



Healthy Blue

Mini-Grants to Improve Breastfeeding Rates in Kansas 2024 Request for Proposals

Eligible local breastfeeding coalitions in Kansas are invited to submit proposals for up to \$2,000 to fund activities that will improve breastfeeding rates. Proposals must be submitted by **5:00 PM on May 1, 2024**, through the [online application](#).

Project Work

Funded work should support meeting one or more criteria for the "[Community Supporting Breastfeeding Plus](#)" designation.

Helpful videos:

- [Overview of Community Supporting Breastfeeding Plus \(CBS+\) designation](#)
- [CSB+ Criteria Details and Tips](#)

Eligible Breastfeeding Coalitions

Local breastfeeding coalitions in Kansas listed on the [KBC's Local Coalitions Directory](#).

Coalitions must have an eligible fiscal agent. Organizations with tax exemption recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and qualifying as public charities under provisions of Section 509(a)(1) and (2) are eligible to serve as fiscal agents to breastfeeding coalitions. Governmental entities of the State of Kansas and its local units of government are also eligible to serve as fiscal agents to breastfeeding coalitions. Other organizations and individuals are not eligible.

Amount of Award

The maximum award for any one grant project is \$2,000. There is no minimum amount. A single breastfeeding coalition may make more than one grant request and could be awarded more than one grant through this RFP. This is particularly the case when a breastfeeding coalition may serve as a regional coalition.

The KBC is committed to funding \$10,000 in mini-grants to breastfeeding coalitions through this RFP, with support from Healthy Blue.

Period of grant

Grant work should commence on or after June 1, 2024, and be completed by **May 31, 2025**. In many cases, the period of the grant may be shorter.

Limitations on Funding Uses

- Grant funds may not be used for lobbying or political activity as defined in the Internal Revenue Code related to tax exempt organizations.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be purchased with grant funds.
- Funds may not be used to purchase items from manufacturers that do not comply with the [International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes](#).

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- Expenses for hosting events conflicting with KBC events, such as [breastfeeding education courses](#) or the KBC annual conference, Oct. 17-18, 2024.
- Budget variances over 10% from the proposed budget require prior approval before funds are spent.

- Grants will not be awarded for contributions to capital campaigns.
- No out-of-state travel or activities will be paid with grant funds.
- Public funds supporting existing projects may not be replaced or supplanted with grant funds.
- Indirect fees are not allowable in these small grants, except that a small reasonable fiscal agent fee may be paid where necessary to have a third party serve as fiscal agent.

Matching Funds

No matching funding or support—cash or in-kind—is required. Of course, other sources of support—cash or in-kind—may be important to the grant reviewers in determining the strength of the project.

Preferences in Review of Proposals

- Practices that address cultural, ethnic/racial, and geographic disparities will be valued in the review process. Indigenous and rural coalitions will be prioritized.
- Geographical diversity will be valued in awarding funds so that several Kansas communities have expanded breastfeeding work and resources.
- Projects that are innovative and creative in their strategy to expand breastfeeding support.
- Projects that benefit beyond the project term will be viewed favorably.

Application Process

The application for this invitation may be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024MiniGrants>. The application will be completed and submitted no later than **12:00 PM May 1, 2024**. Detailed instructions about completion of the application may be found on the application.

Reporting

- Progress report due **November 30, 2024**, via *one* of the following options:
 - Report at KBC annual conference on Oct. 18, 2024
 - Meeting with Executive Director
 - Submitted written report including budget
- Final written report due **June 15, 2025**, OR ***within thirty days*** of project completion. Report to include:
 - Description of activities, challenges, successes, future work, and evaluation
 - Photos if applicable
 - Line-item financial details, including receipts
- The staff of the KBC will review these reports, share them with members of the KBC Board of Directors, and publicize them in KBC newsletters, meetings, social media, and website, in whole or by summary.

Grant Timeline

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| 1. Release of RFP | March 15, 2024 |
| 2. Proposal deadline | 12:00 PM, May 1, 2024 |
| 3. Notice of awards | May 30, 2024 |
| 4. Grant project begins | June 1, 2024 |
| 5. Progress report | November 30, 2024 |
| 6. Grant completion | May 31, 2025 |

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7. Final Report

June 15, 2025

Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition

The Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition (KBC) provides funds for the grant awards. Decisions about which proposals are funded will be made by the KBC Board of Directors members with support from the KBC staff. To learn more about the work of the KBC, please go to <http://ksbreastfeeding.org/>

For additional information, please contact
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