As stated in the RFP, the Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund (KCCTF) will fund a limited number of Capital Projects Fund Accelerator grants (CPF Accelerator) to eligible applicants. The COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent public health emergency have changed the health, economic, and education landscape. Kansans have demonstrated resilience and ingenuity in developing coordinated community-driven responses, particularly for their youngest citizens. Leaders from business, education, and health sectors have joined with early childhood champions to strategize how to best meet the multi-layered needs of their employees, patients, and families. This funding opportunity seeks to support that work.

The CPF Accelerator will provide **construction-only** funding to build multi-purpose community facilities designed to jointly and directly enable **ALL** the following criteria to be considered for funding:

- The project is designed to address a critical need that resulted from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- The project ensures immediate **broadband** access to community members and for a period of no less than 5 years.
- Projects must have explicit design considerations to enable ALL the following activities for a period of no less than 5 years:

- **Licensed child care slots** to support quality care and education programming for children B-5 that enable parents and caregivers to participate in employment opportunities.
- **Work activities** to help community members engage in employment, search for employment, and/or develop the requisite skills and knowledge to become employed (carer counseling, workforce training, assistance with job search, etc).
- **Education activities** to acquire knowledge and/or skills, undertaken as part of a person’s participation in school, an academic program, extracurricular program, or social-emotional development program for students or youths, internship or professional development program, or in another educational environment.
- **Health monitoring services** for an individual’s physical and/or behavioral health.

A total of \$38 million was available across two rounds of awards. Round 1 was approved at at special meeting of the Children’s Cabinet Board on October 19, 2024, awarding 3 grants totaling \$10,254,009.

The recommendations in this slate constitute the qualified applicants from Round 2 as determined through our standard grant review process. The KCCTF and KU-CPPR team have provided TA through webinars, direct requests for assistance, and online resources made available at: <https://allinforkansaskids.org/cpf-accelerator/>

Timeline

Sept. 5, 2023	RFP Released and Kansas CommonApp portal opens
Oct. 2	Round 1 Application Deadline at 5pm CST
Oct. 3 – Oct. 13	Round 1 Review Process
Oct. 19	Round 1 Funding Approvals (KCCTF Board Meeting)
Dec. 18	Round 2 Application Deadline at 5pm CST
Dec 19 – Jan 12, 2024	Round 2 Review Process
Feb. 2	Round 2 Funding Approvals (KCCTF Board Meeting)

Round 2 – CPF Accelerator Funding Recommendations

Applicant	Funding Request	Proposed Funding	Slots Added	Proposal Overview
ABCC/Great Bend Economic Development	\$5,057,265	\$4,382,493	28	Community innovation hub centered on empowerment with overnight child care, makerspace, and health screenings.
Clay County Growth Alliance, Inc., DBA Grow Clay County	\$3,642,000	\$3,642,000	48	Multi-generational center offering both child care and senior services with mental health and training resources on-site.
Greater Manhattan Community Foundation	\$5,000,000	\$3,500,000	80	Multi-purpose incubator space for child care providers and local health, higher ed and technical programs, and job training partners.
KidZone Learning Center	\$1,251,100	\$1,251,100	88	Multi-purpose facility expanding access to child care, education, entrepreneurship resources, and mental health counseling services.
St. Benedict's Abbey	\$5,000,000	\$4,999,999	140	Former correctional complex site with career closet, care coordination services, and 24-hour child care.
Storytime Village, Inc.	\$5,000,000	\$4,999,999	50	Literacy-based community center for all ages focused on removing barriers for families to receive quality care and resources.
USD 258	\$4,970,400	\$4,970,400	24	Community Care Center including child care, career counseling, adult learning resources, and a pharmacy.
Total Proposed Funding		\$27,745,991	458	Total Child Care Slots Added

ABCC/Great Bend Economic Development

Overview

Establish the Great Bend Innovation Hub, a center designed to ignite a culture of innovation and empowerment while adding 28 new overnight-shift child care slots in the community by May 2025. Through collaborative partnerships in healthcare, workforce, and educational institutions, the hub will offer a comprehensive range of services to elevate the overall quality of life in the community. This includes a community Makerspace, a workforce service hub, a curated schedule of classes, podcast and broadcasting center, commercial kitchen space available for community, and health screenings and preventative care. (Application # 4647)

