

NEK Area Aging on Aging receives grant for new facility

**(KNZA)--The Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging has been awarded a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant for the construction of a new multi-use facility in Hiawatha.**

**It's among nearly \$7.9 million in federal grants awarded by the Kansas Department of Commerce to assist with community development projects in 24 communities in rural counties throughout the state. Governor Kelly announced the grant awards Wednesday.**

**The new facility is to be constructed between Hopi Drive and 23rd Street on the south lot west of the Hiawatha Wal- Mart Store.**

**The facility will include administration offices, a community room, activity room, commercial kitchen with community café, technology room, and conference rooms as part of the CDBG. There will be a transportation hub, offices, dispatch center and a passenger waiting area, funded by a separate grant awarded by the Kansas Department of Transportation.**

**NEK Area Agency on Aging Executive Director Karen Wilson said the new facility will allow them to provide additional services, resources, and programs.**

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