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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

To the Members of the Governing Body of the
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas:

You are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, is scheduled to be conducted in a hybrid format on Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM, for a presentation regarding the 2025 Hollywood Casino Grant Program. in the fifth-floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas. **A copy of the presentation is attached to this notice.**

The public will be able to observe or listen to the special session live on YouTube or UGTV, or through ZOOM; information is below. The public may also view the special session from the fifth-floor conference room of the Municipal Office Building, 701 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88554302650>

Webinar ID: 885 5430 2650

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Dated this 25th day of February 2025.



Report to

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
FEB 27 2025	Angel Ferrara, Director aferrara@wycokck.org x8354	Parks & Recreation
AGENDA ITEM #		
PRESENTATION: 2025 HOLLYWOOD CASINO GRANT PROGRAM		
BACKGROUND		
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RECOMMENDATION		
For information only • Information Only		
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• \$500,000 is contractually contributed from Hollywood Casino. • GKCCF contracted amount is \$27,000. • For 2025, \$43,000 is the available amount per Commissioner and the Mayor to distribute.		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
N/A		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
N/A		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
N/A		

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

2025 Webinar Slides Final

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.

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with permission
M. [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]

Commission Agenda Item Report

Title: 2025 Hollywood Casino Grant Program

Proposed Agenda Date: February 27th, 2025, Full Commission

Presented by: Angel Ferrara, Director of Parks and Recreation

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

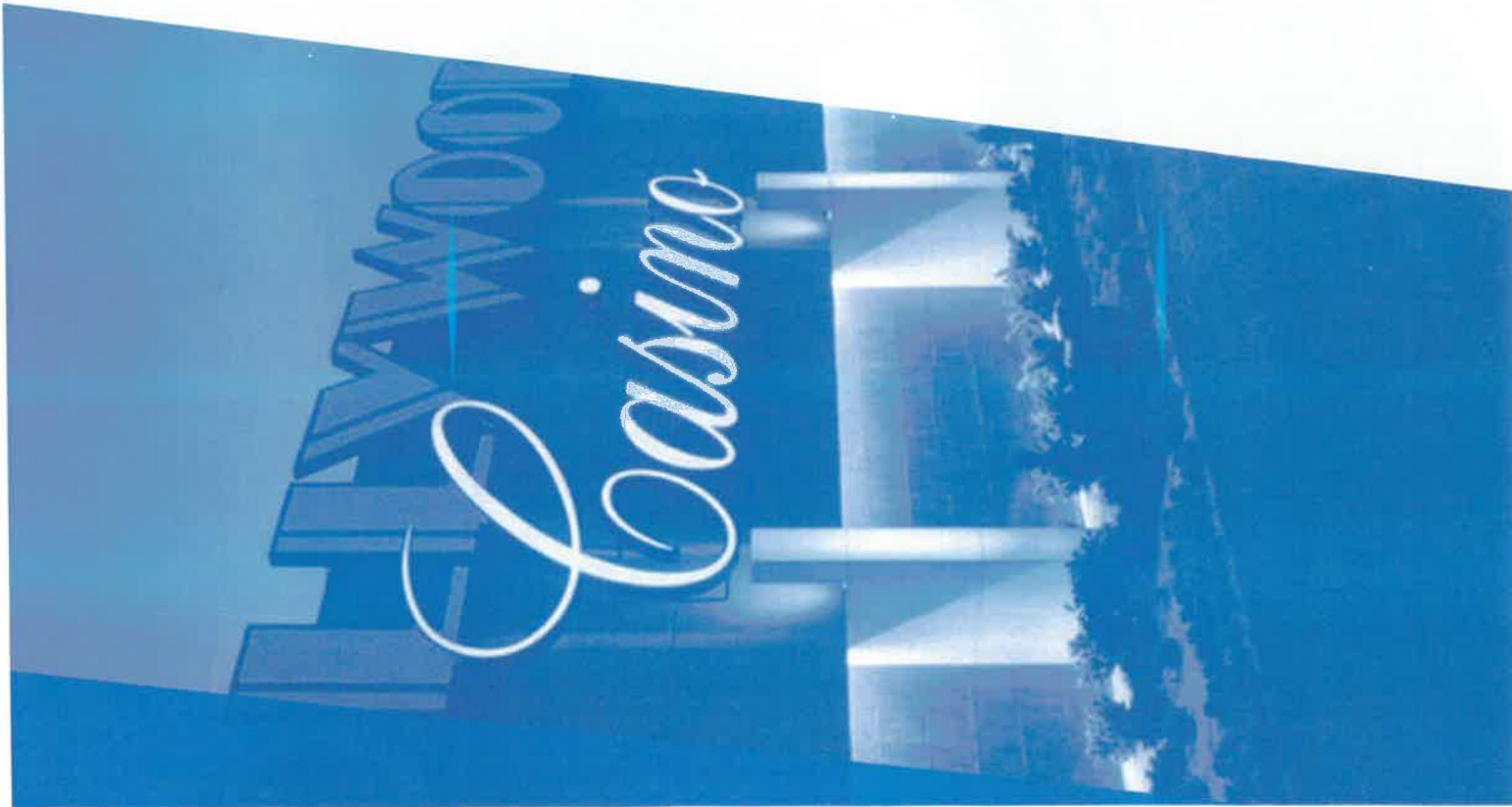
- Information Only

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:

