## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS**

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014**

6:35 p.m.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- (1) (a) Consider approval of Commission Orders;
  - (b) Consider approval of an Amendment to Agreement with Kansas Head Start Association, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Lawrence Douglas County Health Board to provide Parent Health Literacy Services (Sarah Plinsky)
  - (c) Consider authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase precast concrete structure to replace Bridge No. 13.74N-01.00E (Keith Browning)

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- (2) Approve a revision the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the construction budget, allocate additional funds from the CIP Fund for certain site improvements, and approve the total project budget for the construction of a new Public Works Facility. (Keith Browning)
- (3) Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council 2014 grant recommendations (Bobbi Radher)
- (4) (a) Consider approval of Accounts Payable (if necessary)
  - (b) Appointments

Douglas County Senior Services Board of Directors – (1) vacancy 04/2014

Fire District 2 (5) positions

Fire District 3 (5) positions

Heritage Conservation Council (3) positions expire 05/31/2014

Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors - (2) vacancies

Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging Tri-County Advisory Council - (2) vacancies

- (c) Public Comment
- (d) Miscellaneous
- (5) Adjourn

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2014**

-Consider a proclamation for "Relay for Life Week" (Betty Parks)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014

**Note**: The Douglas County Commission meets regularly on Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M. for administrative items and 6:35 P.M. for public items at the Douglas County Courthouse. Specific regular meeting dates that are not listed above have not been cancelled unless specifically noted on this schedule.

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**Sarah Plinsky** Assistant County Administrator

#### **MEMORANDUM**

MEMO TO: Board of County Commissioners

Craig Weinaug, County Administrator

FROM: Sarah Plinsky, Assistant County Administrator

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement with Kansas Head Start Association, Kansas Department of

Health and Environment, and the Lawrence Douglas County Health Board to provide

Parent Health Literacy Services

DATE: May 20, 2014

Last year, Kansas Head Start Association approached Douglas County about partnering to help them receive Medicaid funds to provide Parent Health Literacy Training and Services throughout Kansas. The program provides parents with training and an easy to read book entitled "What to do When Your Child Gets Sick" which is focused on answering questions about minor illnesses and injuries. Results of the program to date have shown the following outcomes:

- Up to 55% fewer emergency room visits;
- 39% fewer unnecessary doctor visits;
- 60% fewer school days missed by children because of illness or injury;
- 47% fewer work days missed by parents because of children's illness;
- 82% increased confidence taking care of their children's illnesses.

The results of this project were compared with other projects nationally that only distribute the book to parents without parent instruction. The project as originally implemented in Head Start facilities in Kansas has been expanded to include hospitals, emergency rooms, health departments, WIC offices, physician offices, early childhood home visitors, and Safety Net Clinics throughout the State. With the funding that was already received, Head Start has trained 288 practitioners at 118 sites, and distributed over 14,500 books. Our current contract (the one to be amended by this amendment) has allowed KHSA and their partners to achieve the following outputs in 2013:

- 8 trainings
- 184 Practitioners trained from over 50 sites
- Over 6,200 books distributed

The total annual funding covered under this agreement is \$275,000, July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Included in the total are matching funds of \$137,500 provided by Kansas Head Start. The remainder of the funds come from Medicaid through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Because of the restrictions on Medicaid funds, Medicaid funds must come through a governmental unit with the ability to tax. The County will be required to certify the match, and draw down the Medicaid funds from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The County will then pass the funds on to Kansas Head Start Association.

Head Start's matching funds come from the following sources:

- \$52,969 from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation [unspent funds remaining from previous year]
- \$73,106 from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- \$2,825 (12/31/2012) Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment funds to be used for books to support Douglas county
- \$3,000 (11/19/2013) Lawrence Memorial Hospital Endowment funds to be used for books to support Douglas county
- \$4450 (9/23/2013 & 9/30/2013) Parents as Teachers funds paid to KHSA to provide training to PAT's home visitors
- \$550 (10/1/2013) United Way of Douglas County funds paid to KHSA to train Americorp volunteers
- \$600 (9/3/2013) United Way of Douglas County funds paid to KHSA to train Americorp volunteers

Because of the complexity of the program and the liability to the County if there is an error, staff asked the Lawrence Douglas County Health Board to partner with the County and Head Start. The Health Board is involved in the program and understands the requirements of Medicaid. The Health Board will review certification and make sure that it is complete and ready to be processed. The additional step of having the Health Board involved will help ensure that we are administering the funds correctly.

The size of the federal funds involved will likely require additional work and expense for the County when the annual audit is prepared. All of the parties have agreed that the County will retain \$3,500 in funds from the Medicaid dollars to off-set the administrative expenses involved. If the expenses are more than \$3,500, the agreement gives us authorization up to \$5,000.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTION

Approve and sign the amendment to the current agreement with the Kansas Head Start Association, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to provide Parent Health Literacy Services in annual amount not to exceed \$275,000 that includes \$137,500 in matching funds provided by the Kansas Head Start Association.

# FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, THE LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH BOARD AND THE KANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION

To Provide Parent Health Literacy Services

The above referenced agreement entered into by and between the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health Care Finance, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "KDHE/DHCF," the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, KS, hereinafter referred to as the "County," the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board, hereinafter referred to as the "Health Board," and the Kansas Head Start Association, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "KHSA," is hereby amended by agreement of the parties (this "FIRST Amendment") effective as of July 1, 2014 (the "Effective Date") subject to the provisions below.

#### 1. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT PERIOD

In accordance with **Contract Terms and Conditions, Subsection - Term**, found on page 2 of the original contract, this contract is extended for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

#### 2. COMPENSATION

During the extension period set forth in Section 1 above, total contract funding shall not exceed \$275,000.00, said amount comprising County matching funds of \$137,500.00 and the federal financial participation (FFP) amount of \$137,500.00.

KHSA shall request the quarterly "draw down" of funds on or about October 1, 2014; January 1, 2015; April 1, 2015; and July 1, 2015.

#### 3. CERTIFICATION

KDHE/DHCF and the County shall certify that state share monies or "in-kind" match used to match federal funds under this Agreement are (i) directly appropriated public dollars or in-kind services allowed as matchable funds; (ii) not state funds or in-kind services used to match other federal matching programs; and (iii) not allowable provider taxes or donations as referenced in 42 U.S.C. § 1396 b(w)(1)(A).

#### 4. OTHER:

The remaining terms and conditions of the above-referenced Original Agreement and any attachments and amendments thereto, shall remain in force and effect and binding on the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, KS, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board, the Kansas Head Start Association, and KDHE/DHCF hereto affix their signatures to this First Amendment.

Nancy Thellman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Douglas County, Kansas	DATE
Robert Moser, MD Secretary	DATE
Kansas Department of Health and Environment	
Erick Vaughn, Executive Director Kansas Head Start Association	<u>5-14-20</u> 14 date
David Ambler, Chairman Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board	DATE



## **DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

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**Keith A. Browning, P.E.**Director of Public Works/County Engineer

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To : Board of County Commissioners

From: Keith A. Browning, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer

Date: May 16, 2014

Re : Consent Agenda authorization to purchase precast concrete culvert

Structure No. 13.74N-01.00E

CIP Project No. 128

The referenced culvert is on E 100 Road approximately 2-1/4 miles south of Route 442 (N 1600 Road). The existing culvert is a 16'-span, concrete slab structure with an 18-foot roadway width. The culvert needs replacing due to structural concerns and its narrow width.

At this location, we plan to construct a 16'-span x 8' high (waterway opening) x 38' long, 3-sided precast concrete culvert. This department's bridge crew will construct the culvert. Construction is planned for later this year.

We obtained price quotes from two vendors to supply this pre-cast concrete structure. Although Oldcastle Precast submitted the low price quote of \$55,895.96, we are recommending accepting the quote of \$58,660.00 from Cretex Concrete Products. Although the cost of the structure is slightly higher, the lighter weight of the structural components supplied by Cretex allows us to use a lighter crane to set the structure. This results in overall lower project costs. The attached memo provides further explanation.

The CIP includes \$150,000 for this project.

Action Required: Consent Agenda authorization for the Public Works Director to approve purchase of a 16' span x 8' high waterway opening x 38' long precast concrete culvert from Cretex Concrete Products at a cost of \$58,660.00 for installation at 13.74N-01.00E.



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Keith A. Browning, P.E. Director of Public Works/County Engineer

MEMO TO: Keith A. Browning, P.E.

FROM: Terese A. Gorman, P.E.

DATE: May 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Project No. 13740100

Structure No. 13.74N-01.00E

We received price quotes for a new drainage structure that will replace the existing 16'/18' concrete slab structure located on E 100 Road. We requested quotes for both a 16'x9'x38 L.F. single cell precast concrete box culvert (which allows for one foot to be buried) and a 16'x8'x38 L.F. (waterway opening) 3-sided precast concrete culvert. We received quotes from two vendors, Oldcastle Precast and Cretex Concrete Products.

Oldcastle cannot provide precast box culverts with greater than a 10-foot span, so they only quoted the 3-sided structure. Contech Construction Products has previously told us they cannot compete price wise with precast concrete products smaller than 32 foot span.

The following quotes were provided:

	3-sided Precast Structure	Concrete Box Culvert
Cretex Concrete Products	\$58,660.00	\$64,020.00
Oldcastle Precast, Inc.	\$55,895.96	None

The status of the project is as follows:

- Construction scheduled for September 2014
- In CIP for 2014 construction for \$150,000
- Plans have completed third review
- DWR permit not yet submitted
- Corps permit received April 4, 2014
- R-O-W has not been acquired. R-O-W plans provided April 29, 2014.
- Kaw Valley Electric, AT&T, Rural Water District No. 3 notified to relocate on May 6, 2014.

