



## WHAT IS THE CPF ACCELERATOR?

Through a competitive process, the **Kansas Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund** awarded 10 **Capital Projects Fund Accelerator** grants (CPF Accelerator) to qualified applicants across Kansas. CPF Accelerator grants were a one-time opportunity made possible by the US Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.\*

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent public health emergency changed our state's health, economic, and education landscape. Kansans responded to these changes with resilience and ingenuity, developing coordinated, community-driven supports.

Leaders from business, education, and health sectors joined with early childhood champions to meet the multi-layered needs of employees, patients, and families. This funding opportunity is one aspect of our state's response to pandemic-related challenges.

The CPF Accelerator provides **construction-only funding to build multi-purpose community facilities** that jointly and directly:

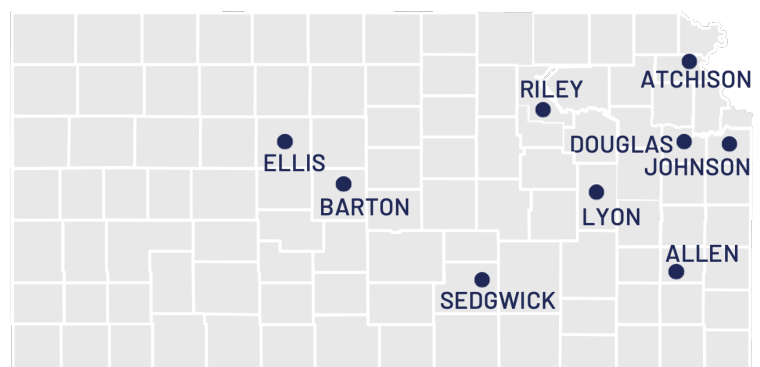
- address a critical need that resulted from or was made apparent or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- create new **licensed child care slots** providing quality care and education and enabling parents/caregivers (of children birth to age 5) to participate in employment opportunities;
- provide **work and educational activities** to help community members search for and engage in employment, and/or develop the skills and knowledge to become employed;
- ensure immediate **broadband access** to community members for at least 5 years; and
- offer **health monitoring services** for community members' physical and/or behavioral health.

## \$38 million awarded

**Round 1** approved at a special meeting of the Kansas Children's Cabinet on October 19, 2024, awarding three grants totaling \$10,254,009.

**Round 2** approved at the February 2, 2024, regular meeting of the Kansas Children's Cabinet, awarding seven additional grants totaling \$27,745,991.

## GRANTEE LOCATIONS



*\*The Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund program was established by section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.*

## CPF ACCELERATOR Grantee Details

Grantee	Award	Slots	Project
<b>Community Children's Center, Inc.</b>	\$4.9 million	69	The Douglas County Early Childhood Community Center will provide drop-in and occasional care with sliding scale tuition along with wraparound services including educational programming, health monitoring, and broadband access.
<b>The Grove Community Center</b>	\$3,597,250	77	The Grove Community Center will bring 77 child care slots to Hays, Kansas, in a multi-generational setting. The Center will facilitate access to work and educational activities offered throughout the community, and exemplifies collaboration across higher education, economic development, local governance, and the medical communities.
<b>Little Lyons of Emporia</b>	\$1,756,759	167	Little Lyons of Emporia will provide 167 new child care slots and a range of community supports including mental health services, vocational workshops, and training activities. Little Lyons is also working with partners to help support basic needs and become a vibrant hub for community connection.
<b>ABCC/Great Bend Economic Development</b>	\$4,382,493	28	The Great Bend Innovation Hub will add 28 new overnight child care slots. Through partnerships with healthcare, education, and others, the hub will provide a community makerspace, workforce services, a curated schedule of classes, a podcast and broadcasting center, commercial kitchen space, health screenings, and preventative care.
<b>Clay County Growth Alliance, Inc., DBA Grow Clay County</b>	\$3,642,000	48	The Clay County Multi-Generational Life Center will provide space for 48 new child care slots and will house a senior space, commercial kitchen, youth lounge, training rooms/co-working spaces, and health monitoring services with an emphasis on mental well-being from Pawnee Mental Health.
<b>Greater Manhattan Community Foundation</b>	\$3.5 million	80	The Flint Hills Community Accelerator will expand child care slots through a business incubator model with eight independent child care businesses housed in one facility. Partnerships with Heartland Works and Manhattan Area Technical College will provide services for job seekers and adult learners, and primary care services will be provided by the Manhattan Free Health Clinic.
<b>KidZone Learning Center</b>	\$1,251,100	88	The KidZone Learning Center will host a new child care space and mental health counseling office. A computer lab and business incubator will make online degree programs available to the community at discounted rates, and create workforce and job training opportunities.
<b>St. Benedict's Abbey</b>	\$4,999,999	140	The previous site of the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Facility will be transformed into the First Steps with Abbey Children & Family Complex. Child care services, a workforce training program and career closet, and tutoring and practicum opportunities will be available along with medical, dental, and mental health services on site through the Atchison Community Health Clinic.
<b>Storytime Village, Inc.</b>	\$4,999,999	50	Storytime Village will offer a new child care center and programs to help improve literacy in the community. The Workforce Alliance will provide on-site job fairs, workforce training programs, and registered apprenticeship opportunities. The HealthCore Clinic will provide coordinated care, health screenings, and mobile clinic services.
<b>USD 258</b>	\$4,970,400	24	Cubs Community Care Center will provide child care and an apprenticeship program for early childhood. Career counselors will assist job seekers with job readiness, applications, and interview preparation. The facility will house primary and mental health services and a pharmacy. An expansion of USD 258 Virtual Education Center will provide adult diploma opportunities and satellite college courses.