



Water Based Initiatives

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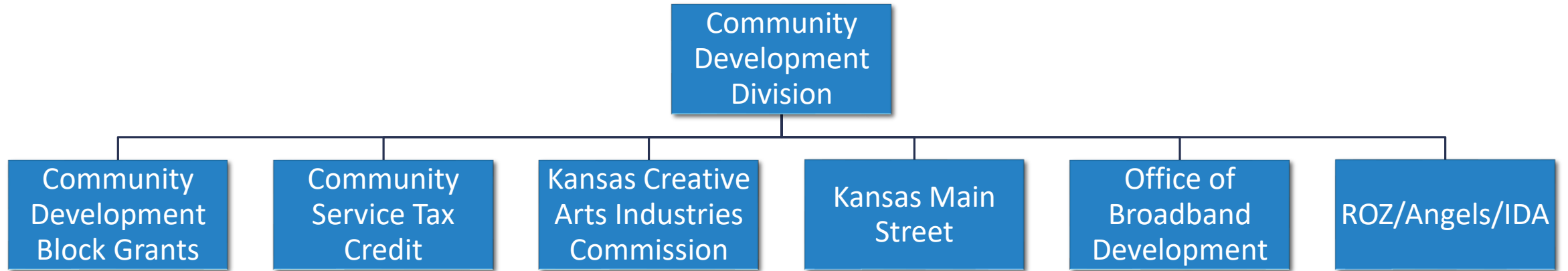
The logo for the Kansas Department of Commerce. It features the word "Kansas" in a large, blue, serif font. Above the letters "a" and "n" is a yellow banner with the Latin motto "AD ASTRA PER ASPERA" in blue capital letters. Below the banner is a semi-circle of yellow stars. Underneath "Kansas" is the text "Department of Commerce" in a smaller, blue, serif font.

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Community Development Division

- ❖ The Community Development Division was re-established as a separate division in Commerce in late 2019
- ❖ Community Development aims to grow the economy through fostering the development of vibrant communities across our State
- ❖ This action realigned both existing and additional resources to assist communities
- ❖ New initiatives include:
 - ❖ Restoring Main Street program
 - ❖ Creating the Office of Broadband Development

Community Development Division





Community Development Block Grants

- ❖ The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program provides annual grants on a formula basis
- ❖ Funding is provided annually through the U.S. Department of Urban Development
- ❖ Department of Commerce handles non-entitlement communities
 - ❖ Cities under 50,000 in population
 - ❖ Counties under 200,000 in population
- ❖ Larger communities receive their own funding straight from HUD



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Community Development Block Grants

- ❖ Awards are given annually in three primary categories
 - ❖ Annual Competitive Grants
 - ❖ Water and Wastewater
 - ❖ Housing Rehabilitation
 - ❖ Community Facilities
- ❖ To receive CDBG funds, a project must meet at least one of the following federally mandated criteria:
 - ❖ Benefits low- and/or moderate-income individuals
 - ❖ Removes or reduces slum or blighted conditions
 - ❖ Eliminates an urgent need created by a disaster when local funds are unavailable



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Interagency Collaboration for Water Based Projects

- ❖ **Water and Wastewater** project applications are accepted annually through the end of September
- ❖ Interagency cooperation and coordination is central to the success of planning for these projects and the applications
- ❖ The Kansas Interagency Committee (KIAC) includes representation from KDHE, the Kansas Water Office, and CDBG
- ❖ Communities that wish to apply are invited to present their proposed project to KIAC. They receive valuable feedback and technical assistance that they are encouraged to incorporate into their project and application.
- ❖ Applications received are reviewed and rated by the Community Development team including CDBG, director, and Community Development project managers



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CDBG Water Based Project Investments

- ❖ **Over the last three years:**
 - ❖ 24 water projects totaling \$12.9 million
 - ❖ 20 sewer projects totaling \$11.5 million
 - ❖ Average award was \$555,000
 - ❖ Average project amount was \$1.7 million
 - ❖ Every community provides a 25% match minimum
 - ❖ Nearly every awarded project provides 50% match



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CDBG Revolving Loan Fund

- ❖ Funds were distributed over 20 years ago to create loan fund
- ❖ In March 2020, communities were encouraged to use their local revolving loan fund balance or have the funding collected by the state and reallocated
 - ❖ Funds could be granted or loaned
- ❖ Most communities use the funds for Business Development Opportunities
- ❖ Must still meet same guidelines by HUD



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Kansas Pride

- ❖ The Kansas PRIDE program is a volunteer, grassroots effort to improve the quality of life in Kansas communities.
- ❖ Since 1970, the Kansas PRIDE program has assisted and encouraged communities to prepare for the future by building on their heritage, forming a vision of the future and instilling a sense of personal ownership and pride through self-help projects
- ❖ Through Kansas State Research and Extension
- ❖ Kansas Department of Commerce serves as Sponsoring Partner
 - ❖ The agency has a seat on the board
 - ❖ The Community Development Division Director currently holds the Pride board seat and participates in the Kansas Pride Operations committee
- ❖ Grant sizes range from \$1,000-\$5,000



Community Service Tax Credit Program

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



Questions