With the quotes for the 3-sided structure being very close in price, we considered which size of crane would be needed to lift each structure piece. We requested both vendors submit the weight of each precast piece they would be supplying. The heaviest load for each vendor was the wingwall. Oldcastle provided the weight of a 16' wingwall with integral footing at 32,240 pounds. Oldcastle also provided an option for a 16' wingwall with dead men anchors weighing 28,800 pounds with a separate slab footing. Cretex provided a 16' wingwall with dead men anchors weighting 23,600 pounds.

Crane prices differ dramatically in price between a small crane and a large crane needed to appropriately handle the load. The small crane can handle approximately 24,000-25,000 pounds maximum depending on the distance the crane needs to reach. Based on our experience with the cranes we have rented, the small crane costs approximately \$3000 to set a precast concrete structure. The large crane costs approximately \$11,000.

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Considering the cost of the crane, the total cost to install the Oldcastle 3-sided structure is \$66,895.96. The total cost to install the Cretex 3-sided structure is \$61,660.00. Based on this information, the Cretex Concrete Products 3-sided structure provides the overall lowest cost to Douglas County.

Attached is a Quotation from Cretex in the amount of \$58,660.00 for Douglas County to execute to order the manufacture of this precast structure. Please place this item on an upcoming BOCC agenda for their authorization. If you have any questions, please let me know.



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Keith A. Browning, P.E. Director of Public Works/County Engineer

#### **MEMORANDUM**

To : Board of County Commissioners

From : Keith A. Browning, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer

Date: May 16, 2014

Re : Consider request for reallocation of CIP funds

Site improvements at new Public Works facility

Certain site improvements at the new Public Works facility were removed from the contractor's scope with the intent of lowering the overall cost of the project. The removed improvements were (1) surfacing the materials storage area of the yard with gravel, and (2) surfacing the west access road into the site with asphalt pavement. The steering committee's reasoning in removing these items was that Public Works could complete these items for less cost than if the contractor completed the items. The idea was this department would complete these items as resources were available.

The above two improvements represent significant expense. The materials cost alone to complete the as-designed gravel surfacing in the materials storage area is approximately \$125,000. The materials cost to surface the west access road is approximately \$37,000.

Surfacing the west access road is required in order to obtain an occupancy permit from the City. Since it is planned we will be moving into the new facility next spring, it is imperative we surface the west access road this fall. In addition, we would like to surface the materials storage area with gravel so that it is available for use upon occupation of the new facility.

The design by the geotechnical engineering consultant for the materials storage area calls for an 18" depth of AB-3 base rock on a Triax geogrid. We feel we can use a less expensive geogrid underlying the gravel surfacing. In addition, we propose to initially install an approximate 6" depth of AB-3 base rock and a 6" depth of recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) material. We have a large supply of RAP currently in storage that is available for this use, which saves us the cost of purchasing additional AB-3. Then, over time, we would thicken the rock surfacing in this area as needed and as resources are available.

The estimated materials cost to construct the less-than-designed rock surfacing in the materials storage area is approximately \$49,000. Along with the estimated materials cost of approximately \$37,000 to surface the west access road, the total materials cost for these two improvements is approximately \$86,000.

We propose to fund the materials cost of these improvements from the CIP. We request the BOCC approve allocating \$100,000 from the CIP for these improvements. This money can be reallocated from Bridge Project 12.00N-11.30E (CIP Project No. 131). The CIP allocates \$250,000 for this bridge preservation project, which is a polymer concrete overlay for the bridge carrying Route 458 over Washington Creek. We rolled this work into the Route 458 improvements (CIP Project No. 89) to be constructed this year. Current estimates show we can include the cost of the bridge preservation work in with the cost of the road work without needing the \$250,000 allocated for the bridge work. The requested reallocation will not delay or otherwise affect any projects in the current CIP.

We are able to construct the bridge preservation work within the budget for the Route 458 improvements due in large part to \$500,000 in Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding we obtained for the project. Following are recent project grants this department has obtained or has been pledged to reduce CIP project costs:

