

Kansas SAEF Abstract

1. **The lead applicant's name:** Kansas Office of Apprenticeship (KOA)
2. **The lead applicant entity type:** The KOA is the state and federally recognized State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA)
3. **The lead applicant City and State:** Topeka, Kansas
4. **Selected funding option:** Formula funding and competitive funding
5. **The project title:** Leading Apprenticeship Results in Kansas (MeadowLARK Grant)
6. **The funding amount requested:** \$414,927 base funding and \$5,916,920 in competitive funding
7. **The total number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant, if applicable:** The Kansas Apprenticeship Council (KAC) has an approved vision to grow Kansas to a top 25 state by 2025. This would be an increase in approximately 1,000-3,000 apprentices. If awarded, this grant would support those efforts by adding 1,350 participants.
8. **Population(s) to be served:** the KOA plans to scale the significant modernizations from the last two years to significantly increase the number of Registered Apprentices (RA) in the State of Kansas, particularly underrepresented populations, including women, people of color, and individuals with disabilities, and underserved communities, including veterans, justice-impacted individuals, youth, and those in rural communities, and to take steps to facilitate the growth of apprenticeship in our most in-demand industries and occupations across the entire state of Kansas.
9. **Required Partner (for States with federally-recognized SAAs and if the SAA is not the lead applicant):** The KOA is the federally-recognized SAA and has full backing from the Governor's Office
10. **Optional Partner(s):** Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas Board of Regents, Kansas WorkforceONE local workforce board and other sub-partners who have a stake in economic success
11. **Targeted Industry(ies):** Educational services (K12 teacher education), care economy (healthcare, childcare and ect.), public sector occupations, supply chain (logistics, warehouse, transportation, and advanced manufacturing, including but not limited to the manufacturing of semi-conductors/batteries and biomanufacturing), agriculture and food manufacturing, construction and other high wage and high demand occupations in the state of Kansas
12. **Targeted Occupation(s):** Targeted occupations include, but are not limited to, those that are the most in-demand and high wage occupations (including those that are youth and justice involved friendly) for the state of Kansas including:
 - a. K12 teacher educators, workforce services occupations,
 - b. Logistics and advanced manufacturing workers, mechanics, warehouse operators, transportation workers, maintenance workers, robotics technicians, applied engineers, biotechnology technician, semi-conductor technicians, and more,
 - c. Health economy jobs including childcare workers, certified nursing assistance, phlebotomy and more
 - d. Construction trades specifically for youth apprentices that create solid pathways to adult RAP's, and more
13. **List of credential(s) to be awarded:** Targeted credentials include, but are not limited to State of Kansas Sanctioned Apprenticeship completion certificates, as well as,

- a. Kansas Teacher Licensure and bachelor's degree/certificate equivalent
- b. License required for specific occupations including CDL, Social Worker credentials, and others
- c. CDL and endorsements, EPA Universal Certification, OSHA 10, OSHA 30, First Aid certifications, Forklift certification, CompTIAA+, etc.

14. Summary of program activities:

- a. *Formula Funding Base Grant* – The goal for the base grant will to continue modernizing the KOA and ensure that Kansas will successfully retain our SAA status. This will include but is not limited to partnering with 3rd party program review auditors, submitting an updated EEO (last submitted to the DOL in 2018), as well as deploy effective technologies that can help to increase overall quality control of all RAP's. Kansas is currently experiencing the most growth and momentum ever in the state, and interest in Registered Apprenticeship (RAP) has increased significantly. This funding will be leveraged with state funds to capitalize on this momentum.
- b. *Competitive Funding* – The goal of the competitive funding will be focused on significant expansion of RAP for underserved populations (justice involved, youth, females and rural residents) as well as high wage and high demand industries that have not traditionally used the RAP model. As such, the KOA has identified two goals to meet these objectives including 1. grow RAP's using statewide intermediaries in specific industries including K-12 Teacher Educators and justice involved friendly industries, 2. build stronger partnerships with the workforce system by supporting at least two local workforce boards in becoming RA Multi-Employer Intermediaries to specifically serve youth, advanced manufacturing, and workforce services.

15. Subrecipient roles: List all subrecipients and the roles (activities) they will fill on the proposed project. Roles should be aligned to proposed workplan.

- a. *Formula Funding Base Grant* – the KOA main partners will continue to be the Governor's office and other executive level staff to support advancement and public relations, the appointed KAC, and our existing RA Sponsors, multi-employer Intermediaries and the workforce system. The formula funding will be utilized to meet the approved mission and vision statement and advance the approved strategic plan of the KAC.
- b. *Competitive Funding* – for the competitive funding, our partners will depend on each stated objective. Based on the objectives partners will include but may not be limited to 1. Kansas State Department of Education in partnership with the Kansas Board of Regents, school districts and other outside agencies, 2. Members of the KansasWorks State Board members including Workforce Partnerships (Area III/KC metro), Kansas WorkforceONE (Area 1/western KS), Workforce Alliance (Area IV/Wichita metro), and KansasWorks SE (Area V/southeast KS)

16. Public contact information: <https://ksapprenticeship.org/>