

Press Release

Smith Center Economic Development

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Economic Development Awards Funds to Local Businesses

Smith Center – In the month of May, Smith Center’s City Council approved one loan and three grants recommended by the Economic Development board.

Jessica Hommon receives a business expansion and development loan from the revolving loan fund. This local financing is packaged with another loan from a regional revolving loan fund. Hommon will use this capital in starting a new Main Street business and purchase equipment, furniture, and inventory. Hommon previously received a Jump Start grant for this same business venture.

Economic Development grant awards go to:

- Garen Kuhlman, CPA, receives a Downtown Looking Up grant of \$7,614.50 to add an awning to 120 E. Court Street.
- HBIC LLC receives a Store Front grant of \$925 of reimbursement towards the replacement of broken windows on 108 West Kansas Street.
- Kecia Shellito receives two Clean Up grants through the Clean Up and Revitalization program to demolish and remove the debris from two buildings at 113 E Kansas Street. This provides \$3,000 of reimbursement towards this commercial property owners’ expenses.

For more information about the programs currently available through the department, check out <https://smithcenterks.com/business-programs-and-incentives>.

Smith Center Economic Development is a department of the City of Smith Center, KS. It is to benefit the Smith Center area as measured by employment, payroll, business volume and local tax base. More information is available at www.smithcenterks.com/economic-development.

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