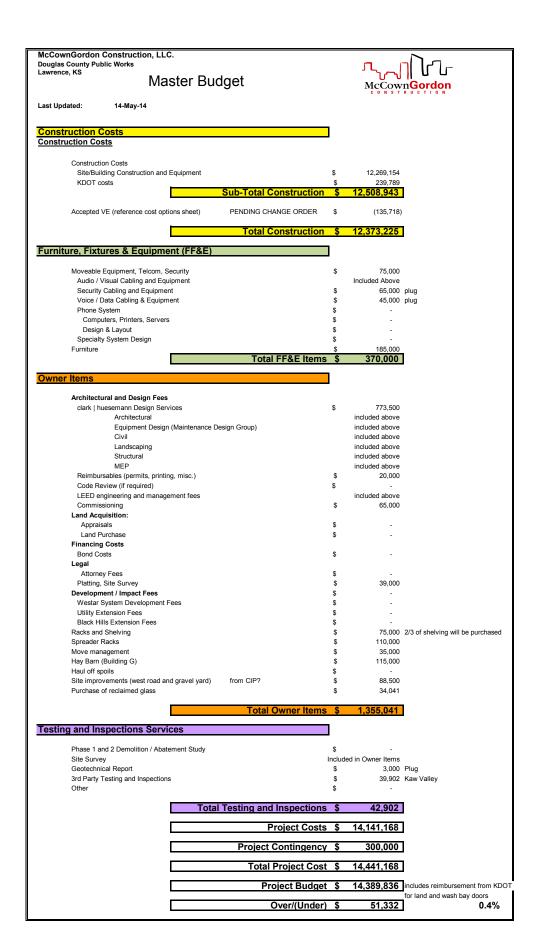
Project			ınds	 Source
	(1) Rte 458 improvements	\$	500,000	FLAP
	(2) Bridge 05.54N-17.50E	\$	75,000	USF&W
	(3) Bridge 20.46N-16.00E	\$	75,000	USF&W
	(4) Bridge 05.07N-17.00E	\$	150,000*	USF&W
	(5) Rte 1055 from Rte 12 to Rte 460	\$	225,000**	HRRR
	Total	\$1	.025.000	

<sup>\*</sup>pledged by US Fish & Wildlife Service; awaiting paperwork

This department strives to secure available grant funding and look for ways to keep CIP project costs down while providing a quality project. We request some of these savings be reallocated to allow us to complete these site improvements at the new Public Works facility.

Action Required: Consider reallocating \$100,000 from CIP Project No. 131, bridge preservation work for Bridge No. 12.00N-11.30E, towards site improvements at the new Public Works facility.

<sup>\*\*</sup>received \$525,000 in HRRR funds, which allowed reducing CIP \$225,000 for two projects



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#### **MEMO**

May 16, 2013

TO: Douglas County Commission FROM: Heritage Conservation Council

RE: Grant Recommendations for the 2014 Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant

Program

The Heritage Conservation Council of Douglas County promotes the conservation of our cultural and natural heritage to honor our past, enrich our present, and inspire our future.

The Heritage Conservation Council is recommending that 12 heritage conservation projects be funded in the 2014 round of grant awards. Collectively, these 12 grants exemplify the mission of the Douglas County Heritage Council to conserve *both* our natural and cultural resources. Combined with the heritage grant projects funded in 2011, 2012, and 2013, Douglas County is harnessing a rare opportunity to weave together exceptional experiences that tell the story of our collective past.

The Commission created the Heritage Conservation Council to provide guidance for heritage conservation efforts in Douglas County, including the Natural and Cultural Heritage Grant Program. A report submitted by the Council in January 2014 indicates that local groups who received county support from previous grant cycles have raised nearly twice that much again from other funding sources by using the local funds as leverage to secure additional grants. In addition to local groups bringing in additional dollars for their projects, the Council has a partnership with Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area to pass-through grants for federal matching dollars and a federally funded Historic Preservation Fund grant. Since establishing the grant program in 2011, the Council has awarded \$834,050 for various projects in the county. Those grants have helped secure nearly \$1.5 million, or about 182 percent, in additional resources. These include private donations, state and federal grants, donated land grants and easements, and other tangible forms of in-kind donations.

The Council believes that its 2014 recommendations will truly further the conservation of our heritage in Douglas County. The Council asks for your consideration and support of its grant recommendations.

Upon receipt of the applications in mid-March, Council members read, reviewed, and systematically evaluated all thirty applications. On March 27, April 1, and April 3, all the applicants made presentations about their projects in person to the Council. Then on April 17 and May 1, the Council met to make their recommendations. As directed by the resolution that created the Council, all decisions were made using the consensus decision making model through facilitated discussions. The level of consensus on the Council for its recommendations was, and is, very high. All meetings of the Council were open to the public.

Of the \$325,000 approved for heritage conservation in 2014, the Council is recommending \$276,250 for project grants under the heritage grant program guidelines for 2014. Applicants

sought \$1,388,061.84 for 30 projects, approximately five times the amount allocated by the County.

For this grant cycle, the Heritage Conservation Council supports the funding of two of the major and 10 target grant projects.

**Appendix A** provides a listing of the tiers of funding recommended by the Council.

**Appendix B** provides a listing of all 30 2014 grant applications, the requesting organization, project title, project director, and amount requested.

**Table 1** provides a summary of the 2014 grant applications total project costs, requested grant amounts and Council funding recommendations.

