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Governor Kelly Announces more than \$6.4 Million in Grants for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs, Children's Advocacy Centers in Kansas

Governor Laura Kelly announced the 2020 State General Fund Grant Programs funding awards for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs and Children's Advocacy Centers.

"These services are oftentimes life-saving," Kelly said. "From issues of domestic violence to children's advocacy, it's important that we provide the resources these important organizations and their staff members need to keep Kansans and our communities safe."

In all, more than \$6.4 million in grants were awarded to communities across Kansas.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Grant Awards

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault funds support the enhancement and expansion of sexual and domestic violence programs. The funds are used for support services, outreach and training for community-based programs located in large and small communities across Kansas. These programs provide services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including emergency safe shelter, crisis hotline calls and crisis intervention, on-going counseling and support, and advocacy to help victims increase safety for themselves and their families. These services for victims and survivors and their families are life-saving and assist them in transforming their lives.

The funds also are used to leverage federal funds to help expand services and improve responses across the state. Without these funds, millions of federal dollars would not be available to help these vulnerable families or to increase safety in Kansas communities.

2020 SGF for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Grant Awards

County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$152,625
Barton	Family Crisis Center, Inc.	\$257,210
Butler	Family Life Center	\$95,625
Crawford	Safehouse Crisis Center	\$253,004
Douglas	The Sexual Trauma and	\$127,875
	Abuse Care Center	
Douglas	The Willow Domestic	\$233,342
	Violence Center	
Ellis	Options: Domestic &	\$220,144
	Sexual Violence Services	
Finney	Family Crisis Services	\$127,126
Ford	Crisis Center of Dodge City	\$75,157
Harvey	Harvey Co. Domestic	\$251,271
	Violence/Sexual Assault	
	Task Force	
Johnson	SAFEHOME	\$276,097
Leavenworth	Alliance Against Family	\$88,971
	Violence	
Lyon	SOS	\$244,783
Reno	BrightHouse	\$146,276
Riley	Crisis Center	\$391,604
Saline	Domestic Violence	\$381,950
	Association of Central	
	Kansas	
Sedgwick	Catholic Charities, Harbor	\$192,661
	House	
Sedgwick	StepStone	\$72,991
Sedgwick	Wichita Area Sexual	\$299,762
	Assault Center	
Sedgwick	Wichita Family Crisis	\$214,856
	Center	
Seward	Liberal Area Rape	\$191,732
	Crisis/Domestic Violence	
	Services	
Shawnee	Kansas Coalition Against	\$412,531
	Sexual & Domestic	
	Violence	****
Shawnee	YWCA Center for Safety &	\$251,747
***	Empowerment	*
Wyandotte	Friends of Yates	\$376,263
Wyandotte	Metropolitan Organization	\$180,610
	to Counter Sexual Assault	
	TOTAL	\$5,516,213

Children's Advocacy Centers in Kansas Grant Awards

The Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) are child-focused, community-oriented programs coordinating investigation and intervention services for abused children by bringing together professionals and agencies in a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary model. The CAC model of collaboration is designed to ensure children are not revictimized by the systems designed to protect them by creating cohesion among professionals representing investigation, advocacy, medical, prosecution and treatment. This team approach results in a more collaborative and efficient investigative process. The unique model is designed to protect children and bring enhanced accountability to the system, increasing the opportunity for children to begin the healing process.

The CAC grant program provides funding to hire and train staff to provide sexual and physical abuse victims with child-sensitive forensic interviews; advocacy services for victims and non-offending caregivers; and coordinate multi-disciplinary case review teams and efforts across systems to enhance services.

2020 Children's Advocacy Centers Grant Awards

County	Organization Name	Grant Award
Allen	Hope Unlimited	\$50,500
Barton	Family Crisis Center	\$62,938
Butler	Sunlight Child Advocacy Center	\$49,083
Cloud	North Central Kansas CASA	\$14,346
Crawford	Children's Advocacy Center	\$43,861
Ford	Meadowlark House Child Advocacy Center	\$33,796
Harvey	Heart to Heart	\$48,237
Johnson	Sunflower House	\$116,238
Leavenworth	First Judicial District CASA Association	\$42,976
Lyon	SOS	\$50,290
Reno	Horizons Mental Health Center	\$67,304
Riley	Sunflower CASA Project	\$35,613
Saline	Child Advocacy and Parenting Services	\$38,990
Scott	Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center	\$49,095
Sedgwick	Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas	\$60,253
Sedgwick	Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County	\$116,023
Shawnee	LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center	\$61,195
	TOTAL	\$940,738