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*“When rural Kansas succeeds,
the state as a whole succeeds.”*

-Lt.Governor Lynn Rogers



2020 ORP Virtual Tour
August 22, 2020
1:30-3:00 p.m.

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#ORPTour2020

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- ORP Overview, Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers
- Childcare and Early Education, Melissa Rooker
- Housing, Ryan Vincent
- Community Development, Kayla Savage
- ORP Policy Priorities, Joshua McGinn
- Special Guest, Rich Felts with Kansas Farm Bureau
- Fellow Kansans, Governor Laura Kelly
- Looking Forward, Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers



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#LynnListens

Join us as Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers visits your town to discuss plans for rural prosperity in Kansas. He wants to hear what you have to say!



Listening Tour Schedule

Nickerson - June 17th	Winfield - July 8th	Concordia - August 1st
Atchison - June 20th	Lindsborg - July 10th	Sabetha - August 5th
Colby - June 24th	Garnett - July 22nd	Dodge City - August 7th
Phillipsburg - June 25th	Independence - July 23rd	
	Ulysses - July 30th	

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RURAL PROSPERITY LISTENING TOUR

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Expanding Capacity

- ORP Staff
 - Jillian Fisher, Outreach Director
 - Joshua McGinn, Policy Analyst
- Community Development Division
 - The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
 - The Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP)
 - The Kansas Main Street Program
 - The Office of Broadband Development



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Interagency Work Groups & Policy Priorities

- Looking at things from a Rural angle
- Three “Rs”: Research, Resources, and Recommendations
- Childcare
- Housing
- Broadband
- Rural healthcare
- Additional Infrastructure



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August 2020

Early Childhood Care and Education – 6,000 Voices

Central Messages:

- The experiences of families with young children in Kansas are **shaped by where they live**, both across the regions of the state and within their communities.
- Young children are growing up in families where **basic needs are not being met**.

Key Findings:

Accessibility



Availability



Navigation



Collaboration



Workforce



Facilities



Systems Alignment



Bright Spots



Needs Assessment

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All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan

➤ Our Vision: *Every Child Thrives*

➤ Goals, Strategies, Tactics, and Indicators of Success:

- State Level Coordination
- Community Level Coordination
- Family Knowledge and Choice
- Private Sector Collaboration
- Capacity and Access
- Workforce
- Quality and Environments



State: State agencies



Local: Individuals or small group champions



Partner: Statewide and/or community-level organizations, businesses, school systems, and philanthropy



Policy: Elected officials

Strategic Plan

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Our Tomorrows – Stories from Kansans

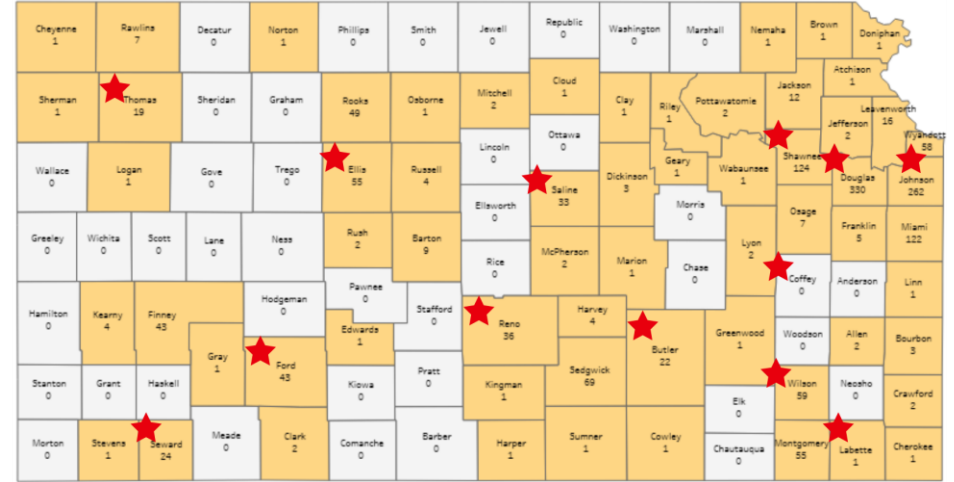
Rural Kansans Experience

- Acceptance, hesitance, confusion, and frustration in response to COVID-19
- COVID-19 Impact on employment, healthcare, technology, financial struggles

Understand Impact

- Stories offer deeper context for understanding the real impact on families
- Perspectives in the words of Kansans
- Informs our decision-making

<https://ourtomorro.ws/ORP>



(Map updated on 08/19/2020)

We asked for input, **we heard** your stories, and we are responding!