## **Major Grants Recommended for Funding**

1. Applicant: University of Kansas, Kelley Kindscher

Project Title: A Systematic Inventory for Natural Areas and Habitat in

**Douglas County** 

Amount requested: \$177,000 Award amount: \$147,500

# **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

The natural areas of Douglas County harbor high amounts of biological diversity, and the conservation of these sites has the potential to promote high quality of life via an increase in outdoor recreational opportunities and cultural heritage values, and buffering from adverse environmental issues. To aid in efforts of planning for a healthy future of Douglas County, we propose to conduct a systematic inventory for natural areas and habitats of Douglas County. This project is urgent because we have previously documented that natural areas are continually and unknowingly being lost in Douglas County. To conduct this work, we will identify potential high quality natural areas, verify the quality of the areas in the field by conducting plant surveys, transcribe and map the data into a Natural Heritage Database, and provide official reports to the Planning Department and the public. The beneficial outcomes of this project include: 1) information about sensitive environmental areas, which will be valuable for the Planning Department and the public; 2) identification of potential parklands and scenic recreational areas; and 3) specific proposal of conservation and recreation plans for the Lakeview area, Baldwin Woods, and riparian corridors of the Kansas and Wakarusa Rivers.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports funding at \$147,500, which includes a 5% overhead to KUCR.

2. Applicant: Aaron and Kendra Marable

Project Title: John G. Haskell Home: Hotel Haskell

Amount requested: \$100,280 Award amount: \$31,250

## **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

The project's focus contributes to the extensive rehabilitation of the John G. Haskell house at 1340 Haskell Avenue. The Haskell home, designed as a personal residence by one of Lawrence's most celebrated architects, is undergoing its transformation into Hotel Haskell. This "boutique hotel" will provide rooms for overnight lodging as well as dining, drinking and catering services. As the private residence shifts to become a public venue, the site's adaptive reuse will require several steps and projects. The groundwork for historically appropriate improvements has been initiated and is underway for this multi-faceted enterprise. We are seeking this Douglas County Natural & Cultural Heritage grant to fund the rehabilitation of the home's exterior masonry back to its original appearance and condition. Necessary repairs and finish carpentry on the home's exterior will be addressed as well as the addition of a new rear ADA entrance. Secondly, to complete overall window restoration, including shutter repair and replacement. Finally, to facilitate the required updating of interior electrical rewiring. These significant improvements would greatly enhance the overall feasibility of the Haskell house preservation.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports funding of \$31,250 toward restoration.

#### **Target Grants Recommended for Funding**

1. Applicant: Monarch Watch

Project Title: Monarch Watch Educational Signage

Requested amount: \$2,650 Award amount: \$2,650

#### **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

Monarch Waystation #1 at Monarch Watch is the flagship garden for our efforts to encourage gardeners and landowners to create habitats for monarch butterflies by incorporating milkweeds and nectar plants within gardens or on their properties. Our garden resulted from collaboration between Monarch Watch and the Douglas County Extension Master Gardeners. This collaboration, along with the dedication of Margarete Johnson, who introduced an array of plants designed to bloom from before last frost in the spring and after first frost in the fall, has resulted in an award winning\* monarch, butterfly and pollinator garden. Missing from this project is the educational component that explains the purpose of the garden and its many features that make it a mecca for butterflies and pollinators. We lead garden tours but many people visit the garden when we aren't present. We need signage to: 1) explain the monarch migration, 2) explain the importance of pollinators, 3) illustrate butterfly host plants, and 4) explain the value of nectar and pollen producing plants. Too few of our fellow citizens

understand that pollinators are a keystone group whose services maintain our ecosystems. The signage and the garden itself will help people understand this relationship.
\*2011 Kansas EMG Search for Excellence Award
#2013 International Master Gardener Search for Excellence Award

## **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports full funding of \$2,650 for butterfly garden signage.

2. Applicant: Slice of Agriculture Planning Committee

Project title: Slice of Agriculture

Requested amount: \$1,500 Award amount: \$1,000

# **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

Slice of Agriculture has been sharing the story of rural agriculture, the heritage of farming, and where our food comes from with 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Douglas County for the past 14 years. An estimated 11,500 students have participated in SOA. School Districts who participate are Lawrence, Eudora, and Baldwin City. Private and home school students also join us. We offer the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers three options for being involved in SOA. We offer them a seed growing kit with wheat and soybeans at the start of the school year. Approximately 50% of the classes utilize these kits for science projects. WE offer them a curriculum notebook and CD that has 28 ready to use lesson plans that meet the Kansas Standards for fourth grade students. And, we offer them a field trip in late January where the students are bused to the fairgrounds Community Building for a half day field trip. The field trip uses a pizza theme to help make learning about rural agriculture practical. The students visit eight learning stations for 13 minutes each. They include beef, dairy, pork, soil, and water conservation, machinery, grains, fruits and vegetables, and the House of Germs where they learn proper hand washing to help stay healthy. Students and teachers have responded positively to SOA and continue to look forward to it every year.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$1,000 of the \$1,500 requested for the Slice of Ag School Program.

