



# Cabinet Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023





Welcome

KIM MOORE, CHAIR





# Child Care Capacity Accelerator

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# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

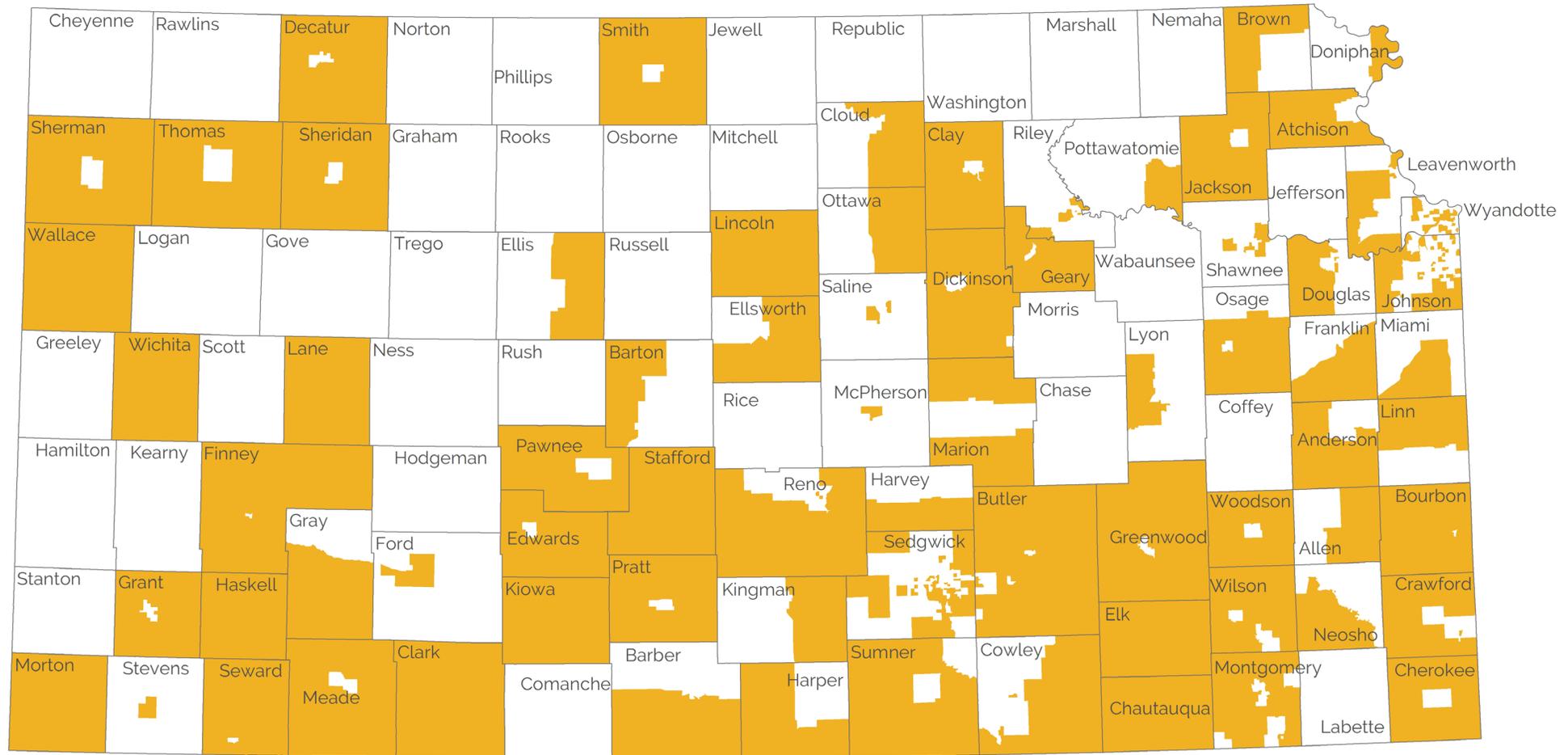
- **Child Care Capacity Accelerator – Overall Project Development**
- **Key Partnerships and Collaborations**
- **Funding Sources and Limitations**
- **Overall Awareness**

**Overview**



All information available:  
[www.allinforkansaskids.org/communities](http://www.allinforkansaskids.org/communities)

## Child Care Deserts in Kansas December 2021



Source: Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas; data from Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Child Care Licensing and U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey.

Tract with more than 50 children under age 5 and either no child care providers or more than 3x as many children as licensed care slots.

# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

The purpose of this funding is to support community approaches to **addressing child care capacity**, specifically through new construction, significant expansion, and major renovations of physical child care facilities, launch operational support, and implementation of sustainable solutions.

Communities will utilize the funding to build or make critical improvements that **create additional licensed child care slots** that align with health and safety requirements and addresses systemic challenges to sustained child care capacity.

## Purpose



### Outcomes:

- Increased number of licensed child care facilities
- Increased recruitment and retention of child care providers
- Increased number of licensed child care seats
- Improved community ratio of licensed child

# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

The Child Care Innovation Communities is a competitive add-on to the full Accelerator Grant opportunity to specifically pilot targeted approaches and strategies to expand child care capacity in six innovation categories (see box below).

Grantees will participate in a 12-month cohort program that involves co-creation and peer learning, regular data reporting and rapid-cycle evaluation efforts, and monthly coaching sessions.

Innovation community applicants **MUST** have been eligible for and submitted a full Accelerator application.

## **Innovation Categories:**

- Infant/Toddler Incentives
- Child Care Plus Models
- Workforce Recruitment and Retention
- Non-Traditional Service Hours or Targeted Populations
- Rural Child Care
- Public/Private Funding Partnership

**Innovation Communities**



# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

- Letter of Interest due: *February 20, 2023*
- [RFP released](#) and CommonApp portal opened: *March 10, 2023*
- Technical Assistance Webinars: *March-April 2023*
- Application deadline: *Monday, May 15, 2023*
- Application Review Period: *May 16-June 9, 2023*
- **KCCTF Board Approval: June 23, 2023**
- Grantee Notification Following Cabinet Board Approval
- Grant Year Begins: *approximately July 1, 2023*

## Grant Timeline



# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

- **Technical Assistance Provided:**

- Dedicated webpage with resources, triage email address, and TA portal (260 TA requests received; 91 hours collective TA time provided)
- 5 TA Webinars with Q&A in March-April
- Online FAQ document (77 questions generated and answered)
- Project-development support
- Help Desk Support for KS CommonApp
- Connections to Child Care Aware of Kansas and Go-Team

**Technical Assistance**



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# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

- **105 submitted applications** - 25 community coalitions/formal coordinated approach
  - 11 - School District as Lead
  - 58 - Licensed Child Care Provider as Lead (including non-profit centers)
  - 29 - Non-profit as Lead
  - 7 - Business or Economic Development Entity as Lead
- **\$117,890,861 in total Accelerator Grant Requests**
  - Total project budgets: \$225,377,808
  - 83 requests included construction
- **146 facilities** to be expanded or built **creating 8,870 new child care slots** (3,454 for I/T)
- **40 Innovation Community Add-on Proposals** (\$7 million in requests)

**Submission Highlights**



# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR

- Application eligibility and completeness
- 38 External Reviewers with diverse expertise (2 per submission)
- Rubric based on scoring outlined in RFP
- Additional Internal Cabinet Review
  - Ensure viability
  - Geographic diversity
  - Diversity of strategies
- Innovation Communities Add-on reviewed separately