Rural Voices

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Response to COVID-19

➤ Listening

- Bi-weekly webinars, fielded questions and concerns.
- Share form for questions/concerns on Children's Cabinet webpage.
- Our Tomorrows Stories and Scans

➤ Resources

- Child Care Action Labs – mini grants
- Hero Relief Program – Dept. of Children & Families
- KCCTF Website and weekly email updates

**Early Childhood Care
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Response to COVID-19

➤ CARES Act – County-Level Support

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- Early Childhood Consultant Network – help early childhood services and providers respond to the COVID-19 crisis.
- Early Childhood Workforce Health Fund – help uninsured early childhood workers with medical expenses directly attributable to COVID-19.
- Technologies for Families Fund – provide access to equipment and devices to support virtual access for families served by early childhood care and education providers.

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Strategic Plan – Next Steps

➤ **Preschool Development Birth – Five Renewal Grant**

- Three year renewal \$8.9 million per year
- Will build on Needs Assessment & Strategic Plan

➤ **Infrastructure Solutions:**

- Workforce (Goal 6) - Recruitment and retention, training and professional development, and a workforce registry to support career advancement.
- Common Application(Goal 1) - Streamline process with a single application to apply for multiple funding opportunities.
- Community Subgrants (Goal 5) - Fund community-generated solutions to equip and connect providers and community-based services in ways that make getting access to care easier for children and families.

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QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Connect with your county CARES Act efforts –
#EarlyChildhoodsEssential

Share your thoughts: www.kschildrenscabinet.org/share

Share your story: <https://ourtomorro.ws/ORP>

Melissa Rooker - mrooker@ksde.org, Executive Director
Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund

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Unlocking Home

Ryan Vincent
Executive Director



Kansas Housing: Overview

Who we are: A self-supporting, nonprofit public corporation, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) administers housing and community programs across Kansas.

What we do: We help Kansans access the safe, affordable housing they need and the dignity they deserve.

Who we work with: Local government officials, mortgage lenders, business leaders, developers, builders, property managers, real estate professionals, service providers, homeless / affordable housing advocates, nonprofit organizations, government agencies.



Our Programs

EMERGENCY HOUSING

- + Emergency Solutions Grant

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

- + Community Services Block Grant
- + Tenant Based Rental Assistance

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

- + Low Income Housing Tax Credit
- + HOME
- + Moderate Income Housing
- + National Housing Trust Fund

HOMEOWNERSHIP

- + First Time Homebuyer Program
- + Manufactured Housing

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- + Weatherization Assistance

COMPLIANCE

- + Contract Administration
- + Housing Compliance



Community Solutions

- The [Emergency Solutions Grant \(ESG\)](#), through a network of service providers, offers assistance to those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.
- The [Community Services Block Grant \(CSBG\)](#) program aims to reduce poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and empower low-income families and individuals to become fully self-sufficient. CSBG serves low-income Kansans through a collaborative partnership with eight local entities, funded through KHRC.
- [TBRA](#) helps income-eligible households with rent and security and/or utility deposit payments. Assistance is distributed via a statewide network of grantees.



Housing Development

- Financed through various programs:
 - [Low Income Housing Tax Credits](#)
 - [HOME Rental Development](#)
 - [National Housing Trust Fund](#)
- 2021 draft [Qualified Allocation Plan](#), which guides how tax credits are awarded, will give additional points to underserved counties to encourage development in these areas.
- In 2019: 22 projects awarded, totaling 1436 homes for Kansans



Housing Development



Lee Lofts: 53-unit historic rehab family housing in Salina, financed via tax credits, HOME funds



Housing Development



The Link I and II: 29-unit new construction development for seniors and people with disabilities in Hutchinson, placed in service January 2019.



Housing Development



Grant Prairie Townhomes II: 10-unit new construction senior housing in Ulysses, placed in service December 2016.

Moderate Income Housing

The [Moderate Income Housing program](#) serves the needs of moderate-income households that don't qualify for federal housing assistance. MIH grants and/or loans are awarded to cities and counties to develop multi-family rental units and single-family for-purchase homes in communities with populations fewer than 60,000 people. This funding is allocated by the state legislature.



MIH Projects/Developments



Dodge City: Has developed 14 MIH units, including a duplex and a single-family home. The duplex was built in partnership with Dodge City Community College building trades students.

