

## FUNDING TO COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### INTRODUCTION:

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Sedgwick County has partnered with and provides partial funding for several community agencies in an effort to be a value driven, regional leader seeking innovative opportunities and collaborative partnerships to deliver quality public services. Those programs are outlined below.

### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMUNITY PROGRAMS:

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#### Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

The Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County is the centralized resource for child abuse victims and their caregivers. Their multidisciplinary approach helps families address the overwhelming maze of services. With developmental and cultural sensitivity to the needs of each child, support services are provided by well-trained professionals in the following areas:

- Child Family Advocacy
- Law Enforcement Investigation
- Child Protective Services
- Medical and Mental Health Care Evaluations and Therapy
- Prosecution/Child in Need of Care Case Management

This approach provides abused children and their caregivers a sense of security as they are rescued from their trauma and find hope for a future beyond the pain and suffering from the abuse.

#### Nonprofit Chamber of Service

The Nonprofit Chamber of Service (NPCS) serves to establish and grow successful nonprofit organizations that contribute to improving the quality of life in the community. NPCS achieves this by providing training, networking, support, and resources and by encouraging collaboration and alliances between nonprofit organizations, businesses, government, educational institutions, and the community.

### CULTURE AND RECREATION:

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#### Exploration Place

Exploration Place: The Sedgwick County Science and Discovery Center is the premier venue for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in the community, thus supporting the workforce development pipeline. The museum provides educational programs, hosts several events and rotating exhibits, and has permanent exhibits for the community to enjoy.

#### Sedgwick County Fair Association, Inc.

The mission and purpose of the Sedgwick County Fair Association, Inc. is to hold the annual fair and to provide exhibitions and entertainment. The Association continues to have representation from every township in the County, working closely with the local 4-H chapters to promote youth education, agriculture, and the arts. The bulk of the fair operations are performed by volunteers, and family entertainment is readily available with the carnival, ranch rodeo, demolition derby, parade, and all the other entertaining activities.

The Sedgwick County Fair has been cancelled for 2020.

## **Sedgwick County Zoo**

The 224-acre Sedgwick County Zoo opened in 1971 and has been ranked among the best zoos in the world. Displaying more than 3,000 animals of nearly 400 species, the Zoo is the number one outdoor tourist attraction in Kansas. The Sedgwick County Zoo has been recognized with national and international awards for support of field conservation programs and successful breeding of rare and endangered species. The Zoo has the 13th largest animal collection in all North American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facilities. The collection includes the 13th largest of both species and specimens, including amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

The Zoo offers education programs for all ages, sponsors special events for the public, accommodates after-hour rentals for corporate events, and provides volunteer opportunities for more than 775 individuals. In addition to recreational opportunities, Sedgwick County Zoo is dedicated to the conservation of natural heritage and is active in the preservation of both zoo and wild animals.

## **The Kansas African American Museum**

The Kansas African American Museum (TKAAM) is a cultural arts, historical archive, and civic engagement center that has served the Wichita/Sedgwick County Community for nearly 40 years, occupying a building owned by Sedgwick County.

As one of the few museums in the State and the only one in the County dedicated to the Kansas African American experience, they are an important pathway to cultural understanding. TKAAM is an important archive where academics and genealogist come to do their research. The museum offers affordable, educational, and family friendly activities for the entire family.

## **The Arts Council**

The Arts Council works with the City of Wichita to strengthen art venues and promote cultural arts within the community through advocacy, leadership, education, and collaboration. The Arts Council operates with these four goals in mind:

- Encourage the acquisition, appreciation, and access to the diverse fine arts in our region
- Continue advocacy efforts for the arts
- Continue to demonstrate leadership in the development of public policy for the arts
- Educate the community in every aspect of the arts and the business of the arts

The Division of Arts & Cultural Services staff provides office support for the Arts Council, as they direct all their funds to grants and programming. The Arts Council also works closely with CityArts, and though they do not have an office space in the building, the Council uses CityArts as their mailing address.