## Review Process

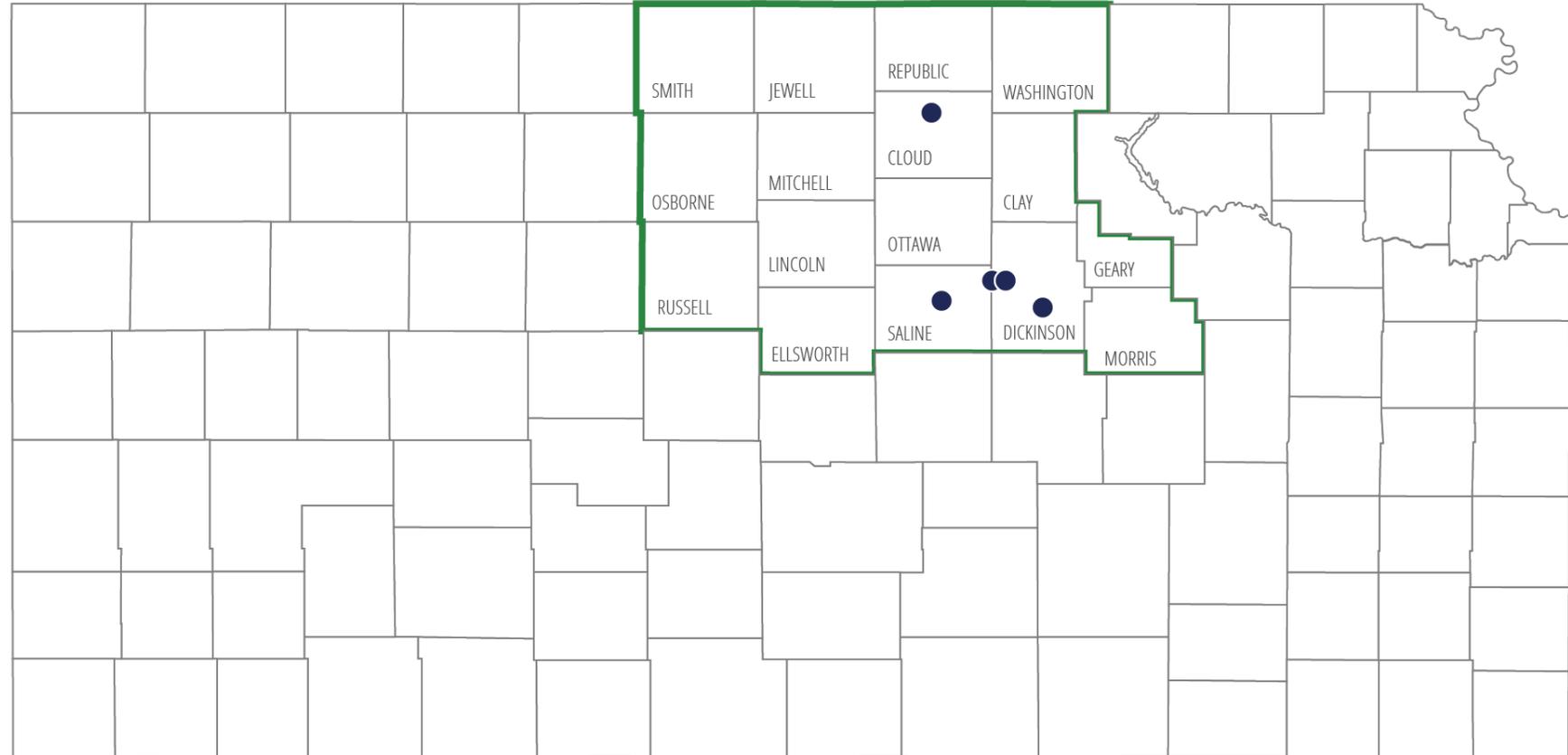




# NORTH CENTRAL REGION

## Proposed Funding Slate:

- 5 total projects
- \$2,750,068 in total Accelerator proposed funding
- Adding 306 total slots
- \$2,166,708 in total community match