Homeownership & Compliance

- [First Time Homebuyer Program](#) helps income-eligible households purchase their first home by providing down payment assistance. The program allows qualifying homebuyers to apply for a 0% interest loan in the amount of 15% or 20% of the purchase price of the home. The loan is forgiven if the buyer remains in the home for 10 years!
- Ongoing monitoring, compliance conducted by KHRC's Contract Administration and Housing Compliance Divisions.
 - **722** properties monitored across the state



Kansas Housing Conference

- August 24 – 28, 2020 – FREE
 - <http://kshousingconference.org/>
- General sessions:
 - Housing Needs in Kansas
 - Identifying Housing Resources and Potential Solutions
 - Expanding Housing Opportunities in Kansas
 - Managing Housing Development and Administration During a Pandemic
- Featured panelists / organizations:
 - Kansas Housing Association
 - HUD
 - Office of Rural Prosperity
 - Kansas Legal Services
 - Housing Credit and Counseling, Inc.
 - National Conference of State Housing Agencies
 - SPARK Task Force



Kansas Case Study: Norton

Best practices:

- Met with Kansas Housing officials to get process started
- Needs assessment: Researched resources, partners, needs
- Developed action plan to address specific community needs within context of existing resources
- Participated in HIAC process with Kansas Housing, Department of Commerce to identify partners, resources



Resources and Action Steps

- For Community Solutions services, reach out to your area's service provider.
- Reach out to local city / county leaders.

Moderate Income Housing:

- Applications due **September 28, 2020**
- Contact: Alissa Ice, aice@kshousingcorp.org

Kansas Housing Conference:

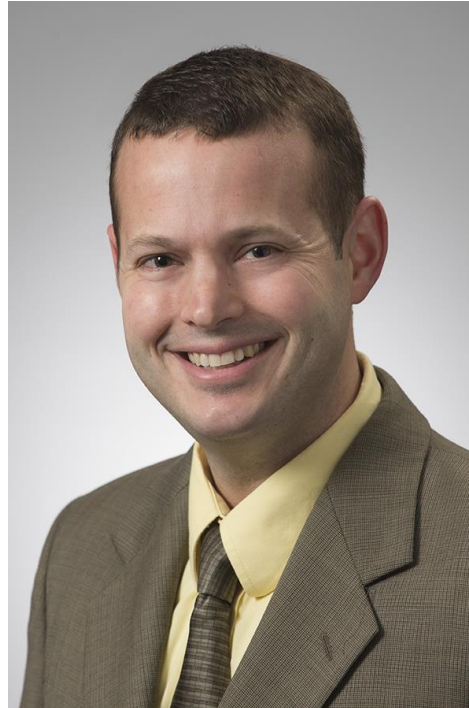
- Connect with housing leaders, developers, community advocates
- Learn about housing resources, programs

Stay in the loop!

- Watch our [Current Announcements page](#) or [subscribe](#) to our email list for updates.



Questions?



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Community Development Division

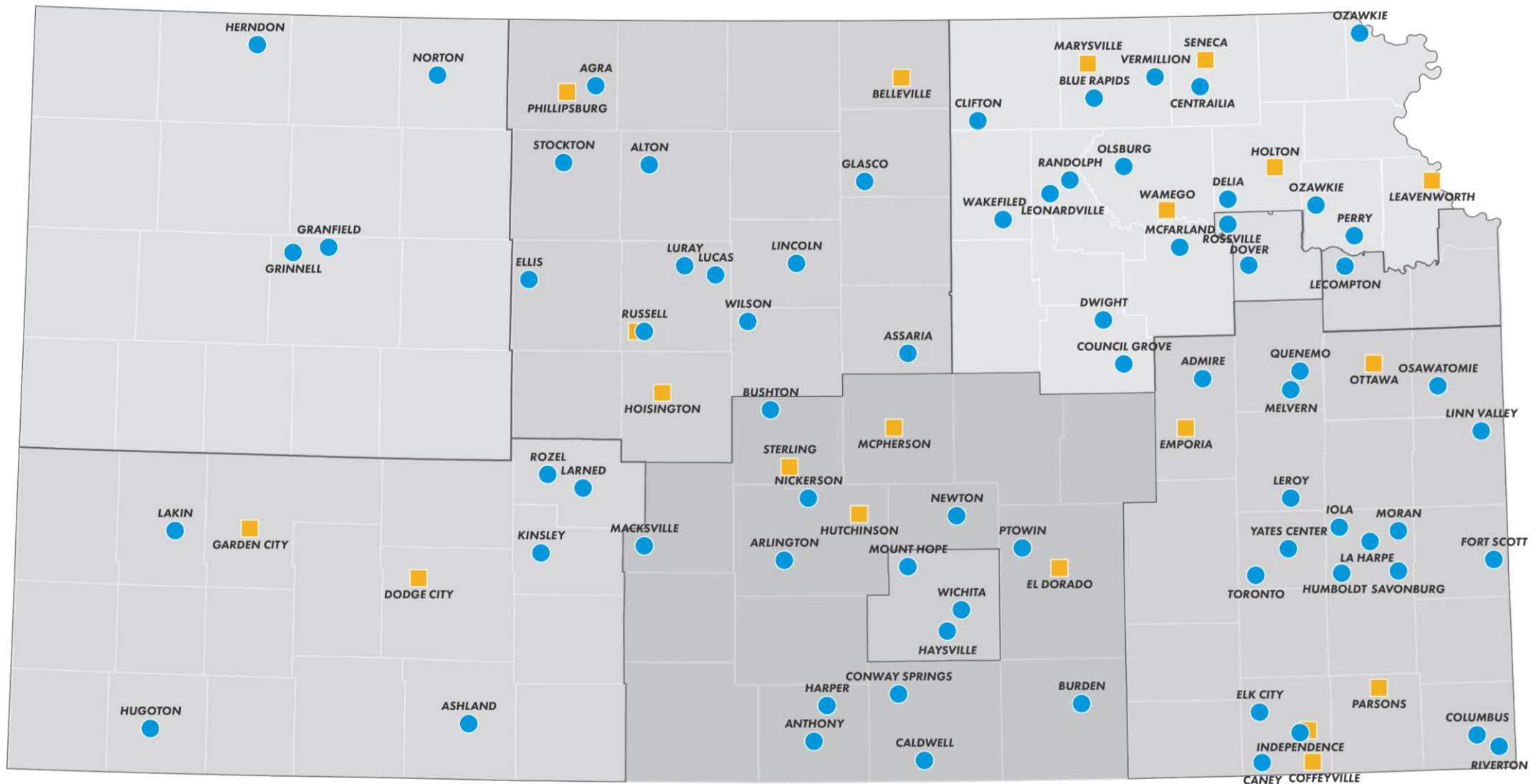
- Kansas Main Street
- Community Service Tax Credit Program
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission
- Office of Broadband Development
- Rural Opportunity Zones
- Individual Development Accounts
- Community Development Regional Project Managers