- City: **Great Bend**
- County: **Barton**
- Total Project Budget: **\$5,963,014**
- Accelerator Request: **\$5,057,265**
- Accelerator Award: **\$4,382,493**
- New Slots Added: **28**

Clay County Growth Alliance, Inc., DBA Grow Clay County

Overview

Clay Center Multi-Generational Life Center aims to address a spectrum of community challenges by providing a versatile space catered to the diverse needs of different age groups and demographics. The grand opening in April of 2025 will mean space for new child care slots for up to 48 children as well as several common spaces to foster community and connection with local partners. The Center will house a senior space, commercial kitchen available for the community, youth lounge, training rooms/coworking space for workforce and educational programming, and health monitoring services with an emphasis on mental well-being from Pawnee Mental Health. (Application # 4618)

- City: **Clay Center**
- County: **Clay**
- Total Project Budget: **\$4,660,050**
- Accelerator Request: **\$3,642,000**
- Accelerator Award: **\$3,642,000**
- New Slots Added: **48**

Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

Overview

The Flint Hills Community Accelerator will take a holistic, collaborative, comprehensive approach to meet the needs of the Manhattan community. Partnerships with Heartland Works and Manhattan Area Technical College will provide programs and services for job seekers and adult learners in the community, while primary care services will be provided by the Manhattan Free Health Clinic. Child care will be expanded through a business incubator model with 8 independent child care businesses housed in one facility. (Application # 4636)

- City: **Manhattan**
- County: **Riley**
- Total Project Budget: **\$8,609,100**
- Accelerator Request: **\$5,000,000**
- Accelerator Award: **\$3,500,000**
- New Slots Added: **80**

KidZone Learning Center

Overview

Multi-purpose facility to include a new licensed child care space (88 slots), a Hy-Flex computer lab, a business incubator program, and a mental health counseling office. This will increase access to child care for lower income families, make online degree programs available to the community at discounted rates, create workforce and job training opportunities, and provide mental health services for the uninsured, under-insured and those who receive Medicaid. (Application # 4440)

- City: **Overland Park**
- County: **Johnson**
- Total Project Budget: **\$2,074,450**
- Accelerator Request: **\$1,251,100**
- Accelerator Award: **\$1,251,100**
- New Slots Added: **88**

St. Benedict's Abbey

Overview

Transform the previous site of the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility into the beautiful new First Steps with Abbey Children & Family Complex. Child care services will be available no later than June 2025 (140 slots). Community partners will use the space for a career closet and a workforce training program. Local higher education partners will provide a tutoring program and practicum opportunities, while the Atchison Community Health Clinic will expand medical, dental, and mental health services on site. (Application # 4669)

- City: **Atchison**
- County: **Atchison**
- Total Project Budget: **\$8,241,580**
- Accelerator Request: **\$5,000,000**
- Accelerator Award: **\$4,999,999**
- New Slots Added: **140**

Storytime Village, Inc.

Overview

Open a Literacy Center in a low-income area of NE Wichita providing daily education activities, workshops, and programs to help improve literacy in the community. A new child care space will enroll 50 children by March 2025. The Workforce Alliance will provide on-site job fairs, workforce training programs, and registered apprenticeship opportunities. The Center will partner with HealthCore Clinic for coordinated care, health screenings, and referrals as well as on-site mobile clinic services. (Application # 4435)

- City: **Wichita**
- County: **Sedgwick**
- Total Project Budget: **\$7,010,564**
- Accelerator Request: **\$5,000,000**
- Accelerator Award: **\$4,999,999**
- New Slots Added: **50**

USD 258

Overview

Cubs Community Care Center will include a new 11,400 sq. ft. facility at the current Athletic and Community complex. The facility will include 24 child care slots (focused on infant and toddler care) and an apprenticeship program for early childhood. Onsite career counselors will assist job seekers with job readiness, application support, and interview preparation. The facility will house an integrated system of care for people birth through adulthood, including primary and mental health care as well as a pharmacy. An expansion of USD 258 Virtual Education Center will provide adult diploma opportunities and satellite college courses. (Application # 4648)

- City: **Humboldt**
- County: **Allen**
- Total Project Budget: **\$7,886,670**
- Accelerator Request: **\$4,970,400**
- Accelerator Award: **\$4,970,400**
- New Slots Added: **24**