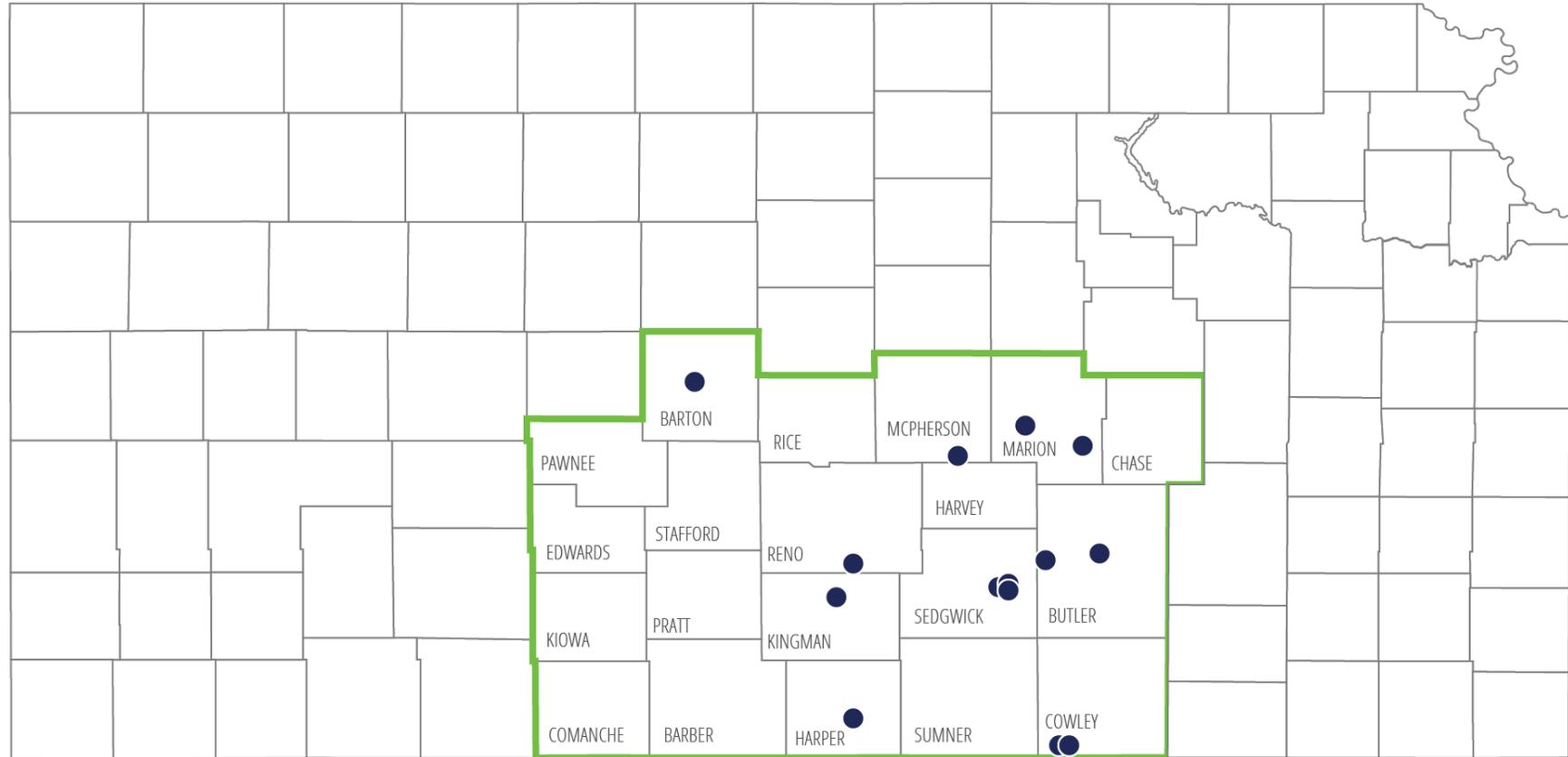
# ACCELERATOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS NORTH CENTRAL REGION

| Applicant   | Funding Request | Proposed Funding   | Slots Added |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Herington Community Child Care Center                       | \$267,872       | \$267,872          | 24          |
| Solomon Early Learning Center                               | \$386,760       | \$346,716          | 21          |
| Abilene Child Care Learning Center                          | \$248,880       | \$248,880          | 55          |
| Salina Area United Way                                      | \$2,027,100     | \$1,872,100        | 187         |
| Cloud County Community College – Children’s Learning Center | \$14,500        | \$14,500           | 19          |
| <b>North Central Region Total</b>                           | -               | <b>\$2,750,068</b> | <b>306</b>  |

# SOUTH CENTRAL

## Proposed Funding Slate:

- 12 total projects
- \$12,047,886 in total funding
- Adding 1237 total slots
- \$16,481,665 in total community match