3. Applicant: Liberty Memorial Central Middle School USD #497
Project Title Restoration of an Original Architectural Drawing of the

Liberty Memorial Building in Lawrence, KS

Requested amount: \$2,500 Award amount: \$1,250

## **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

In 2006 when the Liberty Memorial Building was being renovated, workmen discovered an original watercolor architect's rendition of the building inside of a wall. It showed the completed building as it appears from the vantage point of Massachusetts St. in Lawrence. The artwork was soil, severely discolored, foxed in some areas, and warped, but otherwise intact. The school Parents Group paid for a professional condition assessment, and the school alumni group then paid for professional stabilization and framing. While the 92-year-old piece now hangs in a prominent area of the building beside a detailed account of its historical and cultural importance, it is marred by distracting discoloration which can be rectified with additional attention by a conservation professional. Beyond its importance in tying the building's past to its present, this artwork has special significance in that the architect of the Liberty Memorial Building, Wm. B. Ittner, is today credited with having revolutionized the concept of public school architecture. Over 35 of Ittner's buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic places. Funding is requested from the Douglas County Natural and Cultural Heritage Program to complete the restoration of this culturally important artwork.

# **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$1,250 for this project.

4. Applicant: Douglas County Historical Society

Project Title: Watkins Museum Permanent Exhibit Phase 4, Stair Hall

Amount requested: \$40,000 Award amount: \$10,000

#### **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

The Douglas County Historical Society (DCHS) requests funding to begin the final phase of the development and installation of a new core exhibit at the Watkins Museum with the refurbishment and interpretation of the museum's main stair hall. This space features a number of architectural elements original to the building, including the cast iron and marble staircase, three stained glass windows, and the only remaining original chandelier. The stair hall also serves as the start of the museum experience for the majority of visitors. This project would refurbish the space, restore the stained glass, improve the lighting, and add interpretive elements that anticipate the full installation of the third floor core exhibit, which is currently in planning. Proceeding with work in the stair hall will continue the momentum created with the opening of the second floor in August 2013, significantly improve visitors' experience of the Watkins Building, and the functionality of the space, and add interpretive elements that will introduce the themes of the third floor exhibit.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$10,000 towards restoration.

5. Applicant: Lecor Project Title Upda programming

Lecompton Historical Society
Updating Artifact Records for improved exhibits and

Amount requested: \$28,978 Award amount: \$10,000

# **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

The Lecompton Historical Society maintains several historic buildings and sites in beautiful Douglas County. The diverse artifacts and archival material in these buildings and sites tell the story of Lecompton's history of early Kansas homesteading, huge role in Bleeding Kansas history and its territorial capital status, plus life in a (later) small community with a strong passion for its history. The Lecompton Historical Society needs to update its cataloging and record keeping of its artifacts so that it can develop improved exhibits and educational programming. An urgency exists to collect missing or incomplete data of the artifacts from volunteers, donors, paperwork and members of the community before the oral histories that were not written down are lost in time. Also, the stickers with artifact numbers are falling off or fading. The artifacts need to be labeled with their numbers and the artifact information captured before the information is lost or forgotten. The Lecompton Historical Society requests a grant to adapt standardized museum procedures in their records and cataloging of its collection. In order to do this, the society requests funds to hire a curatorial consultant and museum studies students for five months, along with purchasing museum cataloging software and supplies.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$10,000 toward the requested amount of \$28,978 to be used for purchasing software and to hire a consultant to begin the cataloging project and train volunteers.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

6. Applicant: Douglas County Conservation District and Delaware

Tribe of Indians

Project title: Facilitated Conversation Regarding Possible

Community Collaboration on

Delaware Tribe of Indian's Agricultural Land

Amount requested: \$15,000 Award amount: \$8,100

#### **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

Over the past six months, numerous informal conversations have taken place between representatives of the Delaware Tribe and various community members regarding potential uses of agricultural land north of North Lawrence. Out of those conversations has come an idea of a possible community collaboration with the Delaware tribe to identify a project that is both in keeping with the characteristics of the land (Class 1 soils, highly visible, highly productive, urban edge with proximity to major transportation) and also respects the desire of the Delaware to establish a presence in Douglas County that is productive, economically viable and culturally sensitive. While no commitments have been made by any party, and no

proposals are pending, it is agreed by all so far that more conversation is desired. A professionally facilitated conversation would provide a more focused discernment process in hopes of answering these most basic, but important, questions: Is there consensus among leaders of the Delaware Tribe and potential Douglas County community partners to collaborate on a project on Delaware agricultural land? If so, what might that collaboration look like and who might the partners be? If not, is there consensus among potential Douglas County community partners to continue the cross-sector agricultural conversation outside of the confines of a specific parcel of land?

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$8,100 of the requested \$15,000 to be used to hire a facilitator.

7. Applicant: Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area

Project title: Kansas Riverkings: Life on the Kaw Museum Exhibit

Amount requested: \$28,275 Award amount: \$8,000

The Kansas Riverkings Project encompasses several layers of cultural preservation as it relates to agriculture and food production as well as early commerce in Lawrence and Douglas County, Kansas. The focus is to be on the Riverkings themselves (a group of area men born before and after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century), their way of life, their time on the Kansas "Kaw" River, tools of their trade, expert knowledge of the waterway, and how they once used it to feed the people of our community as Kansas River commercial fishermen. This portion of the Riverkings Project develops as an informative museum exhibit accompanied by an audio-video presentation and educational opportunities for the public. The project work will occur in four major stages (pre-planning and research, on site work, label and organize, community outreach/education).

