



COUNCIL GROVE AREA FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 137, Council Grove, Kansas 66846

GRANT APPLICATION

Organization Information

Kansas State Historical Society, Inc. dba Kansas Historical Foundation (KHF)

Organization Name

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Please list your 3 of organizations officers below:

Bill Kassebaum	President	620-767-5899
Name	Title	Phone Number

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Name	Title	Phone Number

Rita Noll	Secretary	785-291-3407
Name	Title	Phone Number

Is your organization a tax-exempt? Yes

Date of tax exemptions status granted: October 1935

Is your organization a nonprofit 501(c)(3)? Yes

Date status granted: October 13, 1967

Tell us about your organization:

The Kansas Historical Society has ignited passion and pride in Kansas for 140 years. Begun a mere 14 years after statehood, the Historical Society was founded to preserve the state's role in the American narrative. *State Agency Mission:* To actively preserve and share Kansas history by collecting, preserving, and interpreting materials and information pertaining to state government and history for enhancing government accountability, providing economic development assistance, and educating the people of Kansas. *Kansas Historical Foundation Mission:* To support and promote Kansas history through the Kansas Historical Society.

Project Information

Name of project: Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store Reinterpretation Project

What geographic area will be served: Council Grove, Morris County, and vicinity, those exploring the Santa Fe Trail, and all Kansans who cherish our Kansas heritage and want to experience our Kansas history story.

Who will benefit: School children, visitors, tourists, Santa Fe Trail enthusiasts, and historians

2015

Anticipated Project Start Date

2020

Anticipated Project Completion Date

What is the purpose of this project; what specifically will it accomplish?

The Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store is one of the 16 historic sites owned and operated by the Kansas State Historical Society. The current exhibits at Kaw Mission are static and some nearly 50 years old. The connection to the Santa Fe Trail is only minimally developed and annual visitation is stagnant.

A complete makeover is required to expand and reinterpret the State Historic Site as a highly engaging and interactive attraction for Council Grove, vicinity, and state. In addition to the story of the Kaw Indians, the expansion and reinterpretation will include Charles Curtis, Indian Removal, and the Santa Fe Trail. Our goal is to have new exhibits done one year prior (Spring 2020) to the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail in 2021 so adequate promotion of the site is possible.

Historians, educators, and the public have for some time relied on limited primary sources to understand the importance of the Santa Fe Trail in American history. This project will provide a new resource where visitors experience how archeologists interpret the past using their scientific methods of research and participate in the inquiry methods of professional archeologists using collected data and artifacts. A variety of cultural perspectives will be prominently presented as the exhibits will explore the interactions between American Indians and Mexican and American traders.

In discussions with the National Park Service and others, it was suggested that it was time to re-examine this topic through current methods, science, and technology available to researchers today. The 2015 addition of the Last Chance Store to state ownership provided the opportunity for an archeological excavation, and the newly recovered artifacts have energized and focused this project. At the same time, staff participating in the development of state curricular standards identified the need to find innovative ways to teach basic economic principles to students and the public. The historical context of the trail is an excellent method to teach critical thinking skills (needs versus wants) and economic principles (supply and demand).

The project centers around the fabrication of new permanent exhibits at the 1851 Kaw Mission (1630 square feet) and the 1857 Last Chance Store (500 square feet). The project will focus on archeological artifacts and evidence excavated between 2016 and 2018 through the techniques of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Accompanying curriculum materials will be developed that will allow the learner to interpret economic principles through critical thinking. Materials created will be used both onsite with the new exhibits and will be widely distributed for classroom use. The Kansas Historical Society will offer training through school in-services on the use of the curriculum materials and the state historic sites.

What problem is this project attempting to solve?

The project will address many objectives including:

- a. Improving the learning resources included in the new interactive exhibits
- b. Increasing attendance at the site
- c. Preserving the buildings as an historical resource
- d. Creating an attraction which will increase tourism to Council Grove, Morris County, and Kansas

Who else in the community is working on this issue? Please list all other groups and/or committees.

This project was presented to community leaders during the archeological project in June 2016 and will be again in 2018 after temporary exhibits are installed on the first floor. Community engagement with the project has occurred with presentations, learning opportunities, and volunteer participation. Coordination with the community on this project happens through:

- a. Two KATP projects in 2016 and 2018
- b. Two members of the KHF Executive Committee, Rita Noll and Bill Kassebaum (current president), who live in the community and county
- c. Staff administering the historic site liaison with the community
- d. Dedicated development staff focused on fundraising

How will the project be implemented and how will you coordinate with others working on this issue?

This project will be implemented through the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency. The project manager is Patrick Zollner, division director of Cultural Resources. His team includes exhibit personnel from the Kansas Museum of History & Education Division along with Historic Sites and Archeology staff.

What local support is there for this project?

Local support for this project is essential to fully realize the goals and objectives. We are relying on support, both financial and general, from multiple sources. The State of Kansas owns Kaw Mission State Historic site and the Last Chance Store and the Kansas Historical Society runs the sites.

Financial Information

Grant funding awarded by private sources will be administered by the Kansas Historical Foundation earmarked for this specific purpose. The funds of the KHF are administered by a board of directors in accounts under their control. The funds will not co-mingle in the state treasury. The board of directors of the KHF has fiduciary responsibility to assure the funds are expended according to donor intent.

Budget Category	Kansas Historical Society	Federal Grants	Private Fundraising
Historic Preservation of Facility	\$65,000**	\$100,000**	
Capital Improvements	\$10,000**		\$50,000
Building systems	\$150,000		
New Exhibits Mission 1 st Fl.			\$165,000
New Exhibits Mission 2 nd Fl.			\$125,000
New Exhibits Last Chance Store			\$10,000
Staff Research, development, archeology, exhibit scripting in-kind	\$200,000**		
Totals	\$425,000	\$100,000	\$350,000
** Expended or committed			

\$350,000

Total Project Cost

\$10,000 over 5 years

Amount Requested from CGAF

Please list the amount and source of pledge or commitments to date:

\$57,000 has been raised to-date in payments and pledges including: \$2,500 Kansas Historical Foundation donations earmarked for the Kaw Mission, the Council Grove Area Foundation has granted us \$2,000, the John E. Trembly Foundation has granted \$20,000 and pledged another \$22,500 over four years, and the Oscar & Ina Nystrom Foundation granted \$10,000. This is a scalable project and will occur and fit within the budget available.

Please list any additional funding requests that will be made:

We hope to raise \$290,000 locally and we have more than \$300,000 in grant solicitations pending, including and IMLS grant proposal for \$247,000.

Print Name

Title

Signature

Today's Date

Please submit send your application to: Director@CGKSAF.org or Council Grove Area Foundation
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