KANSAS MAIN STREET

- Kansas Main Street is back!
- 25 active designated Main Streets cities throughout the state
- New city application opens this fall

Kansas Main Street & PRIDE Communities



■ MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES ● PRIDE COMMUNITIES — IN-STATE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARIES



Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Established to help Kansas communities (50K or fewer residents) **enhance their livability** by providing financial, technical and business assistance using HUD funding.

Grants are awarded in five categories:

1. Water/Sewer Grants (competition)
2. Community Facilities Grants (competition)
3. Housing Grants (competition)
4. Urgent Need Grants (e.g. disaster response)
5. Commercial Rehabilitation Grants
6. Economic Development (business finance)

To qualify, projects must meet one or more of the following condition:

- Benefit low- or moderate-income individuals
- Remove or prevent slum or blight conditions
- Eliminate an urgent need created by a disaster when local funds are unavailable

▶ CDBG PROGRAM SUMMARY

39 awards totaling \$17.4M made in FY2020 across the State

- Awards were made in three different categories:
 - Water/Sewer
 - Community Facilities
 - Housing

CDBG PROJECTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

North West

Cheyenne County, St. Francis - \$600,000 awarded to complete a street project.

North Central

Russell County, Lucas - \$264,852 awarded to complete a Community Center and Library project.

North East

Nemaha County, Centralia - \$535,423 awarded to complete an electrical distribution system improvement.

South East

Woodson County, Yates Center - \$400,000 to purchase a new Quint Fire Truck for the city.

South Central

McPherson County, McPherson - \$300,000 awarded to rehabilitate approximately 13 homes for low-to moderate income families.

South West

Clark County, Ashland - \$421,303 awarded to make water system improvements throughout the city.



Community Service Tax Credit Program (CSP)

Improves the ability of non-profits to undertake **major capital fundraising drives** for community projects (e.g. community service, crime prevention, health care, youth, apprenticeships and youth job creation)

- Applicants may request up to \$250,000 in tax credits to contributors of approved projects
- Organizations in rural areas (less than 15,000 in population) are eligible for a 70% credit
- Organizations in non-rural areas are eligible for a 50% credit

CSP AWARDEE HIGHLIGHTS

High Plains Theatre - Hugoton, Stevens County

The re-opening of the former Showplace Theater as the High Plains Theatre. Renovations to the front entrance, cinema area, restrooms and concession area.

Grow & Learn Childcare Center Building Project – Leoti, Wichita County

The construction of a 3,565 sq. ft building that will house 4 classrooms; providing care and early learning for 35 children, ages five and under.

Pratt Community College Foundation – Pratt, Pratt County

Construction of a multipurpose track and field facility for community health, school district and college competition and youth activities.

Finney County Childcare & Early Learning Network - Garden City, Finney County

Renovating a former nursing facility into a childcare center.

Humboldt Daycare and Preschool, Inc – Humboldt, Allen County

Expanding 4000 SQ to include an indoor activity area, two more classrooms, two more restrooms and a new kitchen.

