

Downtown funds earmarked locally

**(KAIR)--Several local region communities are among 15 projects selected to receive a portion of nearly \$773,000 in matching grant funds.**

**According to a release from the office of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, all 15 are “recipients of the fall 2022 Historic Economic Asset Lifeline grants to revitalize underused and dilapidated downtown buildings and turn them into economic drivers in Kansas communities.”**

**Among those in the local region named as recipients are the City of Meriden, in Jefferson County, set to receive nearly \$34,000; the City of White Cloud, in Doniphan County, which is on track to receive \$25,000; and two in Nemaha County, with \$75,000 earmarked for the City of Corning, and another \$75,000 designated for Seneca Downtown Impact Inc.**

**According to the release, the so-called HEAL program is made possible through “a strategic collaboration with the Patterson Family Foundation,” explaining that the re-utilization of the underused and dilapidated “buildings as economic drivers creates additional opportunities for investment in downtown areas and is key to growing strong Kansas communities.**

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