



## NetWork Kansas Overview

### **When was NetWork Kansas created?**

A: The Kansas Economic Growth Act of 2004 created the Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship, which does business as NetWork Kansas. By statute, NetWork Kansas serves as “the central portal for entrepreneurs seeking business assistance and financing options in Kansas by providing a seamless resource center clearinghouse and referral source, to include the establishment of a website and a toll free telephone number.”(74-99C04)

### **How is NetWork Kansas funded?**

A: NetWork Kansas receives a portion of its funding from the Kansas Department of Commerce each fiscal year. The primary source of funding for NetWork Kansas loan programs, entrepreneurship programs, and the Entrepreneurship Community Partnership comes through the Entrepreneurship Tax Credit. The Entrepreneurship Tax Credit allows NetWork Kansas and E-Communities to raise funds each year for these programs and partnerships. The Entrepreneurship Tax Credit annual allocation is \$2 million.

### **How many people does NetWork Kansas employ?**

A: NetWork Kansas employs 14 full-time employees and 1 part-time employee broken out in the following manner: Referral Center: Three full-time and one part-time employee; Statewide Loan programs and Strategic Partnerships: Two full-time; Entrepreneurship Communities: Seven full-time; and Corporate services: Two full-time.

### **How is NetWork Kansas governed?**

A: NetWork Kansas is governed by a board of 10 directors who are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. By statute, board members represent individuals with demonstrated success in entrepreneurship, agriculture, banking, travel/tourism, and enterprise facilitation as well as persons involved with the Kansas Chamber, Kansas Small Business Development Centers, and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. (74-99c03)

### **Where are NetWork Kansas offices?**

A: NetWork Kansas has offices in five communities. NetWork Kansas statewide loan program offices are at the Kansas Department of Commerce in Topeka; the executive staff and referral center offices are in Andover, and there are three E-Community field staff offices, one in Leoti one in Coffeyville, and one in Osborne.

### **How do entrepreneurs access resources through NetWork Kansas?**

A: Entrepreneurs access business assistance and financing options through the NetWork Kansas referral center, 550+ NetWork Kansas partners, and 60 Entrepreneurship Communities throughout the state.