

NEK Area Agency on Aging to seek grant for new facility

(KNZA)--The Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging will seek a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant to help fund the construction of a new facility in Hiawatha.

Following a hearing Monday drawing no public comment, the Brown County Commission approved a resolution authorizing the grant application to the Kansas Department of Commerce.

The new facility is to be constructed on the northwest corner of Hopi Drive and Natchez Street, near the Hiawatha Wal-Mart Store.

The facility would include offices, a community room, training room, commercial kitchen, pantry, storage room and restrooms.

The NEK Area Agency on Aging Executive Director Karen Wilson said the new facility would allow them to provide additional services and programs.

The Agency has already been awarded two grants totaling about \$1.5 million for the estimated more than \$5 million project.

The county has agreed to serve as a pass-through for the CDBG funds, if awarded. The county will provide no funding for the project.

Lawrence-based Governmental Assistance Services is preparing the grant application, which is due May 1st.

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