

Extension Council

Mission: *Dedicated to a safe, competitive, food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis, and education.*

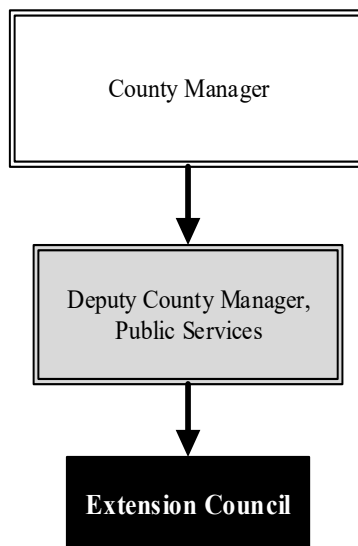
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Overview

Sedgwick County Extension improves lives, livelihoods, and communities through education, research, engagements, and leadership. The Extension Council (EC) accomplishes this through programming and educational resources designed to address challenges. The EC focus on critical issues such as conserving water and natural resources, advancing agriculture and food systems, developing the State's future leaders and helping Sedgwick County citizens thrive through economic health and community enriching efforts.

The EC is comprised of 24 elected members who are each connected to the four program categories (Agriculture/Horticulture, Community Vitality, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Youth Development). An Executive Board of nine members is selected from the EC roster and works with the Director to provide oversight of programs and services.



Highlights

- Integrity to develop and deliver research-based credible information
- Communication to provide common understanding, involving cooperation and unity
- Leadership to serve as an agent of change
- Create opportunities to connect to underserved audiences across the county

Strategic Goals:

- *Identify five new opportunities to educate Sedgwick County residents, fellow nonprofits, and government leaders on purpose and impact of Extension services each year and be deliberate to ensure communication is heard and understood*
- *Secure three new funding partners for programming through grants or gifts by the end of the year*
- *Continue current programming but also address the Delivering on the Promise efforts which encourages county extension leaders to assist with relevant and real-time issues to communities*



Accomplishments and Strategic Results

Accomplishments

In 2024, the EC made 8,559 direct contacts through workshops and programs where demographics were collected, and over 1.6 million indirect contacts made through large events, television, social media, and walk-ins.

To highlight a few of the Extension Council programs:

- Healthy Corner Store Initiative (HCSI) - WSU Community Engagement Institute asked Extension agents to serve as the nutrition consultants for the city initiative, where they will be working with 11 corner stores throughout low-income, low-access communities in Wichita;
- Plant A Row for the Hungry program collected 4,404 pounds of fresh produce and passed them on to community partners;
- Libraries with heart-blood pressure monitors were made available in the Wichita, Clearwater, and Mt. Hope libraries so patrons can check out and self-measure their blood pressure at home; and
- Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) provided an opportunity to speak with a trained volunteers to help patrons answer medical questions. People seen in 2024 totaled 2,179 and 3,021 answered phone calls.

Strategic Results

The Master Gardeners have broadened their fundraising into large-scale events and have been able to bring in additional funding for the program.

The nutrition areas have worked to secure additional grants to support initiatives like the Kitchen Restore and HCSI.

Additionally, the Extension Council is planning to continue Medicare counseling through SHICK, and are working with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services (KDADS) to minimize services, removing the fraud component and hotline oversight from the Extension Council.

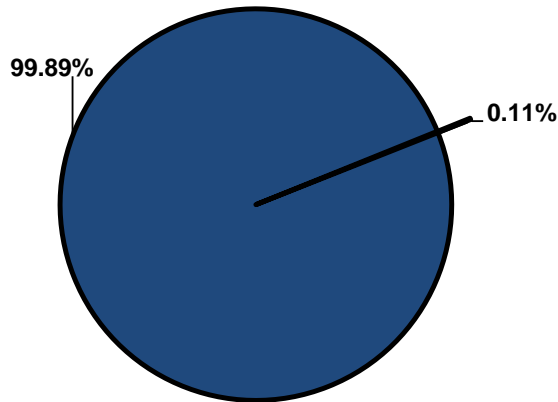


Significant Budget Adjustments

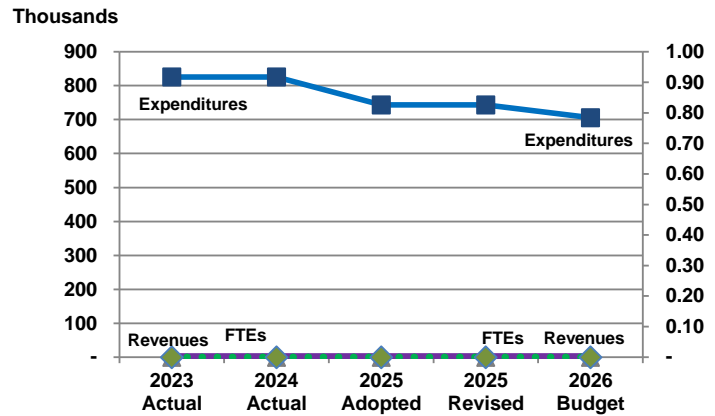
Significant adjustments to the Extension Council's 2026 Recommended Budget include a decrease in contractals (\$37,147) to offset a budget imbalance.

Departmental Graphical Summary

Extension Council
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 Revised	2026 Budget	Amount Chg '25 Rev.-'26	% Chg '25 Rev.-'26
Expenditures							
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contractual Services	825,481	825,481	742,933	742,933	705,786	(37,147)	-5.00%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	825,481	825,481	742,933	742,933	705,786	(37,147)	-5.00%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses and Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)							
Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Property Tax Funded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total FTEs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Budget Summary by Fund

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 Revised	2026 Budget	Amount Chg '25 Rev.-'26	% Chg '25 Rev.-'26
Fund							
General Fund	825,481	825,481	742,933	742,933	705,786	(37,147)	-5.00%
Total Expenditures	825,481	825,481	742,933	742,933	705,786	(37,147)	-5.00%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

	Expenditures	Revenues	FTEs
Decrease in contractuals to offset a budget imbalance	(37,147)		

Total (37,147) - -

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 Revised	2026 Budget	% Chg '25 Rev.-'26	25-'26' FTEs
Extension Council	110	825,481	825,481	742,933	742,933	705,786	-5.00%	-
Total		825,481	825,481	742,933	742,933	705,786	-5.00%	-