

Extension Council

Mission: *K-State Extension in Sedgwick County's mission is to connect university research with local needs to deliver practical education and solutions that strengthen individuals, families, businesses, and communities.*

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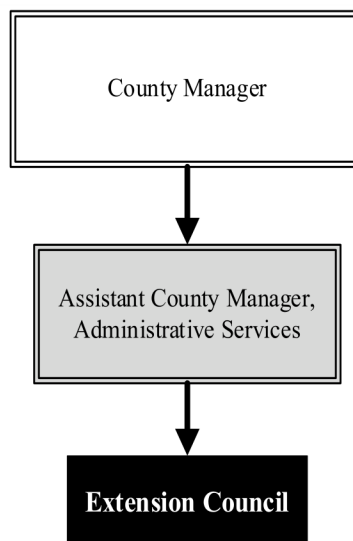
Overview

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:

- Increase organizational effectiveness by prioritizing high-impact Extension programs
- Deliver prevention-based health and food systems education that improves health outcomes, strengthens household financial stability, and reduces future county costs by decreasing reliance on healthcare and social support systems
- Strengthen partnerships with the commercial agriculture and horticulture industry to expand access to research-based education, support workforce development, and drive economic impact



Accomplishments and Strategic Results

Accomplishments

In 2025, Sedgwick County Extension Council program highlights include:

- Extension agents trained in food and nutrition education partnered with 32 organizations and schools, including Habitat for Humanity, the Sedgwick County Health Department, the Boys and Girls Club, and Southeast High School to reach 1,952 individuals with nutrition education that lead to healthier eating habits, improved food security, and reduced health care costs.
- Through Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK), Extension agents and volunteers completed 2,183 free Medicare counseling appointments in 2025, saving Sedgwick County beneficiaries \$2.0 million.
- Extension Master Gardeners delivered research-based guidance to 100,574 residents, including 2,399 direct consultations, through the Garden Hotline, helping homeowners, landowners, and landscape professionals avoid costly errors, reduce input costs, and protect investments in landscapes, water and pesticide use.
- 4-H youth development agents provided programming in agriculture literacy, career-readiness, science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, and leadership and citizenship skills to 11,200 plus youth at area schools, McConnell Air Force Base, and community organizations.

Strategic Results

The Sedgwick County Extension Council had these strategic goals and results for 2025:

In 2025 the Sedgwick County Extension Council aimed to offer timely programs, resources, and solutions that met community needs. Extension agents offered a new program, Money Habitudes, focused on building financial literacy. Participants reported increased financial self-awareness, improved budgeting decisions, reduced financial stress, and stronger long-term financial stability.

The Sedgwick County Extension Council also aimed to leverage partnerships and external resources to scale impact and delivery capacity. Across all program areas, Extension agents collaborated with 50 plus partner organizations and 417 volunteers to reach new audiences. The Sedgwick County Extension Education Center rented 1,986 meeting spaces serving an estimated 45,000 plus citizens. The facility, in partnership with Sedgwick County, serves as a hub for research-based education and community engagement.

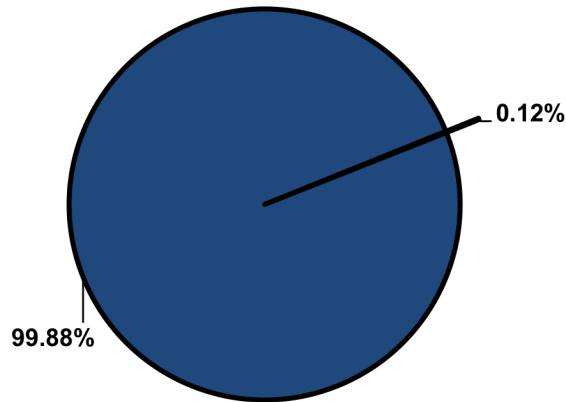


Significant Budget Adjustments

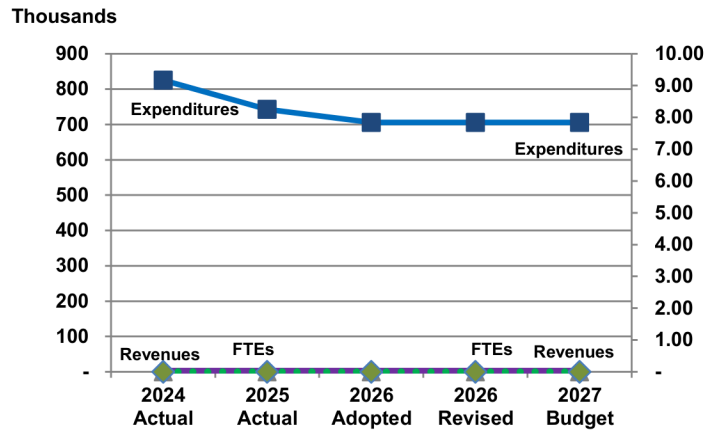
There are no significant adjustments to the Extension Council's 2027 Recommended Budget.

Departmental Graphical Summary

Extension Council
Percent of Total County Operating Budget



Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs
All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Category

	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amount Chg '26 Rev.-'27	% Chg '26 Rev.-'27
Expenditures							
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contractual Services	825,481	742,933	705,786	705,786	705,786	-	0.00%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	825,481	742,933	705,786	705,786	705,786	-	0.00%
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

Fund	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	Amount Chg '26 Rev.-'27	% Chg '26 Rev.-'27
General Fund	825,481	742,933	705,786	705,786	705,786	-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	825,481	742,933	705,786	705,786	705,786	-	0.00%

Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

Expenditures Revenues FTEs

Total - - -

Budget Summary by Program

Program	Fund	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Adopted	2026 Revised	2027 Budget	% Chg '26 Rev.-'27	26-'27' FTEs
Extension Council	110	825,481	742,933	705,786	705,786	705,786	0.00%	-
Total		825,481	742,933	705,786	705,786	705,786	0.00%	-