

Name of Community	

This form is intended not only for you to answer the questions, but as a tool to make first steps on possible and potential stakeholders in your committee and KCE community. Feel free to use these questions as a guide to whom you might contact to gauge interest in your projects or work. Have you visited with the following about a community improvement initiative in your community? If you encounter negativity, what are you next steps?

Your Local Government?			
Yes/No	Contact Person(s):		
Local Masonic Lodge and/o	or other Civic Organizations		
Yes/No	Contact Person(s):		
Youth Organizati	ions/4-H/Schools		
Yes/No	Contact Person(s):		
Economic Development Agencies			
Yes/No	Contact Person(s):		
Local Businesses			
Yes/No	Contact Person(s):		
Local Media			
Yes/No	Contact Person(s):		

Have you hosted/do you intend to host a facilitated public meeting to discuss challenges and benefits of a community improvement program? For example: has this discussion taken place at a City Council, Chamber, or other Community Gathering?

Yes / No	
How many attended?	
What was the general response?	

## **Next Step Questions:**

- 1. If you encountered negativity to the idea of community improvement, what is your plan?
- 2. Is it the right time to start a PRIDE organization in your community? How do you know?
- 3. Who are your strongest partners?
- 4. Have you asked your community what is important to them?

Contact the Kansas Community Empowerment Office with your results. We are here to provide:

Technical Assistance: Example surveys for communities, help with enrollment and reporting

Organizational assistance: Example Bylaws, Facilitation of Conversations and Strategic Planning

Educational Opportunities on: How to handle money, engage volunteers, celebrate your success

**Funding Opportunities:** Through Kansas PRIDE, Inc.. The Kansas Masons and local, regional and state knowledge

**Networking:** Through the Kansas PRIDE database and our partners at K-State Research and Extension, The Kansas Department of Commerce, Kansas PRIDE, Inc., and the Kansas Masons

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This document is designed to help interested Kansas Community Empowerment communities to self-assess the current level of support and encouragement of local citizens, groups, and organizations. The results should be used by the interested community as the basis of conversation about the possibilities of organized community improvement and in consideration of partners for these efforts. Please make a copy and return it to: Kansas Community Empowerment, 101 Umberger Hall, Kansas State University 66506