



2024 Hub Summit

April 24, 2024

Agency Overview | Kansas Water Office



The **Kansas Water Office** (KWO) was established in 1981 as the water planning, policy, coordination and marketing agency for the state. The primary statutory function of the agency is the development and implementation of the Kansas Water Plan. In 2023, Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Legislature, through Sen. Sub. for HB 2302, increased the amount of state funding for the State Water Plan Fund (SWPF). Provisions of the law included the creation of two new water-related grant funds: the Technical Assistance Grant Fund and the Water Projects Grant Fund (HB 2302 Grants). KWO is a SubCabinet member of the **Kansas Infrastructure Hub**.

Technical Assistance Fund Grants

\$5M/Fiscal Year



Eligible Applicants:

- Municipalities.
- Special district related to water organized under the Laws of Kansas.

Eligible projects and activities for Technical Assistance Fund Grants:

- Planning, engineering, managing and other technical assistance that may be necessary in the development of plans for water infrastructure projects; or
- Processing grant and loan applications for such water infrastructure projects.

Limits on Grant Awards

The KWO may provide full or partial grants. No single grant awarded under the Technical Assistance Grant Fund shall exceed \$1,000,000 (unless specified by a specific action of the Legislature).

Matching Fund Requirements

There are no matching funds required to be eligible for a Technical Assistance Grant Fund award.

Application Process for Technical Assistance Fund Grants

The grant application must be submitted through the form posted on the KWO's website.

Water Projects Fund Grants

\$12M/Fiscal Year



Eligible Applicants include:

- Municipalities.
- Special district related to water organized under the Laws of Kansas.

Eligible projects and activities for Water Project Grant Funds:

- Construction, repair, maintenance or replacement of water-related infrastructures and any related construction costs;
- Matching moneys for grant or loan applications for water-related infrastructure projects; and
- Application of the funds to an outstanding loan balance from the Public Water Supply Loan Fund (established in K.S.A. 65-3322 and amendments thereto) or the Kansas Pollution Control Fund (established in K.S.A. 65-163e, and amendments thereto) subject to the certain criteria (see Evaluation Criteria for Water Projects Grant Fund section).

Limits on Grant Awards:

The KWO may provide full or partial grants. No single grant awarded under the Water Projects Grant Fund shall exceed \$8,000,000 (unless specified by a specific action of the Legislature).

Matching Fund Requirements

There are no matching funds required to be eligible for a Water Projects Grant Fund award.

Application Process for Water Projects Grant Fund

The grant application must be submitted through the form posted on the KWO's website.

FY 2024 Application Evaluation Criteria | Kansas Water Office HB 2302 Grants

- Population: Municipalities with fewer than 2,000 residents prioritized for full grants (TA & WP)
- Timeline: Projects with earlier start dates prioritized (TA & WP)
- Conservation Plan: Projects that incorporate a conservation and/or climate change resiliency plan prioritized (TA & WP)
- Community Factors: Other criteria for municipalities may include public health and socioeconomic factors (TA & WP)
- Permits: Assurance of pertinent permits and authorizations (WP)
- Evaluation Criteria for Outstanding Loans (WP):
 - Project with the outstanding loan balance is complete
 - At least five years of payments have been made
 - Grants may provide repayment of up to:
 - 90% of balance for cities with fewer than 2,000 residents
 - 75% of balance for cities with fewer than 5,000 residents
 - 50% of balance for cities with fewer than 10,000 residents
 - 25% of balance for all other cities

FY 2024 Application Period Overview | Kansas Water Office HB 2302 Grants

1st Application Period Ended 12/29/2023

❑ Water Technical Assistance Fund Summary:

❑ 122 applications submitted

❑ *Examples:*

❑ *Preliminary design work for distribution system improvement*

❑ *Design engineering and boundary survey work*

❑ *Water and wastewater system improvement evaluation*

❑ Initial estimated requests totaling \$56 million

❑ \$5 million total available in FY 2024 funding

❑ Water Project Grant Fund Summary:

❑ 187 applications submitted

❑ *Examples:*

❑ *KDHE Public Water Supply Loan Fund and Kansas Pollution Control Fund loan debt payoff*

