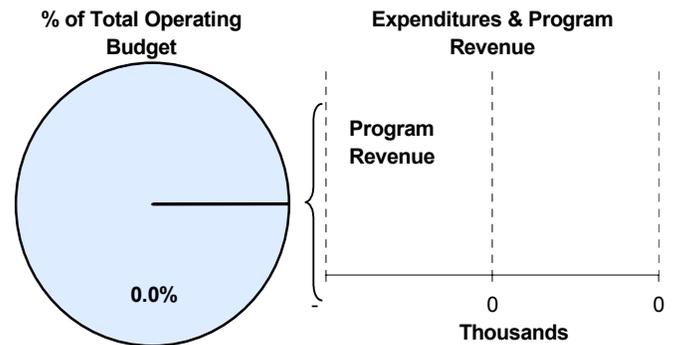
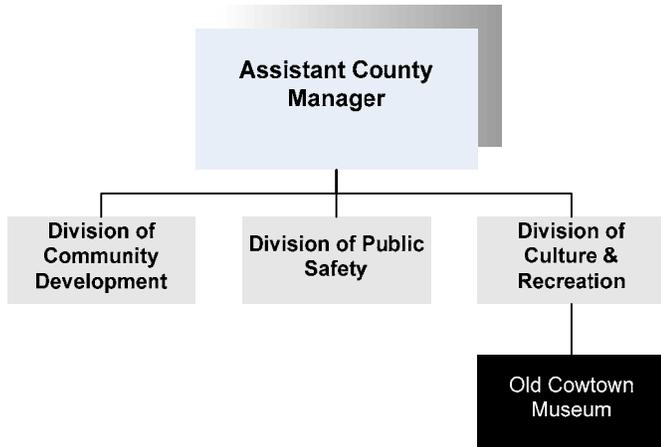




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Mission:

- Preserve and present the history of Wichita and Sedgwick County, Kansas from 1865 through 1880.



Program Information

Old Cowtown Museum is a 25-acre living history museum set on the banks of the Arkansas River just west of downtown Wichita. On this site, 35 buildings of historical significance to Wichita and Sedgwick County have been assembled, along with numerous authentic reproductions. The Museum hosts school programs and special events staffed by both paid and volunteer workers.

On August 14, 2007 the Wichita City Council carried the motion to terminate their 99-year lease agreement with Historic Wichita-Sedgwick County, Inc. Upon the termination of the lease, the City of Wichita, through the Arts and Cultural Services Division, assumed responsibility for the daily operations of Old Cowtown Museum. The City also became responsible financially for the facility operations. Cowtown entered into a joint agreement with the City and retain its 501C3 non-profit status. The Cowtown Board of Directors serves as advisors to the City.

In light of actions taken by the City of Wichita, the 2009 Sedgwick County budget, similar to the 2008 budget, will not include funding for Cowtown. County funding for Cowtown ceased at the completion of the 2007 fiscal year.

Prior to August of 2007, the Museum was operated by Historic Wichita-Sedgwick County, Inc., which is governed by a local Board of Directors. As a private, non-profit organization, financial support came from the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, sponsorships, grants, donations and earned income. Sedgwick County participated in funding the activities of the museum by supporting nine full-time positions and seasonal part-time employees.



