



TASK GRANT

Commonly Asked Questions

What types of entities are eligible to apply for TASK?

- Not-for-profit organizations
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State
- ***Individuals or for-profit entities are not eligible*****

***For Profits may be eligible for the Attraction Development Grant Program which is open now. Information on the ADGP can be found here: <https://travelks.com/attractiondevelopment/>*

Can we apply for both Task and ADGP grants at the same time?

- Yes, though you will not be able to accept both grants.

How do I know which grant is best to apply for, TASK or the Attraction Development?

- In determining which grant may be best for you, the type of business you are, and the project size are the most important in deciding which grant you may be eligible for.
- Projects smaller than \$200,000 in total project costs should apply for the Attraction Development Grant Program (ADGP)
- For Profit Businesses are not eligible for TASK and should seek ADGP funding if eligible.



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- Information on the ADGP can be found here: <https://travelks.com/attractiondevelopment/>
- Please refer to the chart below, which outlines the major differences in TASK and ADGP

	TASK	ADGP
Purpose	To provide strategic assistance in the development of new or the enhancement of existing tourism attractions in Kansas.	
Funding Source	ARPA / EDA	Kansas Tourism
Frequency	one-time	annually - state statute
Total \$ available	\$1.5 Million	\$250,000
# of grants to be awarded	maximum of 10	varies
Award Amounts	Minimum is \$100,000 Maximum is \$250,000	maximum of 20% to any single entity
Leveraged / Grant Funding	50/50	60/40
Eligible Applicants	Not-for-profit organizations Indian Tribes State, County, City, Local government Higher Education	Not-for-profit organizations Indian Tribes State, County, City, Local government Higher Education For-profit organizations
Timeline	Grant Opens: Jan 14, 2022 Application Deadline: March 11, 2022 Awards Announced: May 2, 2022	Opens: Feb 1, 2022 Application Deadline: March 31, 2022 Awards Announced: May 2, 2022

What types of projects are eligible for TASK?

- New attraction construction
- Enhancement to an existing attraction
- New or enhanced attraction exhibits to improve a visitor experience

Are there any projects that are ineligible?

- Travel or trade shows
- Refinancing of debt
- General upkeep or improvements (improvements that should be supported through the organization's operating budget)
- Normal operating expenses (staff salaries, rent, phone, supplies, postage, photocopying or other expenses associated with the ongoing normal administrative functions)
- To bring an attraction or building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- General promotional brochures



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- Community centers whose primary use is by local residents
- Projects not having sustainable, accountable ties to the tourism marketplace
- Grant administration fees

What types of matching leveraged funds can be used?

- Leveraged funds may include bank loans, bonds, sponsorships, cash, and in-kind contributions defined as donated goods or labor

How much of our leveraged funding can be in-kind contributions?

- 50% of the leveraged funding (25% of total project costs) may be in-kind contributions

How much leveraged funding must we have to apply for a project?

- 50% of the project cost must come from leveraged funding.

If we have received a competitive EDA Tourism grant for this project, can we also apply for TASK?

- No, Projects which have received a competitive EDA tourism grant are not eligible to receive TASK Grant Funding.

If we have received local municipality or city direct ARPA funds, (not a competitive EDA tourism grant) can we apply for a TASK grant?

- Yes, ARPA funds received to support your project from a local municipality or city, do not disqualify you from TASK grants.

Can we use ARPA relief funds as leveraged funding?

- Yes, ARPA funds may be used as leveraged funding under the guidelines above.



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How will grant funds be dispersed to the applicant if they are awarded the TASK grant?

- The TASK Grant is a 50/50 reimbursable grant, meaning that once funds are expended and the project is completed by the applicant, they will be reimbursed by the Department of Commerce after proper documentation and approvals are submitted.

What is the timeframe to spend grant funds and complete the project applied for?

- Projects must be completed by May 31st 2026.
- Progress on the project should be documented within the first fiscal quarter after receiving the grant.

Are funds already spent prior to the grant award date eligible for reimbursement?

- No, any project costs prior to the award date, which will coincide with the contract date, are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Funds eligible for reimbursement must be spent after the contract date.

Does an applicant have to have the leveraged funds committed prior to submitting a TASK application?

- It is strongly recommended that applicants have all leveraged funding committed prior to applying.

When will TASK grants be awarded?

- TASK Grants will be announced May, 2, 2022.

Where can I find the full guidelines and application?

- The full printable guidelines and application can be found here: <https://TravelKS.com/TASK/>

For any specific questions and other information regarding the TASK or ADGP grants please reach out to Taylor Hartshorn at taylor.hartshorn@ks.gov or 785-296-8951



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