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$8,000 of the requested amount of \$28,275 to be used for the museum project.

8. Applicant: Friends of the Kaw, Inc.

Project title: Restoration of the Kaw River between Lawrence and Eudora

Amount requested: \$27,920 Award amount: \$10,000

#### **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

The Kansas River (known locally as the Kaw) is a central piece of Douglas County's history and heritage, supporting communities from pre-colonial times to the present with drinking water, food resources, wildlife habitat, aesthetic beauty, and creational opportunities. It is no accident that the major population centers in Douglas County—Lecompton, Lawrence, and Eudora—are located along the Kaw. In July of 2012 the Kansas River officially became part of the National Water Trail System. Despite recent successes in restoring the Kaw, the section

between Bowersock Dam and Mud Creek to the East of Lawrence is still in need of restoration. Friends of the Kaw proposes to involve Douglas County residents, the City of Lawrence, KDHE Bureau of Land Management, Penny's Concrete, and Westar Energy to restore several environmentally significant areas in this section of the river. We will also host educational float trips to give Douglas County residents a first-hand look at the beauty of the Kaw and we will conduct a riverbank assessment of this area. These efforts will improve habitat for important wildlife species and will educate the public on the importance of protecting and preserving the natural and cultural heritage of the Kaw.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$10,000 of the requested amount of \$27,920 to be used at their discretion in the Kaw River cleanup.

9. Applicant: African America Quilt Museum and Textile Academy Project title: Turkey Red: Interpreting the Life of Douglas County

Contraband

Amount requested: \$82,945.84 Award amount: \$25,000

# **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

Turkey Red will interpret the story of slaves that were brought to Lawrence as contraband, through the lens of Maria Martin, an enslaved woman brought to Lawrence as contraband during a raid by Jayhawkers. This project will involve a multidisciplinary approach to interpreting this story through various media: story quilts, interpretive talks, historic dye garden, documentary, and book. Portions of this project will be undertaken by Ms. Jackson's Textile Academy students. The Textile Academy provides area students a chance to increase their marketable and interpersonal skills. Students in Ms. Jackson's program learn research, writing, and communication skills in addition to developing their artistic skills. This project will raise the profile of Douglas County as a destination both for African-American heritage tourists—Marla Quilts was recently named as a program of the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom—and for quilters. It will share a key piece of the previously uninterpreted story of Douglas County's African-American heritage and elevates Lawrence as a center of Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. A portion of this project has been supported by an interpretive grant from Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.

#### **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports partial funding of \$25,000 of the requested amount of \$82,945.84 to be used for the story quilt, youth workshops, book, and dye garden.

10. Applicant: Kansas Historical Foundation

Project title: Constitution Hall Window Restoration

Amount requested: \$21,500 Award amount: \$21,500

#### **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

The Constitution Hall State Historic Site located in Lecompton features twenty two over-two, double-hung wooden windows. All twenty windows are in need of restoration to varying degrees. For example, the majority of first floor windows are painted shut, which does not allow site administrators to utilize natural air flow to cool the building. The restoration of the twenty windows will be divided into two separate projects. The first nine windows, located on the main level, will be restored through a Window Restoration Boot Camp. Nationally known preservation expert, Bob Yapp, will provide a 5-day hands-on workshop offering eighteen students an opportunity to learn the craft of wood window restoration. The students will be divided into two groups with each learning the methods needed to restore historic windows. After the 5-day workshop is complete, the remaining eleven windows will be repaired by a hired contractor. Competitive bids will be sought for that work to ensure that appropriate preservation methods will be used and that all work will meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

## **Heritage Council Recommendations:**

The Heritage Council supports full funding of this request of \$21,500 to restore the windows in Constitution Hall following federal standards.

# Appendix A 2014 Heritage Grant Recommendations

# Tier 1 Grants Recommended for Funding

# **Major Grants**

2014-15	Natural Resources Inventory	(	\$147,500					
2014-26	John G. Haskell House	;	\$ 31,250					
Target Grants								
2014-23	Monarch Watch Signage	5	\$2,650					
2014-05	Slice of Ag	(	\$1,000					
2014-01	Liberty Memorial School Architectural Dra	wing	\$1,250					
2014-04	Watkins Museum Exhibit, Phase 4	(	\$10,000					
2014-09	Lecompton Historical Society Updating Re	ecords	\$10,000					
2014-06	Douglas County Conservation District and Delaware Tribe of Indians	I :	\$8,100					
2014-12	Kansas Riverkings Exhibit	(	\$8,000					
2014-29	Friends of the Kaw River cleanup	(	\$10,000					
2014-17	Turkey Red Story Quilt		\$25,000					
2014-07	Constitution Hall Window Restoration	(	\$21,500					
Total		;	\$276,250					
Tier II	(if additional funding becomes available	e)						
2014-17 River Kings	Turkey Red 40%	60%						