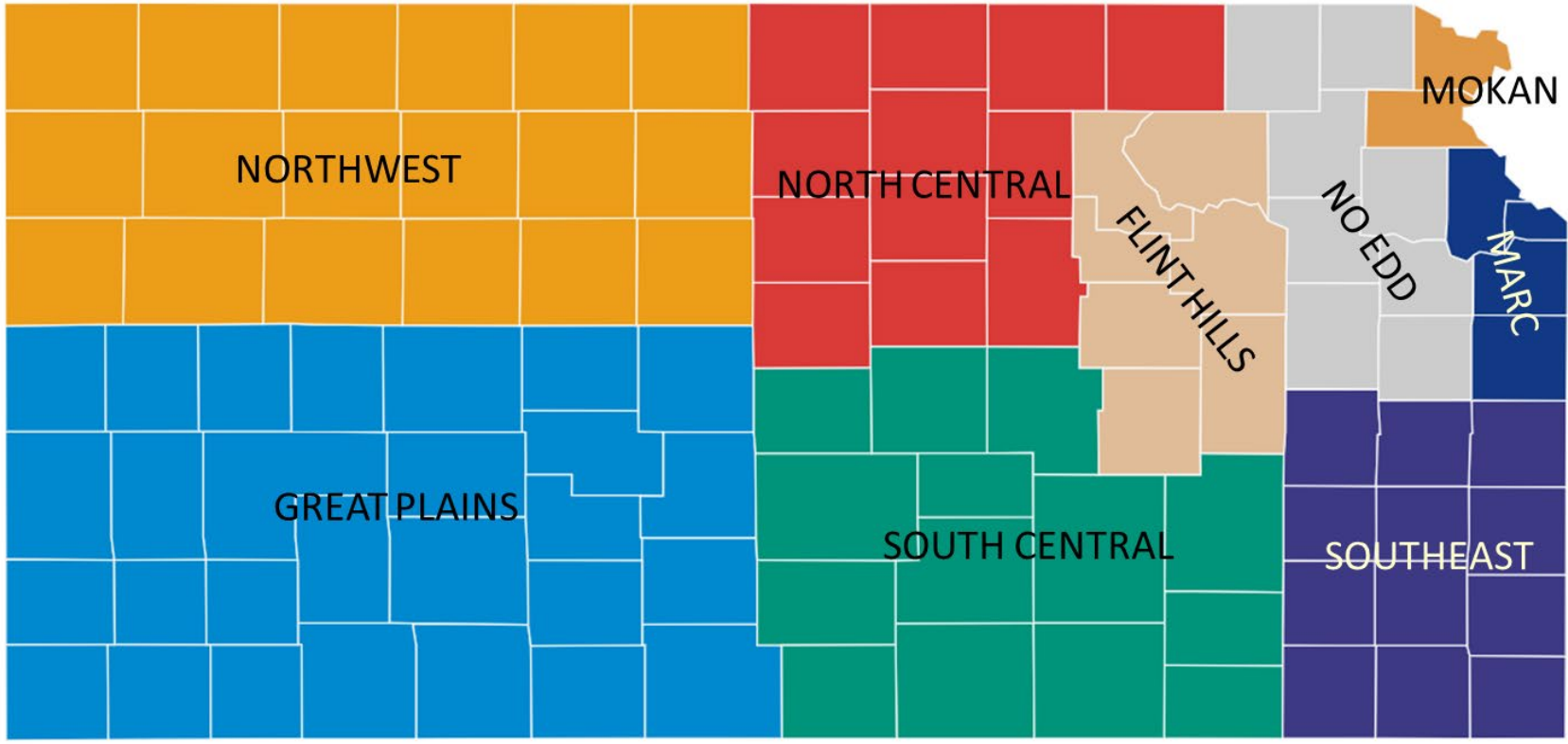
❑ *Water tower rehabilitation*

❑ *Water line replacement*

❑ Initial estimated requests totaling \$323 million

❑ \$12 million total available in FY 2024 funding

FY 2024 Application Period Overview | Kansas Water Office HB 2302 Grants



Application Type	Economic Development District (EDD)									Total by Application Type
	Flint Hills	Great Plains	MARC	MOKAN	No EDD	North Central	Northwest	South Central	Southeast	
TA	18	12	5	3	10	22	12	22	17	121
Water Project	17	15	25	2	24	16	11	28	22	160
Loan	2	2	0	1	1	4	12	3	2	27
Application Total by EDD	37	29	30	6	35	42	35	53	41	

FY 2024 Awards | Kansas Water Office HB 2302 Grants

Technical Assistance Grant Recipients:

