



Kansas Community Empowerment Requirements and Enrollment Options

To be in Good Standing as a Kansas Community Empowerment (KCE) community, your community must submit:

- Enrollment
- Resolution of Government Support filed with local government
- All Quarterly Reports online and up to date.

Good Standing allows communities to be eligible for award opportunities and letters of support for communities that wish to use their standing as a KCE community for funding opportunities outside of the KCE Program.

There are three options for enrollment. These options are:

- Community of Growth
- Community of Action
- Community of Excellence

Below each option is detailed.

Community of Growth

- 1st year communities, OR;
- Communities that are currently undergoing a reorganization (reorganization as in “getting back to basics”, complete new leadership, or returning to the program after many years outside of the program).

These communities have the opportunity to ask for mentorship from Communities of Action or Communities of Excellence based on what types of projects align with their vision. These opportunities can be found through searching the Reporting Database.

Community of Action

- Communities of Action are the sustainers and maintainers of KCE communities.
- Communities that are in their second consecutive year of enrollment, or have been in the program for more than two consecutive years.
- Maintain annual, ongoing projects for their communities.
- If Communities of Action choose to go through strategic planning processes and successfully implement those processes, they have the opportunity to apply for Community of Excellence status.

Communities of Action have the opportunity to ask for mentorship from Communities of Excellence based on what types of projects or processes align with their vision. These opportunities can be found through searching the Reporting Database.

Communities of Excellence

- Communities of Excellence have been through strategic planning processes and follow the KCE/Kansas PRIDE process of:
 - Assessing needs, developing a shared vision.
 - Identifying goals and projects that will help them achieve the goals, action, evaluation and celebration of success.
 - Communities of Excellence continuously evaluate community needs and create projects to fit those needs.
- Community of Excellence can be obtained by self-nomination (the application is available on the KCE website under [Recognition](#)). If selected for Community of Excellence by Kansas PRIDE, Inc., designation of Community of Excellence is granted for a set number of 3 years.

All communities can request assistance for networking, information and opportunities by contacting us at the Kansas PRIDE Office – <https://kce.k-state.edu/> or at 785.532.5840.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact ksce@ksu.edu or **785.532.5840**

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