

Kansas Gas/OneGas offers funding for projects that invest in public spaces and create a better quality of life. If the trails are to be built in an area served by Kansas Gas or has Kansas Gas lines running through it, funding may be available for the project. You can find out more on their website. There's a contact list for Kansas communities in their territory: https://bit.ly/Kansas_Gas

The National Park Service provides a Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. This is not a financial assistance program but does provide professional services/technical assistance to help with the project. This could save money that would otherwise be used for a consultant or planner. <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>

The Walmart Foundation offers grants of up to \$5,000, which may be used for community development, environmental projects, health, and quality of life. Approach your nearest Walmart manager and discuss the project with them. The manager is involved in recommending funding, so if they know about it, there's a better chance. <https://walmart.org/how-we-give/local-community-grants>

PeopleForBikes offered trail grants in the past. If you are planning on having the trails open to bicyclists, you may be eligible for funding should they continue to offer grants as part of their program. Keep checking back with their page for updates on grant cycles: <https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines>

Kansas Tourism has grants available to help build and promote attractions in the state: <https://www.travelks.com/travel-industry/programs-and-resources/grants/>

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation offers grants for projects that promote healthy behaviors (outdoor activities/walking trails sound like a good fit). You can find out more here: <https://www.bcbsks.com/foundation>

Clif Bar has a small grants program for operational support and projects that enhance community health and safeguard the environment/natural resources. <https://cliffamilyfoundation.org/grants-program>

If you plan on having a shade structure on your trails, the **American Academy of Dermatology** offers up to \$8,000 for shade structure construction. An Academy member dermatologist must recommend the applicant, so check with any area dermatologists to see if they are members and see if they'd be willing to hear about the project to provide a recommendation. <https://bit.ly/ShadeStructure>

The Bureau of Land Management offers a Recreation and Visitor Services Program grant for recreational projects that benefit the public and local communities. BLM can assist with improving access to recreational opportunities on public land, conservation, tourism, and public participation. \$10,000 to \$100,000 is available: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350874>. It is due February 1, 2024, but check for deadline extensions.

Kansas Trails Council “Trail in a Box- Just add Volunteers.” A resource to build or enhance natural surface trails. “Trail in a Box” is a single-axle, enclosed trailer that can be towed by a small pickup or SUV with a GVWR of 3000 lbs. The equipment inside includes hand tools for 25 to 30 volunteers as well as an arsenal of power equipment that should make trail building more fun than work. <https://www.kansastrailscouncil.org/about/trail-in-a-box/>

Kansas Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant provides 80% reimbursement to selected outdoor recreation projects; 30% of funding is devoted to motorized projects. New trail or trailhead construction, maintenance or reconstruction of existing trails, enhancements or upgrades to existing trails/trailheads, development and planning, or land acquisition and easements are eligible projects. The 2023 grant funding window for this offering closed in November, but look for upcoming application window details early in the following year: <https://ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Grants>

Kansas Department of Transportation – Transportation Alternative Grants provides funding for various alternative transportation projects, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure for non-driver access to public transportation, improvement of scenic or environmental or archaeological assets in our state, Safe Routes to Schools projects, and more. All selected projects require a minimum 20% local cash match: https://bit.ly/KDOT_TAG

America Walks: Community Change Grant awards grants up to \$1,500 for projects related to creating healthy, active, and engaged places to live, work, and play. Grant application windows are usually announced in the fall of the year prior to the application period: <https://americawalks.org/programs/community-change-grants/>

Union Pacific Community Ties grants are available for community spaces, general local needs, and safety (signage, lighting, and public trail improvements). Your community must be in the service area of a Union Pacific rail line. The grant window is usually open from April through May. <https://www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/local-grants/index.htm>

T-Mobile Hometown Grants are available to communities of under 50,000 in population. Hiking trails are one of the project areas eligible for funding. <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>

To make a request for grant research, email ksrecv@ksu.edu

K-State Research and Extension offers a 6-hour online Grant Writing Basics class for \$60.

To register: <https://ksre-learn.com/grant-writing-basics>

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