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MAYOR AGENDA DIRECTION:

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A photograph of a large, illuminated sign for Hollywood Casino at night. The sign features the word "HOLLYWOOD" in large, block letters and "Casino" in a cursive script. The sign is lit up, and the background shows some trees and a dark sky.

Unified Government Hollywood Casino Grant Fund

Grant Information Session
2025

Presenters

Sarah Forgey

Senior Philanthropic Advisor,
Greater Kansas City Community
Foundation



Terrell Brown

Philanthropic Advisor,
Greater Kansas City
Community Foundation



Angel Ferrara

Director of Parks and Recreation,
Unified Government of WYCO/KCK



▪ Eligible:

- 501(c)(3) organizations
- Organizations that do not have 501(c)(3) designation who apply through an eligible fiscal sponsor

▪ Ineligible:

- Any organization that is not a 501(c)(3) public charity, including:
 - Units of local government (e.g., city or county government departments, public schools, KCKCC, etc.).
 - Religious institutions (eligible only if they have a 501(c)(3) designation)
 - Neighborhood associations (eligible only if they have a 501(c)(3) designation)
- An organization whose 501(c)(3) status is not current with the IRS

Eligibility Requirements

Fiscal Sponsor

- A fiscal sponsor is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to support a charitable cause or purpose.
- Requires a signed and dated agreement (letter or MOU) between the two agencies.
- Maintaining control over the grant funds is a requirement of a fiscal sponsor arrangement.
- If selected for funding, the grant check will be made payable to and mailed to the fiscal sponsor.





Grant Restrictions & Projects Not Considered

Geographical Restrictions:

ALL applicants are required to demonstrate that the use of funding will primarily be in Wyandotte County and clients/beneficiaries served are residents of Wyandotte County.

Grantees will be required to report residential zip codes of clients served.

Will generally not award grants to the following:

- Capital campaign
- Endowment campaign
- Annual fund drive
- Debt retirement or operating deficits
- Direct support to individuals, including scholarships
- Lobbying activities, legislation-related activities or political campaigns
- Activities that specifically benefit the members of an athletic, veteran, fraternal, sectarian or religious group
- Equipment expenses, unless the equipment will directly improve the organization's ability to provide and deliver services
- Requests for general operating support will only be considered if the funding will be used to significantly expand the services of organization

Projects of Highest Priority

Projects that:

- Leverage additional funding, both private and public.
- Demonstrate alignment with Wyandotte County's Comprehensive Plan (www.wycokck.org)
- Demonstrate alignment with Healthy Communities Wyandotte (www.hcwyco.org) and "work toward a happier, healthier Wyandotte for everyone."
- Include collaborative efforts that minimize duplication.
- Have clearly established measurable outcomes and the ability to monitor and report them.
- Programs that reach at-risk or underserved populations.

Grant Amounts & Reporting

- There is no restriction on minimum or maximum size of grant.
- Each Commissioner and the Mayor are given a designated amount of grant dollars that they decide how to distribute among applicant organizations.
- In 2024, grants ranged from \$500 - \$24,000 and the average grant award was \$6,000.
- Reporting requirements for grantees*:
 - Interim Report – Due in March of 2026
 - Final Report – Due in July of 2026

