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About

NetWork Kansas E-Community is committed to cultivating an entrepreneurial environment by identifying and developing resources needed to help local entrepreneurs start or grow businesses.

Goals

- Support start-ups and expansions for local entrepreneurs
- Engage and/or develop entrepreneurial resources based on the needs of the community
- Create an additional revolving loan fund to match local loans to entrepreneurs and small businesses
- Foster a community vision for entrepreneurship

Components

- Local leadership teams
- Local financial review board
- Locally-controlled loan fund
- Engaging with local loans (public and private)
- Access to statewide network (over 500 partners)
- Access to entrepreneurship programs
- Marketing fund for special projects



Entrepreneurship
Community
Partnership

To learn more about the E-Community Partnership in Ellsworth County, contact Smoky Hill Development Corporation.

Smoky Hill
Development Corporation

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How to Apply

Services affiliated with the NetWork Kansas E-Community Partnership are available to any entrepreneur or small business in Ellsworth County.

Uses must be tied directly to the business/project specified in the loan application. Eligible uses generally include: purchase of land, real estate, inventory, equipment, blue sky (in the instance of purchasing an existing business), and working capital.

Uses will not include: paying off or refinancing debt, salary or owners draw, payroll taxes, non-profit businesses, renovation not tied to a specific business, tearing down or renovating to create housing.

Please contact Smoky Hill Development Corporation with any loan applications for final determination of usage.



History

The Kansas E-Community Partnership began in 2007 with just six communities. By 2019, there were 64 communities reached by this program. They have loaned more than \$18.9 million, and they have leveraged at least \$88.1 million in additional capital (bank loans, owner down payments, resource partner loans, etc...)

Effective July 2019, Ellsworth County has joined this E-Community in order to provide additional tools in funding, training, and development for new and existing businesses in our county.

Why Apply?

Many businesses struggle with funding, but this is one of the most important contributors to business success. NetWork Kansas enables local entrepreneurs to apply for funding through the E-Community Program, which matches other business investment with a low interest loan.

Businesses are the backbone of a strong community, keeping them local means more wealth stays in Ellsworth County and supports community development.