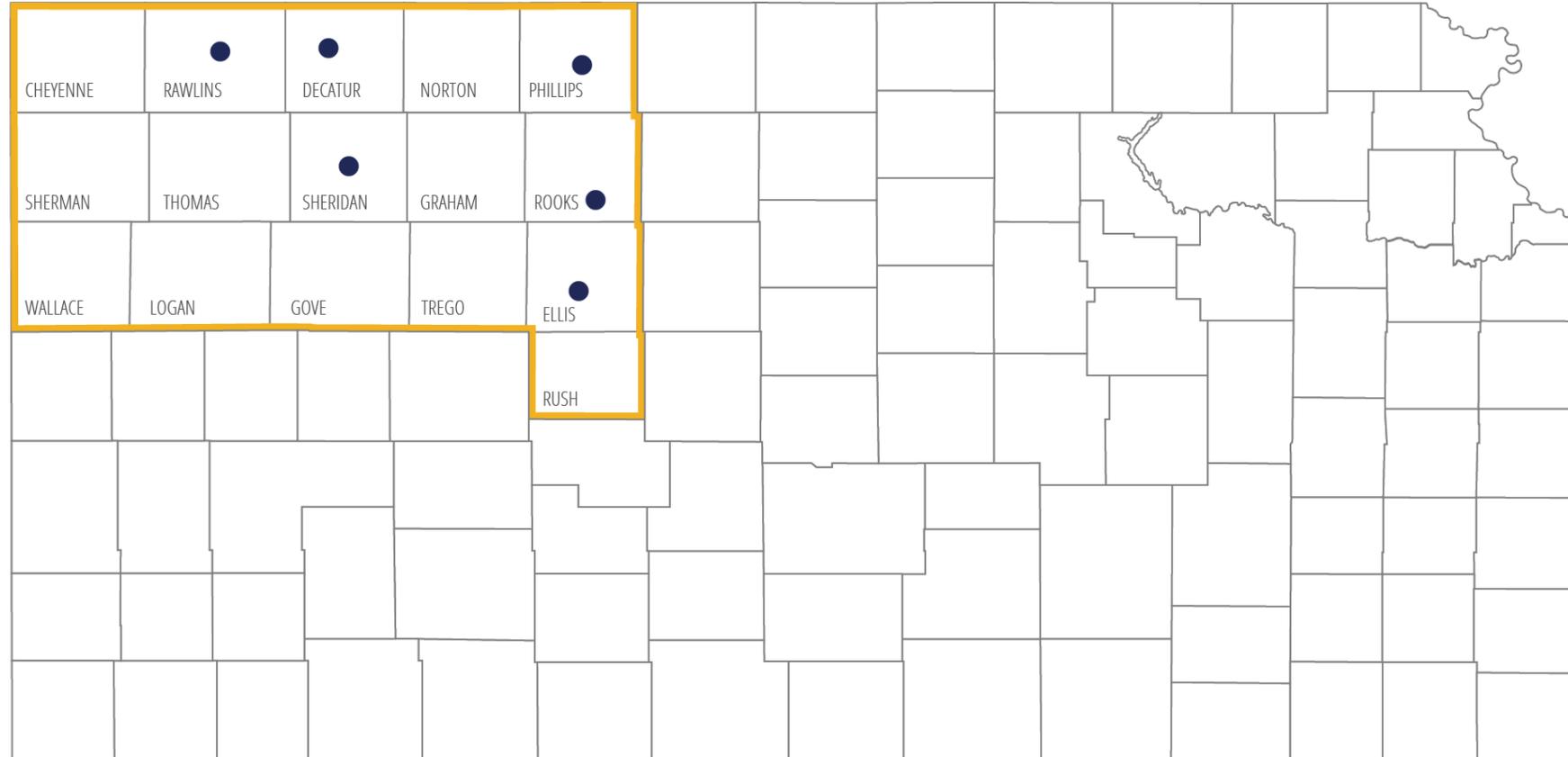
# ACCELERATOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

| Applicant   | Funding Request | Proposed Funding    | Slots Added |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Little's Early Learning - E9 Properties                       | \$372,690       | \$336,469           | 54          |
| Reno County Collaboration - CrossAlign Consulting             | \$2,173,887     | \$2,145,834         | 308         |
| Advancing Barton County Children, Inc.                        | \$3,466,872     | \$2,238,630         | 177         |
| Walnut Valley Learning Center – Creekstone Farms Premium Beef | \$500,000       | \$500,000           | 116         |
| Branches Nurture Center                                       | \$953,000       | \$953,000           | 24          |
| Flint Hills Child Care Coalition                              | \$377,280       | \$377,280           | 28          |
| Kids World Child Care Learning Center                         | \$1,746,426     | \$1,746,426         | 60          |
| USD 331 Daycare Center  | \$720,122       | \$674,027           | 24          |
| McPherson County Child Care Task Force                        | \$1,145,000     | \$245,000           | 152         |
| South YMCA Learning Center                                    | \$251,000       | \$251,000           | 13          |
| Hillsboro Community Child Care Center                         | \$855,216       | \$855,216           | 83          |
| Tri County Child Care Coalition                               | \$1,725,004     | \$1,725,004         | 198         |
| <b>South Central Region Total</b>                             | -               | <b>\$12,047,886</b> | <b>1237</b> |

# NORTHWEST REGION

## Proposed Funding Slate:

- 6 total projects
- \$1,551,852 in total funding
- Adding 179 total slots
- \$4,510,724 in total community match



