

FRAME Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who applies for the grant?

The grant application must be made by a technical or community college located in Kansas.

2. Are the organizations that apply required to financially contribute to the project?

The salaries and benefits of the staff that will be running and operating the construction related programs will be counted as match towards the grant.

3. Can we partner with another entity on the construction or renovation of these homes?

Yes, we encourage collaboration. For example, if your county has a land bank program, we encourage you to partner with your local land bank board, local trade union or technical training center, workforce development board, economic development organization or municipality to incorporate these homes into your project.

4. Regarding the return of proceeds to the technical college following sale, s that required to be net or gross proceeds from the sale of home?

This would be the Net proceeds of the sale of the property. Costs associated with the sale of the property such as realtor fees, title fees, closing costs, can come out of the proceeds, with the remainder of the sale proceeds going back into the program for the next year of the program.

5. If I have received other federal or state funding for this project—ARPA, SPARK, USDA, CDBG, SHPO, etc.—can those be applied as a match?

Yes, if the requirements of the other funds allow for FRAME funds to be added to the project.

6. How much can I receive for my project?

Awards range from \$250,000 to a maximum of \$1,000,000. There is \$2 Million in total FRAME funding available.

7. How can I get high school students registered as a registered apprenticeship?

Kansas follows federal child labor laws which do allow for certain exemptions in youth hiring in the construction trades. More information is available online here:

<https://ksapprenticeship.org/youth-apprenticeship/> or you can reach out to the Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship at apprenticeship@ks.gov

8. Can multiple cities in a county be included in one application?

Absolutely! We want to see collaboration, whether this is with high schools in the region, other counties, or other higher education organizations in the area to help leverage these funds to ensure that they can meet the goal of 2 homes. For example, if two schools partner together, there will still be only 2 homes required to be built.

9. Are there requirements for registered apprenticeships regarding college credits to ensure that the students meet the educational requirements required by the Kansas Board of Regents?

Registered Apprenticeship is a great way to meet the goals of this grant and your local workforce development needs. Additionally, the Kansas Board of Regents and the Office of Registered Apprenticeship have created seamless pathways to bridge Higher Learning Commission (HLC), KBOR and college credits seamlessly together. More information can be found at <https://ksapprenticeship.org/apprenticeship-for-higher-education/> or contact the Kansas Office of Apprenticeship at apprenticeship@ks.gov

10. For Rehabilitation of a home, can more than two homes be completed in an area? Is there a minimum amount of work needs to be completed on each home?

There is a minimum requirement of two homes, and these homes should be currently unoccupied and not meet occupancy or code requirements for the community. The minimum work required on the project would be to address all code compliance issues, safety issues, and the building can be inspected and approved by either a building code inspector or local fire marshal for safe residential occupancy.

11. Will award amounts be based on application (approve/deny) or by rubric x available funds?

All projects will be reviewed based on the rubric provided in the webinar. After scoring, these projects will then be ranked and if there is sufficient funding for awardees, we will complete the final phase of the review that will approve/deny projects.

12. If our program does not have a plumbing component, is hiring a plumbing contractor allowed with grant funds?

Yes, hiring a professional contractor is considered an allowable expense if they are not an employee of the school. We would encourage some sort of reduced cost or in-kind contribution from these sub-contractors, and this donation can count towards the match of the project from the school. This is also a great opportunity to bridge Registered Apprenticeship with local contractors on this grant.

13. Does my project have to follow any Preservation Standards?

Projects are required to follow the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation if the renovated home is listed on the State Historic Preservation Office website. <https://khri.kansasgis.org>

14. If we can meet the two-house minimum and we have an arrangement with a non-profit partner to ensure the program's sustainability, would we be eligible to apply even if the home sale proceeds ultimately end up with our non-profit partner?

Applicants that can demonstrate/document another way to ensure program sustainability are welcome to submit applications for consideration.

*Projects that are on the State or National Register of Historic Places or contributing buildings in a State or National Register Historic District **MUST** follow these standards and best practice guidelines **and receive appropriate state approvals with the Kansas State Historical Society office before beginning work.** <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation.htm>*

15. Does a duplex, 2 units, qualify for 2 homes?

Yes, a duplex qualifies as two homes.