Highland Community College Foundation – Highland, Doniphan County

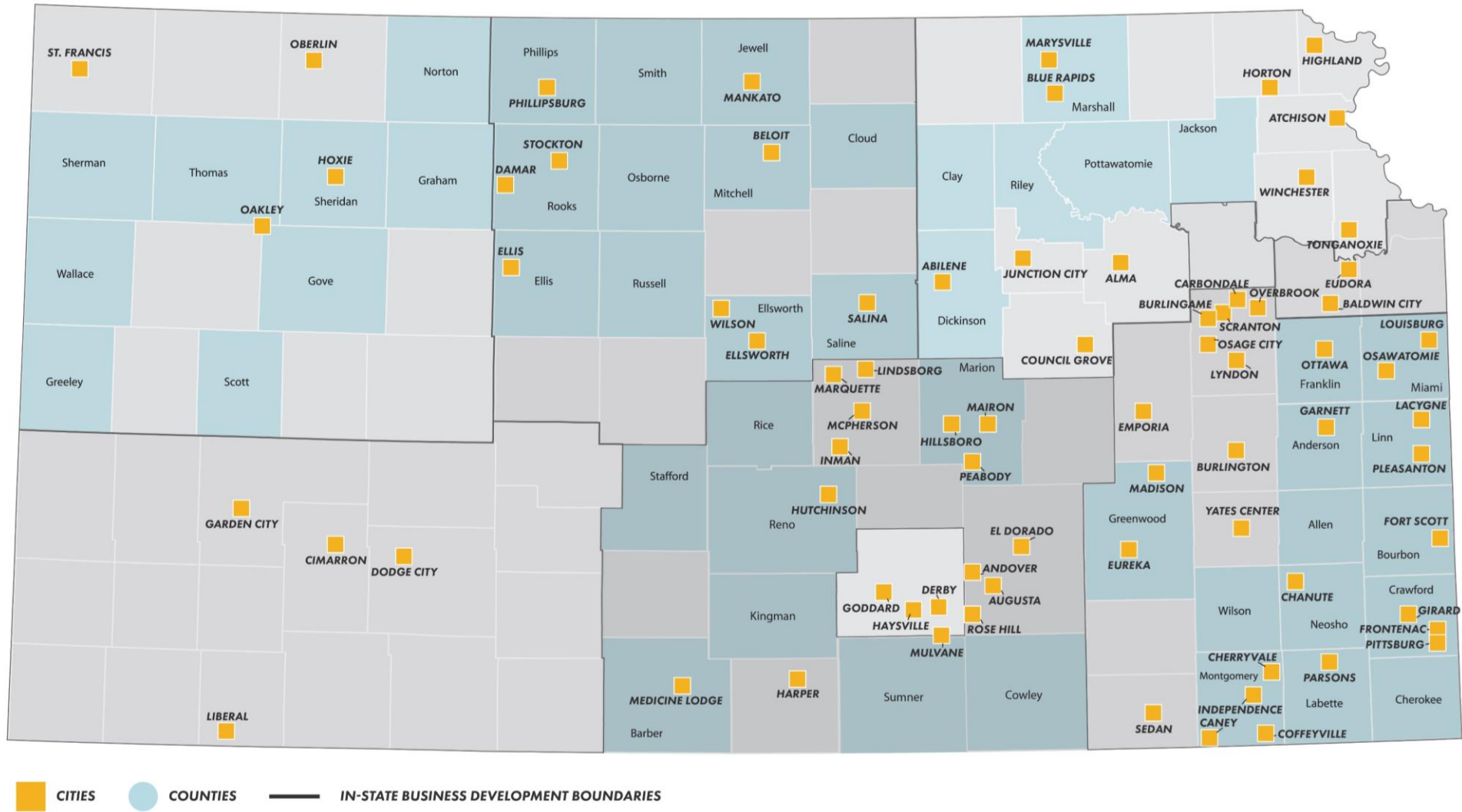
Building a new state of the art diesel technology facility at the Atchison Technical Center, which will expand the program.



CDBG COVID Response

- \$16.9M awarded in two phases, first come first serve basis
- Funds awarded to cities and counties throughout Kansas
- Small business grants to be used for working capital expenses
- Meal program grants to support food pantries and community meal programs for children and families
- Decisions made on the local level to go where needed most

CDBG-CV Award Grantees



THANK YOU

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ORP's Policy Priorities

- Childcare
- Housing
- Workforce
- Rural Healthcare
- Infrastructure
- Broadband

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Workforce

- The SPARK Task Force has approved \$9 million in funding to address Kansas's workforce needs:
 - Training/retraining in growing fields, including IT certifications, cybersecurity
 - Technical college instructional equipment to support automation/advanced manufacturing
 - KANSASWORKS jobseeker support



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Rural Healthcare

Medicaid Expansion:

- Last week, Missouri joined Oklahoma in expanding Medicaid.
- There are 150,000 Kansans without health insurance during a pandemic.
- We must address this healthcare issue for Kansans and rural Kansas hospitals.

