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Wathena, Blue Rapids, Awarded Grants

The Kansas Department of Commerce has announced that Wathena and Blue Rapids are among sixteen Kansas communities that will share a total of nearly \$4.4 million in federal grants through the Community Development Block Grant program.

Wathena will receive a \$400,000 grant to upgrade the city's electrical system. Bonds and local funds will provide nearly \$643,000 in matching funds.

Blue Rapids will receive a \$140,000 grant to replace or rebuild the storm sewer in the city. The city will provide nearly \$124,000 in matching funds for the project.