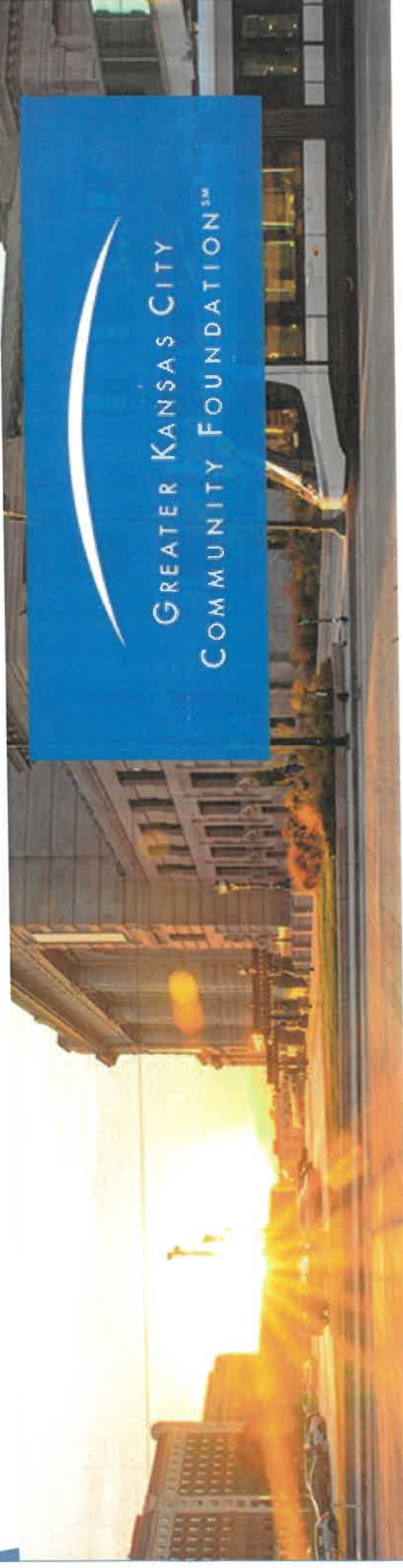
- * Dates may be updated prior to due date
- Grantees are required to report zip code data for program or service participants.



Role of the Community Foundation

The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation will:

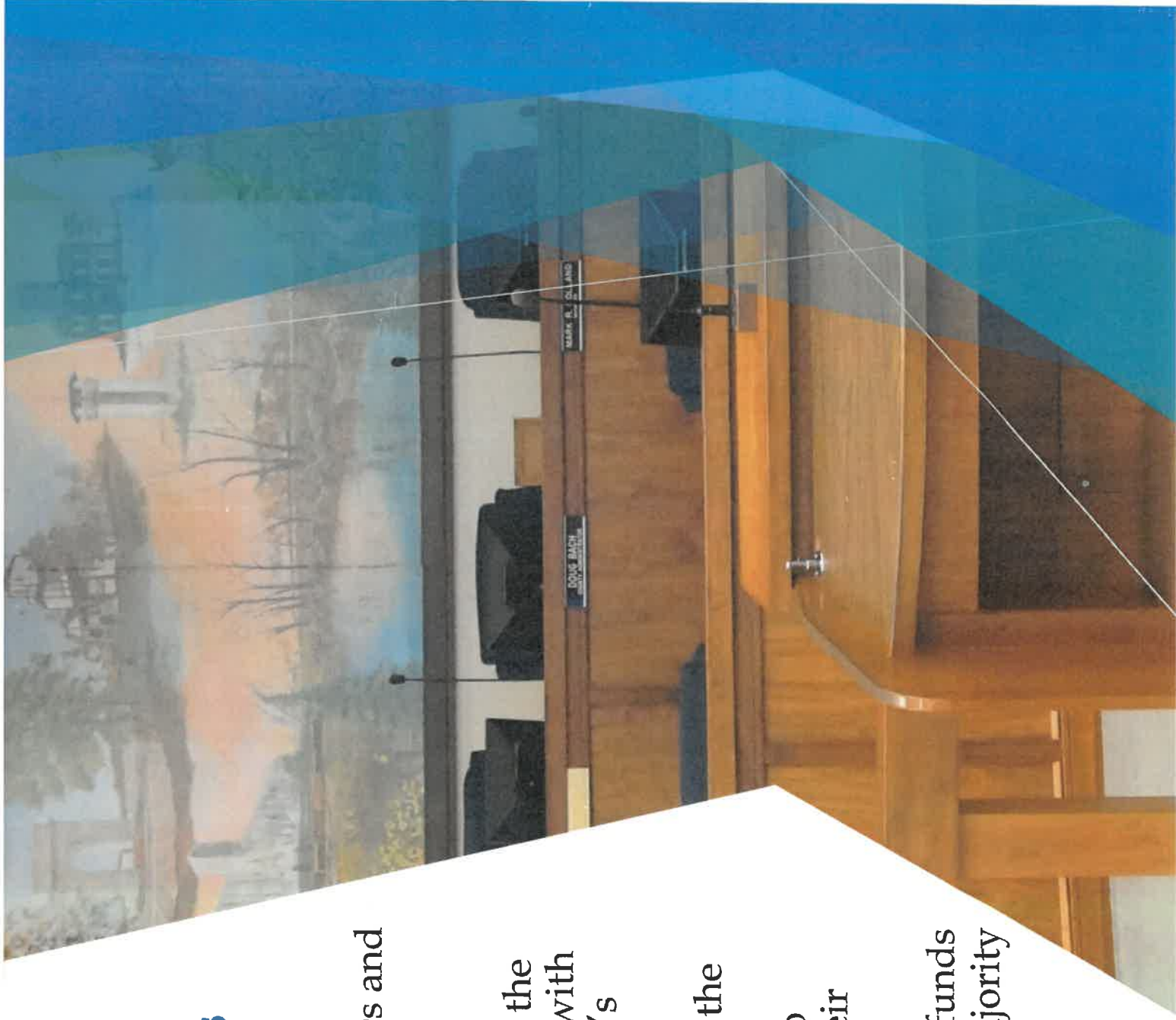
- Provide technical assistance to applicants throughout the application process.
- Review all grant applications for eligibility.
- Provide applications of eligible applicants to the Board of Commissioners.
- For applicants that previously received a grant, interim reports from 2023 and 2024 awards will be provided to the Board of Commissioners in addition to data on past report compliance.
- Send communications regarding the status of your application and notify grantees of upcoming reports due.