Other Issue ORP is Paying Attention to:

- Primary Health Centers
- Ensuring there are adequate medical providers in rural areas.
- Building on the progress we've made with telemedicine.

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Infrastructure

IKE:

- Rolling Program
- Focused on practical projects
- Partnership programs such as Cost Share and Local Bridges.
- Includes funding for broadband improvements and other enhancements.

Other programs:

- Multi-modal transportation with public transit
- Aviation
- Short-line rail
- Bike/pedestrian programs

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Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 Cost Share Awardees



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2019 Bridge Awards

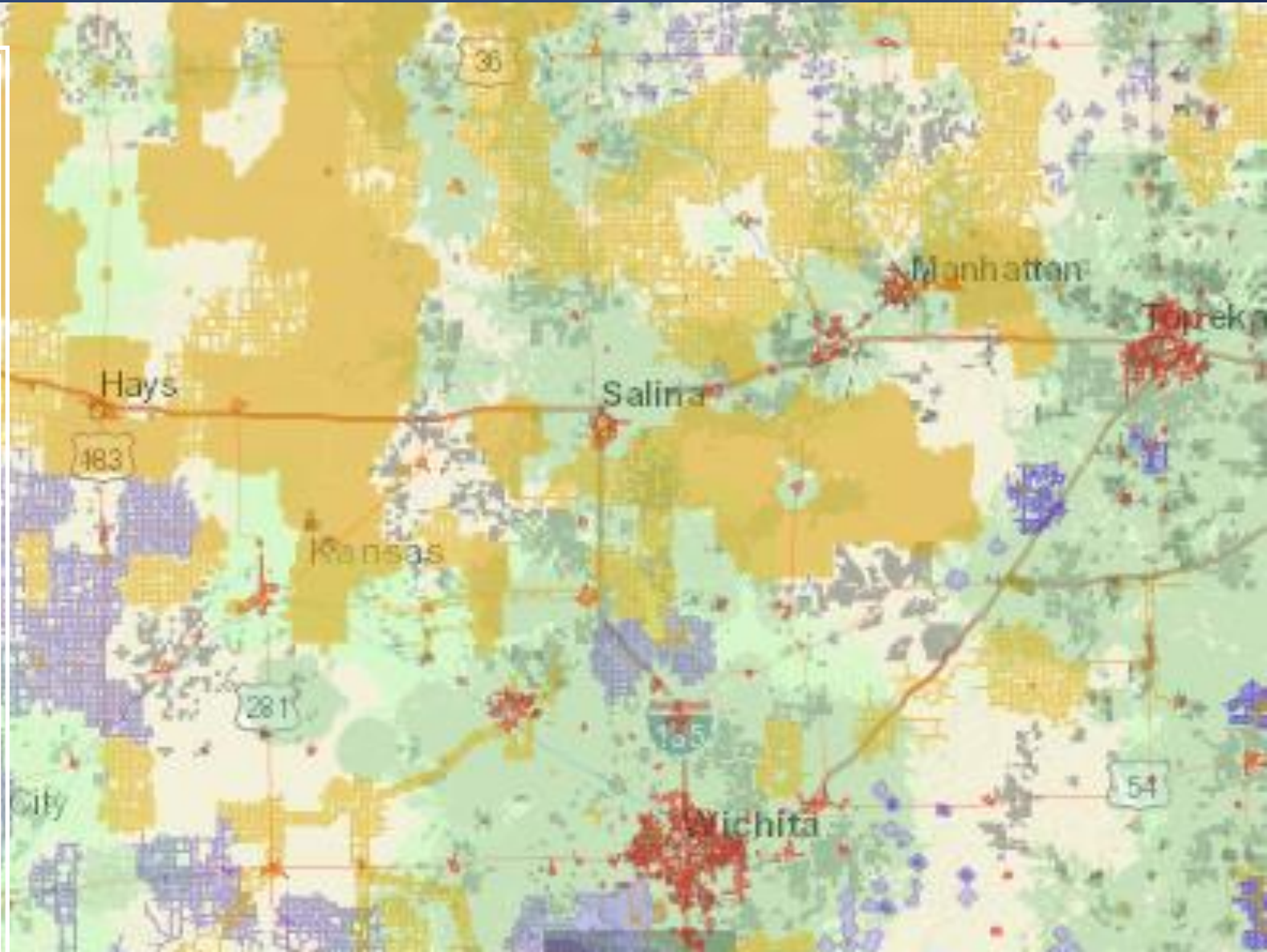
- 27 counties will receive a combined total of \$5 million.
- Requests for transportation funding was 3X more than available funds.
- Provides up to \$150,000 toward the replacement or habilitation of a bridge on the local roadway system.



