



SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2022 3rd Quarter

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

September 30, 2022

Dear Community Members,

This newsletter may look a bit different than normal, as we are thrilled to enclose a portion of the 2022 Summer Listening Tour Report. To review the entire 13 page report, visit our website at sccfks.org.

We would also like to invite each of you to our Holiday Open House on December 12th, with the full details available online.

All the best,
Holly Launchbaugh
SCCF Executive Director

2022 SCCF GRANT CYCLE - UPDATE AND FUTURE DATES:

As South Central Community Foundation closes the 2022 Grant Cycle, we were thrilled to receive over 200 applications to our six different grant opportunities.

In early September, the applications were turned over to the many volunteers who help SCCF in making the tough decisions of selecting this year's recipients. They met in person to discuss the details of each application and the impact each program could make.

Our grants are funded through nearly 20 different funds at the Foundation that were established by the communities of each County we serve and the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF).

SCCF was lucky to be offered a spot in KHF's matching grant program a few years ago that allowed SCCF to receive matching grant dollars. These matching dollars now help partially fund our Children's \$5,000 Health Grant.

To finish out this year's grant cycle, all applicants will be notified of the results in early October, with the foundation staff and volunteers planning to celebrate each County's recipients in late October or early November. SCCF invites all community members to this event, full details can be found on our events page at sccfks.org.

KEY DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS:

October & November - 2022 County Grant Ceremony (details online)

December 12th - SCCF Open House (4:30—6 p.m.)

January 1st, 2023 - 2023 Scholarship Cycle Opens

SCCF AT-A-GLANCE:

Assets: \$22.6 million

Current Funds: 184

2022 Grants (As of 3rd Quarter):
Includes grants from donor's funds.
\$674,987.36

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PURPOSE OF THE LISTENING TOUR

South Central Community Foundation created a Strategic Plan for 2019-2022. With the final year approaching quickly, the SCCF Board elected to host summer listening tours to gather input from the seven counties the Foundation serves including: Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford.

SCCF has a mission of “Assuring a Bright Future for South Central Kansas” since 1994 and realized an in-depth review was a high priority.

With the current staff focus of donor funds, grants, and the Youth Making a Difference program, SCCF hoped that the summer listening tours would provide insight to where the Foundation is achieving great results and where the next Strategic Plan should focus our resources and energy.

We hope you find the discoveries mostly predictable but encouraging for the future of South Central Kansas. We make a promise to continue seeking input and suggestions as we adapt to our changing environment.



OVERVIEW – COLLECTIVE RESULTS

Covering seven rural counties in South Central Kansas, we expected many of the issues to overlap. SCCF realized that many of the issues facing our communities may be currently out of reach for the Foundation's granting but hope to capture the true needs of each community.

Our plan is to continue growing our funding to eventually be able to tackle these large scale issues, while not ignoring the smaller needs that still have a huge impact on the citizens we serve.

Below is an overview of the collective responses from our seven county listening tours before diving deeper into each county's specific comments.

1. Activities for community members of all ages
2. Childcare
3. Community Communication
4. Community Marketing
5. Housing
6. Mental Health
 - Education
 - Providers
 - Outreach
7. Transportation for doctors' appointments, elderly use, etc.
8. Walking Trails
9. Workforce
10. Upgrade to facilities such as:
 - Community event spaces
 - Parks
 - Pool
 - Sport complex

CONCLUSION



In conclusion, South Central Community Foundation is committed to the seven counties it serves and as a regional Foundation has the difficult job of impacting many communities with a small staff and support of volunteers.

The Board of Directors would like to focus the Foundation's attention on the following areas:

IMMEDIATE FOCUS:

1. Grant Dollars Availability
2. Community Communication
3. Community Upgrades
4. Retention and Attraction



LONG-TERM GOALS:

1. Housing
2. Childcare
3. Mental Health Awareness and Solutions
4. Recreation/Activities for all ages



In collaboration with the SCCF's 2023-2024 Strategic Plan, the Board of Directors will be spending the next two years addressing the immediate focus while preparing to tackle long term/high need community issues reported this summer.

The Community Foundation hopes to continue receiving the overwhelming community support so they can maintain the impact SCCF has annually while also moving into new spaces that address real concerns in our communities.

