

Commerce announces six new KAN STEP projects for 2007

The Kansas Department of Commerce (KDoC) has awarded ten new projects for the KAN STEP program. These communities will benefit greatly from the upgraded services. The total grant award for the projects listed below is \$1,675,444; volunteers will provide \$1,412,167 in labor and supplies. The total estimated project costs are \$3,087,431 for the 2007 funding. Below is a short outline of each project.

Hanover Community Center

The City of Hanover in northeast Washington County has been awarded a \$300,000 Kansas Small Town Environmental Program (KAN STEP) Grant to construct a new multi-purpose community center. Hanover will

match the funding with \$272,970 in volunteer labor for a total retail cost of \$572,790.

The building will be 9,000 sq. feet, including an assembly room, restrooms three food service rooms to be used by different organizations during community

events and fundraisers. This is a unique project.

The Project representative at Hanover is Robert Holle. Grant Administration will be provided by Deb Olde, North Central Kansas Planning. The architect is Don Marris, DMA Architects, Salina. Kansas Rural Water Association will provide inspection services and technical assistance to the project.

Hunter Community Center

The Kansas Department of Commerce has awarded a \$296,651 KAN STEP grant to the City of Hunter to construct a new community center. Hunter will match the funding with \$248,530 in volunteer labor. The total retail cost is estimated to be \$545,081. Hunter is located in southwestern Mitchell County in north-central Kansas.

Dimensions for the community center will be 72.75 feet x 87.5 feet. The community center will

include volunteer labor valued at \$121,315 and the KAN STEP grant of \$179,891.

The dimensions of the St. Paul Fire Station addition are 50 feet x 55 feet. The fire station addition includes four bay doors. One will be a pull-through bay. The truck bay area will have a trough drain and room for lockers.

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include a library and library office, dining area with a full kitchen, reception hall with a kitchenette and an office, restrooms, storage and utility room.

The project representative at Hunter is Steve Schneider. Grant administration will be provided by Doug McKinney, North-Central Planning Commission, Beloit Don Marris, DMA Architects, Salina, is the architect for the project.

St. Paul Fire Station addition

The City of St. Paul has been awarded a \$179,891 KAN STEP grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce to construct a 2,750 sq. foot addition to their existing fire station.

The project has an estimated retail cost of \$301,206. This

Kansas Regional Planning Commission. The volunteer "sparkplug" for the project is Roy Paisley.

Highland Fire Station

Highland, located in Doniphan County in northeastern Kansas, has been awarded a \$299,050 KAN STEP grant to construct a new fire station. The City of Highland is located in Doniphan County in northeast Kansas.

The grant will pay for a new 8,400 square foot facility that has an estimated retail cost of \$613,189. This includes volunteer labor valued at \$314,139 and the KAN STEP grant of \$299,050.

The structure will be 60 feet x 140 feet. The fire station will include six bay doors. The fire

station also has additional rooms including two bunk rooms and a staff restroom and an office. The building will also house a community center shell with unfinished rooms such as a kitchen, chair and table storage room, janitor's room, restrooms and mechanical room.

The project architect is Dan Hall of BG Consultants, Manhattan. Grant administration will be provided by Tom Bliss of Mo-Kan, St. Joseph, MO. The volunteer "sparkplug" for the project is Mike Bachhelder.

City of Horton

The City of Horton plans to remodel a city building to make a new community center. The present building is used for the county fair and other events.

The Kansas Department of Commerce has awarded a \$300,000 KAN STEP grant to the city. Horton will match the funding with \$215,903 in volunteer labor for a total retail cost of \$515,903. Horton is located in Brown County in

northeast Kansas.

The 10,150 square foot facility will be located south of the Fairgrounds. The community center will include two multi-purpose rooms, concession area with a kitchen, storage room, mechanical room and hallway entrances leading to each of the three main areas and restrooms.

The project representative at Horton is Levi Henry, City Administrator. Grant administration will also be provided by Levi Henry. Don Marrs, DMA Architects, Salina, is the architect for the project.

Fire Station at Woodbine

A new fire station will be constructed in Dickinson County at Woodbine, thanks to a \$299,952 KAN STEP grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

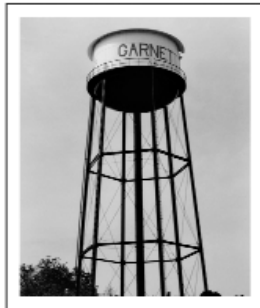
The KAN STEP grant will pay for a new 5,760 square foot facility; it has an estimated retail cost of \$539,082. This includes volunteer labor valued at \$239,130 and the KAN STEP grant of \$299,952.

The overall dimensions of the station will be 72 feet x 80 feet. The Woodbine Fire Station includes three bay doors and a fourth door for the first responder vehicle. A training room with storage above and a serving area will be included.

The project architect is Dan Hall with BG Consultants, Manhattan. Grant administration will be provided by Doug McKinney of North Central Kansas Planning Commission. The volunteer "sparkplug" for the project is Russell Riffel. The Kansas Rural Water Association will provide inspection services and technical assistance to the volunteers.

The Kansas Rural Water Association provides inspection services and technical assistance to local communities on their KAN STEP projects. Mike Fisher, who lives in Ellsworth, KS and I work on this program as well as Pete Koenig who assists on water system projects. It's a great program that's helping many communities make improvements.

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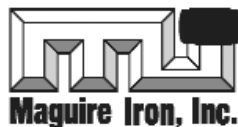
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