Role of the Board of Commissioners and Mayor

The Board of Commissioners and Mayor will:

- Serve as the Selection Committee and evaluate the application's alignment with the Unified Government's priorities.
- Each Commissioner and the Mayor will designate in writing how they wish to allocate their share of their funds.
- The final distribution of funds must be approved by majority vote of the Board of Commissioners at a Commission meeting.



Important Dates

April 21
Application
Due by
5 p.m. CT

June 26
Commission
Meeting to
approve grant
awards

March 3
Applications Open;
March 4
Grant Information
Session
10:00 a.m. CT

May - June
Community
Foundation and
Board of
Commissioners
review applications
and make
selections

Mid-July
Award
notifications
issued, funds
to be released
2-3 weeks
after
notification

Submission of Applications

Application available online

- Growyourgiving.org/grant
 - Unified Government Hollywood
Casino Fund
- ▶ Submit through online system,
SurveyMonkey Apply
- ▶ If your organization is not registered for
an account, please click the Register button
to get started
- ▶ When you register for an account, consider
using an email account not associated with
a specific person (i.e., info@nonprofit.org)
- ▶ If you have technical questions relating to
SurveyMonkey Apply, please contact
grants@growyourgiving.org or 816-627-
3452



Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

Unified Government Hollywood Casino Fund

Keeping with the intent of Healthy Communities Wyandotte, the focus will be to fund programs that increase knowledge and action toward long-term changes that enable Wyandotte County community members to eat healthy food and be physically active. The selection committee is seeking applications that demonstrate cultural relevance, address opportunities to increase knowledge and improve the food environment or support active living through utilization of Wyandotte County's environmental infrastructure.

Important Dates:

- **Application Available:** March 1, 2025
- **Optional Grant Information Webinar:** March 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Central |

LOG IN TO APPLY

Opens

Mar 3 2025 12:00 AM (CST)

Deadline

Apr 21 2025 05:00 PM (CDT)

If you already have an account, please click **APPLY** and sign in using your credentials

Changes to the 2025 Application

- ▶ Previous year's grantees are no longer required to report on past awards within the grant application. The Commissioners and Mayor will be provided a copy of your 2023 and 2024 reports.
- ▶ No mandatory project budget form
 - ▶ Submitted budgets must still show revenue and expenses
 - ▶ You will still be required to answer budget narrative questions
- ▶ No requirements to provide detailed information on your board of directors



Helpful Tips

- ▲ Read the grant guidelines before you begin an application.
- ▲ It is rare that an organization receives the full amount requested.
- ▲ Make sure that you are up-to-date on reporting requirements if you have previously received a grant.
- ▲ Do not upload any additional items such as letters of support or pictures. They will not be included in the review process.
- ▲ The Community Foundation is unable to advise you on the likelihood that your submission will be funded. You are free to contact the Commissioners or Mayor at anytime during the grant competition.

Important Information

General Inquires/Eligibility

- ▶ Sarah Forgey and Terrell Brown
- ▶ Phone: 816.627.3444 | 816.268.3284
- ▶ Email: forgey@growyourgiving.org tbrown@growyourgiving.org

Registration and Application Technical Assistance

- ▶ Website: www.growyourgiving.org/grants
- ▶ GKCCF Grants Team
- ▶ Phone: 816.627.3452
- ▶ Email: grants@growyourgiving.org

Healthy Communities Wyandotte

- ▶ Website: www.hcwycoco.org

Wyandotte County Comprehensive Plan

- ▶ Website: wycokck.org/files/assets/public/v/1/planning-amp-urban-design/documents/comprehensive-plan/2023.11.21-plankck_final.pdf



QUESTIONS?