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Broadband Grant Program

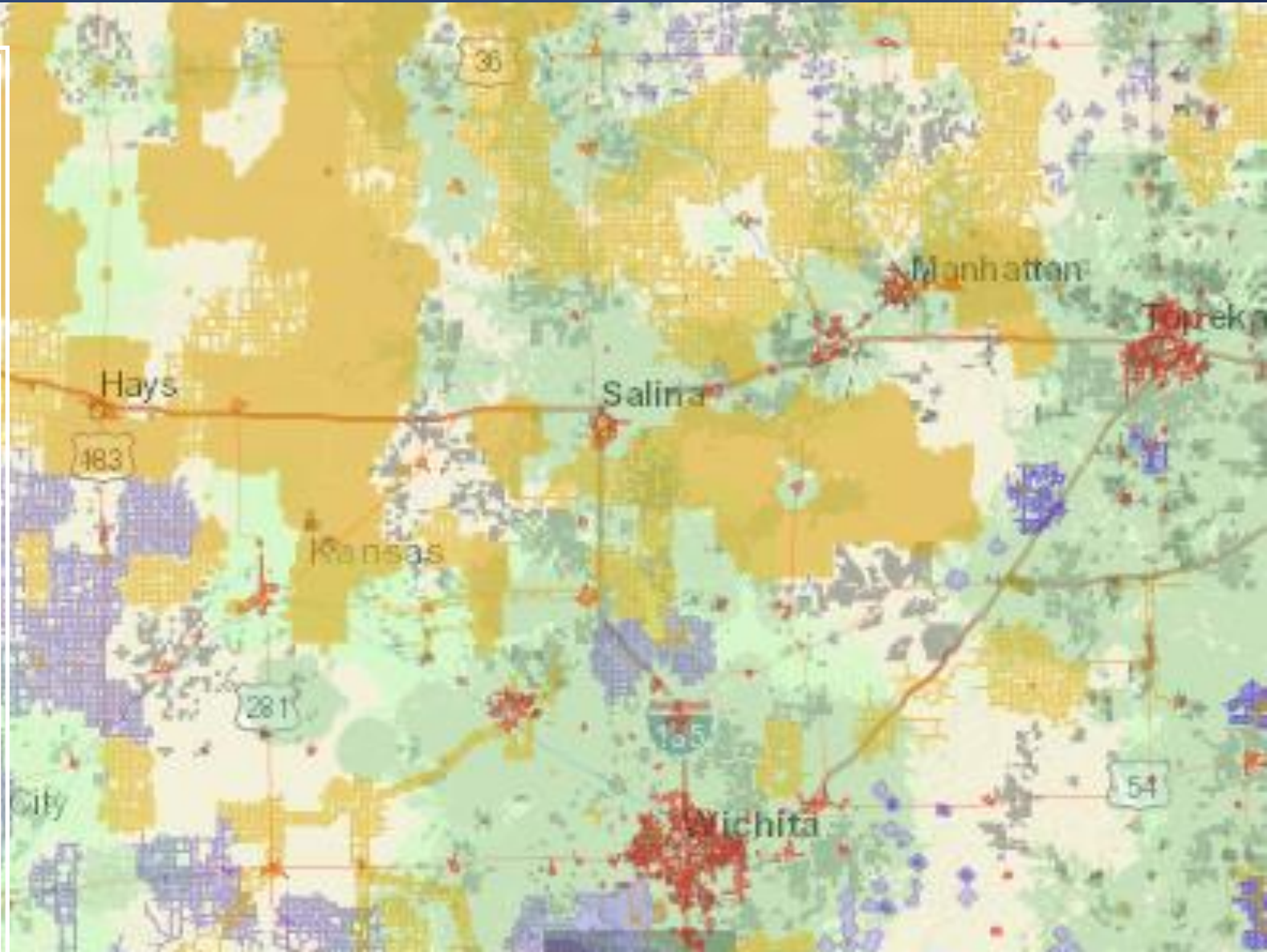
- 2018: Broadband Task Force formed
- 2019: Broadband Map Produced
- 2020: Task Force Recommendations released
- Governor includes first grant program in IKE
- Legislature passes and Governor signs
- IKE and grant program into law



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Broadband Grant Program

- Needs to demonstrate need & community support.
- Open to any public, private, non-profits.
- Technology neutral but must be scalable to higher speeds.
- Ability to demonstrate impact.
- Includes a 50% matching requirement.