- Bern: \$30,250
- Deerfield: \$464,000
- Dexter: \$159,500
- Effingham: \$300,000
- Fowler: \$70,000
- Harveyville: \$75,650
- Keats: \$359,100
- Mankato: \$461,548
- McDonald: \$150,000
- McPherson County Rural Water District #3: \$98,700
- Milford: \$388,000
- Ogden: \$404,710
- Osborne County Rural Water District #1a: \$8,300
- Paxico: \$618,240
- Protection: \$78,000
- Randolph: \$650,000
- Republic: \$202,400
- Tescott: \$407,500
- Waterville: \$53,092

Water Project Grant Recipients:

- Atwood: \$2,305,000
- Burden: \$823,055
- Burr Oak: \$1,028,749
- Chetopa: \$3,704,506
- Logan: \$500,000
- Paul: \$505,000
- Timken: \$385,035
- Wakefield: \$2,521,440
- Williamsburg: \$84,292

Water Project Loan Assistance Grant Recipients:

- Downs: \$336,303
- Moran: \$141,275
- Miltonvale: \$352,500
- Ness City: \$130,918
- Osborne: \$92,390
- Wilson: \$88,552

- **Summer 2024**

- FY 2025 HB 2302 Grants Call for Applications
- Kansas Water Authority Kansas Water Plan Strategic Implementation Plan Development
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Around May 20 – Local Consult Save the Dates
 - June – Local Consult Meetings
 - Regional Advisory Committee Meetings
 - Kansas Water Authority Meetings
 - June 11 – Preview of Local Consult Approach
 - August 21 – Recap of Local Consult Meetings

Additional Information | Kansas Water Office



HB 2302 Grant Programs

Technical Assistance Grant Fund and Water Projects Fund

In 2023, Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Legislature, through Sen. Sub. for HB 2302, increased the amount of state funding for the State Water Plan Fund (SWPF). The State Water Plan Fund was created in 1989 to provide funding for projects, programs, and activities recommended in the Kansas Water Plan (KWP) to address the various water issues identified in the KWP. In August of 2022, the Kansas Water Authority approved the updated Kansas Water Plan, which the Kansas Water Office had developed with input from federal, state, and local agencies, regional advisory committees, non-profit organizations and members of the public. During the following legislative session, Sen. Sub. for HB 2302 became law. Its provisions included the creation of two new water-related grant funds: the Technical Assistance Grant Fund and the Water Projects Grant Fund.

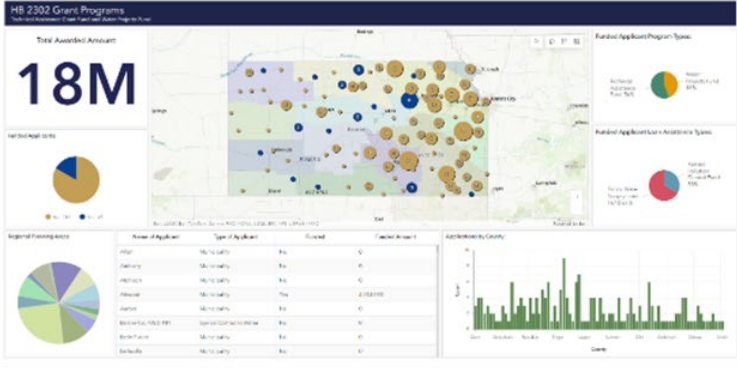
The two grant funds serve to help identified Kansas entities to obtain the up-front technical assistance and the on-the-ground actions needed to address various water quantity and quality needs. The two funds are generally directed to supporting water-related infrastructure activities. The new law directs the Kansas Water Office (KWO) to administer these two grant programs, according to certain criteria and parameters.

[Read the press release from Governor Kelly.](#)

Applications submitted by **December 25, 2023** will be considered for this initial round of funding.

The Kansas Water Office plans to make award announcements during the first quarter of 2024.

Check out our [interactive Grant Database](#).



Read the complete guidelines:

[Interim Grant Fund Guidelines_Finalized \(docx\)](#)
34 KB

Helpful Documents:

- [HB 2302 Grant FAQ \(pdf\)](#)
227 KB
- [Consultant Affidavit Example \(pdf\)](#)
145 KB
- [Permit Access Affidavit Example \(pdf\)](#)
501 KB
- [Water Projects Fund Grants Application \(pdf\)](#)
172 KB
- [Technical Assistance Fund Grants Application \(pdf\)](#)
154 KB

- Program Guidelines
- Program FAQ
- Example Docs
- Program Application Portals
- FY 2024 Program Information
- <https://kwo.ks.gov/news-events/hb-2303-grant-programs>
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