# Tier 3 (if additional funding becomes available)

Arched Ceiling Inventory Douglas County Genealogical Society

# Appendix B 2014 All Heritage Grant Applications

Project ID	Organization	Project Title	Project Director	Total Project Budget	Amount Requested	Council Recommended Funding Amount
Major Gra	nts					
2014-15	Kelly Kindscher KUCR	A Systematic Inventory for Natural Areas and Habitat in Douglas County	Kelly Kindscher	\$194,699	\$177,000	\$147,500
2014-26	Aaron and Kendra Marable	John G. Haskell Home: Hotel Haskell	Aaron and Kendra Marable	\$300,000	\$100,280	\$31,250
2014-13	Kansas Rural Center	Heritage Farms of Douglas County: Telling Our Stories, Discovering Our Future	Joanna Voigt	\$183,862	\$147,312	
2014-18	City of Lawrence	Discovering the Historical, Cultural,	David Corliss	\$2,000,075	\$141,000	
2014-28	Cosmic Beauty School	Freeman Building Renovation for	Nick Brown	\$162,234	\$149,399	
Target Gra	ants					
2014-23	Monarch Watch	Monarch Watch Educational Signage	Chip Taylor	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,650
2014-05	Slice of Agriculture Planning Committee	Slice of Agriculture	Bill Wood	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$1,000
2014-01	Liberty Memorial Central Middle School USD 497	Restoration of an Original Architectural Drawing of the Liberty Memorial Building in Lawrence, KS	Jeff Harkin	\$3,540	\$2,500	\$1,250
2014-04	Douglas County Historical Society	Watkins Museum Permanent Exhibit Phase 4, Stair Hall	Steve Nowak	\$507,697	\$40,000	\$10,000

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2014-09	Lecompton Historical Society	Updating artifact records for improved exhibits and programs	Lynn Ward	\$40,046	\$28,978	\$10,000
2014-06	Douglas County Conservation District and Delaware Tribe of Indians	Facilitated Conversation regarding possible community collaboration on Delaware Tribe of Indians' agricultural land	Jim Weaver Chief Paula Pechonick	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$8,100
2014-12	Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area	Kansas Riverkings: Life on the Kaw Museum Exhibit	Barbara Higgins- Dover	\$40,905	\$28,275	\$8,000
2014-29	Friends of the Kaw	Restoration of the Kaw River between Lawrence, Eudora	Laura Calwell	\$27,920	\$27,920	\$10,000
2014-17	African American Quilt Museum and Textile Academy	Turkey Red: Interpreting the Life of Douglas County Contraband	Marla Jackson	\$113,686.24	\$82,945.84	\$25,000
2014-07	Kansas Historical Foundation	Constitution Hall Window Restoration	Kenneth Price	\$26,900	\$21,500	\$21,500
2014-02	Douglas County Genealogical Society	Digitizing the Society Quarterly	Mary Burchill	\$2,500	\$2,500	
2014-03	City of Lecompton	Renovation to Preserve Historic Radical United Brethren Church	Sandy Jacquot	\$80,000	\$60,000	
2014-08	Clearfield Community	Restore Clearfield School Bell tower as seen in 1908	Ron Wright	\$27,310	\$21,992	
2014-10	Lawrence Food Garden Tour Committee	2014 Lawrence Food Garden Tour	Kirsten Bosnak	\$6,983	\$4,500	
2014-11	Lawrence Farmer's Market	Lawrence Area Sweet Potato Project	Bob Lominska	\$12,000	\$8,500	

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2014-14	KUCR	Creating an online map viewer for Data collected by the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council	Mike Houts	\$56,244	\$56,244	
2014-16	KUCR	Archaeological Documentation of Arched Ceiling Cellars in Douglas Cty.	Jack Hofman	\$10,934	\$9,941	
2014-19	Libuze Kriz-Fiorito Historical Foundation	Restoring Damage from Water Icemelt: The Castle Tea Room	Lindsay Ibarra	\$9,660	\$9,660	
2014-20		HVAC Installation at 730 Main St., future home of Eudora Historical Society	Ben Terwilliger	\$10,129	\$10,129	
2014-21	Friends of Hidden Valley	Dogwood Forest Native Woods	Durand Reiber	\$15,300	\$8,000	
2014-22	Artfarm LLC	St. James AME Church Repair	John Hachmeister	\$32,500	\$29,500	
2014-24	City of Lawrence	Murphy-Bromelsick House/Hobbs Park	Mitch Young	\$14,000	\$14,000	
2014-25	University of Kansas	KU Student Farm: Building Community by Revitalizing the Lawrence Community Garden Project	Becky Cook /	\$5,536	\$3,336	
2014-27	Ecumenical Campus Ministries of KU	ECM Food Hub	Ary Guerrero	\$83,500	\$83,500	
2014-30	KVHAdventuring Inc.	Four Winds Heritage District	Bob Burkhart	\$200,000	\$100,000	

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