## **Wichita Riverfest**

The mission of the Wichita Riverfest is to produce a community celebration that brings diverse groups together for the purpose of celebrating Wichita; to enhance the quality of life, and to build community fellowship and civic pride of all the citizens of Sedgwick County.

Rivefest benefits both youth and adults throughout the community, as well as the community in general. Riverfest also gives participating businesses a valuable opportunity to show their community pride and spirit. Area business leaders see this as a huge attribute to improving employee productivity and pride, as well as attracting new employees to their organization.

Wichita Riverfest has been cancelled for 2020.

## **Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum**

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum Association seeks to educate the community and its visitors about local history by collecting, preserving, and interpreting materials reflecting the heritage of Wichita and Sedgwick County. The museum collection has evolved from a core of early memorabilia to over 80,000 artifacts relating to Wichita and Sedgwick County from 1865 to the present. The artifacts range from photographs to fashions and business records to furniture.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

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### **Extension Council**

Kansas State (K-State) Research and Extension - Sedgwick County is comprised of a group of agents who belong to a statewide network of educators sharing unbiased, research-based information and expertise on issues important to Kansas. With 131 years of research and 104 years of extension, K-State Research and Extension has been improving the quality of life and standard of living for Kansans for a century. This integrated system connects Kansas State University to the people of Sedgwick County through these locally based educators who serve as sources of objective information.

Sedgwick County Extension provides practical, research-based education to help people, businesses, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future.

### **The Mediation Center**

The Mediation Center provides both quality training for mediators and mediation services. Mediation is a confidential process in which a trained mediator assists the parties in developing their own solution to a problem.

Mediators currently serve Wichita and South Central Kansas in the court system in Small Claims, Domestic, Civil, and Juvenile Court. The Center also provides services to the community in Parent Adolescent, Truancy, Behavior Problems in School and at Home, Consumer Protection, Real Estate Transaction, Code Violations, and Neighborhood Disputes. Each year, mediators assist hundreds of parties in finding a solution to disagreements that does not impact the court system, leaving those resources available for more complex issues.

### **Wichita Transit Authority for Oaklawn**

The Wichita Transit Authority (WTA) provides access for more than 3,000 residents to employment and education opportunities, as well as various other destinations at an affordable cost.

## **BUDGET INFORMATION:**

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The following chart outlines 2020 operating budgets for the for the community agencies detailed above, the County's 2020 contribution to those agencies, and what percentage that contribution is to their total operating budget.

2021 Budget Development

PROGRAMS	2020 Operating Budget	2020 County Contribution	% of Total Budget
<b>Public Services Community Programs</b>			
Child Advocacy Center (FY20)	\$ 1,409,483	\$ 205,000	14.5%
Nonprofit Chamber of Service	\$ 136,954	\$ 10,000	7.3%
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation Community Programs</b>			
Exploration Place (contractual amount) (FY 20)	\$ 4,748,000	\$ 2,020,930	42.6%
Sedgwick County Fair Association, Inc.	\$ 115,000	\$ 29,427	25.6%
Sedgwick County Zoo (contractual amount)	\$ 6,746,998	\$ 2,400,220	35.6%
The Kansas African American Museum	\$ 388,003	\$ 172,827	44.5%
The Arts Council	\$ 62,500	\$ 15,000	24.0%
Wichita Riverfest*	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 10,000	0.5%
Wichita / Sedgwick County Historical Museum	\$ 652,500	\$ 90,218	13.8%
<b>Community Development</b>			
Extension Council	\$ 1,381,670	\$ 825,481	59.7%
<b>Community Development Community Programs</b>			
Mediation Center*	\$ 7,800	\$ 8,000	102.6%
Wichita Transit Authority for Oaklawn	\$ 37,117	\$ 38,795	104.5%

\*Approximate amount