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Broadband & COVID-19

- SPARK Task Force identified need for broadband in these areas:
 - Increasing access to telehealth and telemedicine
 - Increasing broadband access for rural and underserved areas
 - Increasing access for continuous, distanced learning
 - Affordable, quality broadband for every Kansan
- \$60 million proposal is waiting for State Finance Council Approval.
 - \$50 million for broadband infrastructure targeted to address the public health emergency.
 - \$10 million for Provider Partnership.
- This is on top of \$400 million for local communities in Round 1 that can invest those dollars into local connectivity projects.

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Questions?

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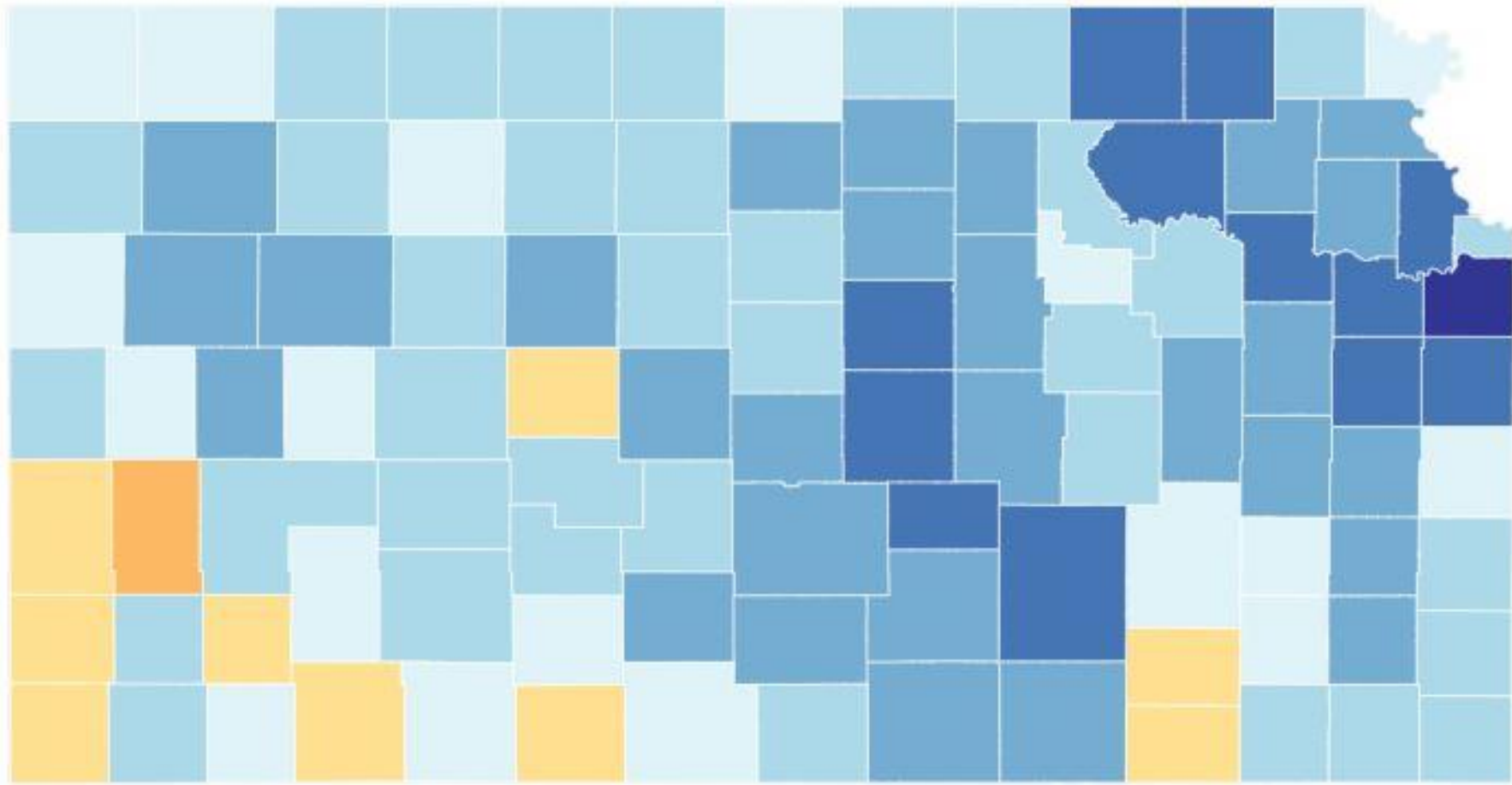


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Looking Forward

- Working Together Toward Solutions
- Impacts of COVID-19 on Priorities
- 2020 Census
- 2021 and Beyond

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Thank You

- Survey: Anything else you want the Office of Rural Prosperity or Lt. Governor to know about your community?
- Our Tomorrow's Story Bank
- 2019 ORP Report



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