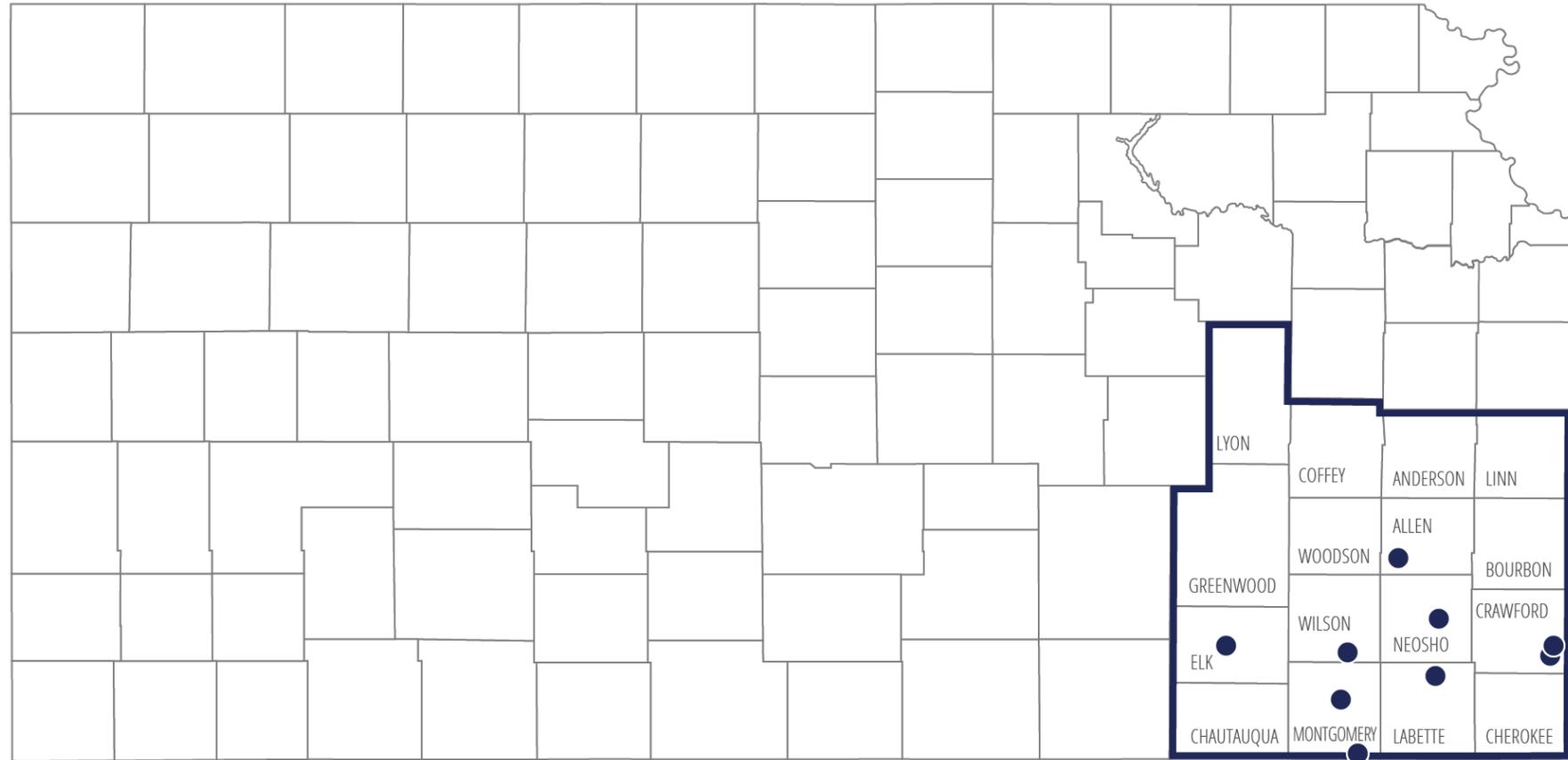
# ACCELERATOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS NORTHWEST REGION

| Applicant                                     | Funding Request | Proposed Funding   | Slots Added |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| USD270 – Little Nests                         | \$319,212       | \$236,120          | 12          |
| Sheridan County Community Foundation          | \$200,000       | \$200,000          | 24          |
| USD 294 – Decatur County Child Care Coalition | \$73,829        | \$73,829           | 12          |
| Rawlins County Economic Development           | \$671,741       | \$671,741          | 2           |
| Phillipsburg Child Care Center                | \$200,162       | \$200,162          | 30          |
| The Grove Child Care Center                   | \$2,000,000     | \$170,000          | 77          |
| <b>Northwest Region Total</b>                 | -               | <b>\$1,551,852</b> | <b>179</b>  |

# SOUTHEAST REGION

## Proposed Funding Slate:

- 9 total projects
- \$10,696,330 in total funding
- Adding 910 total slots
- \$9,537,705 in total community match



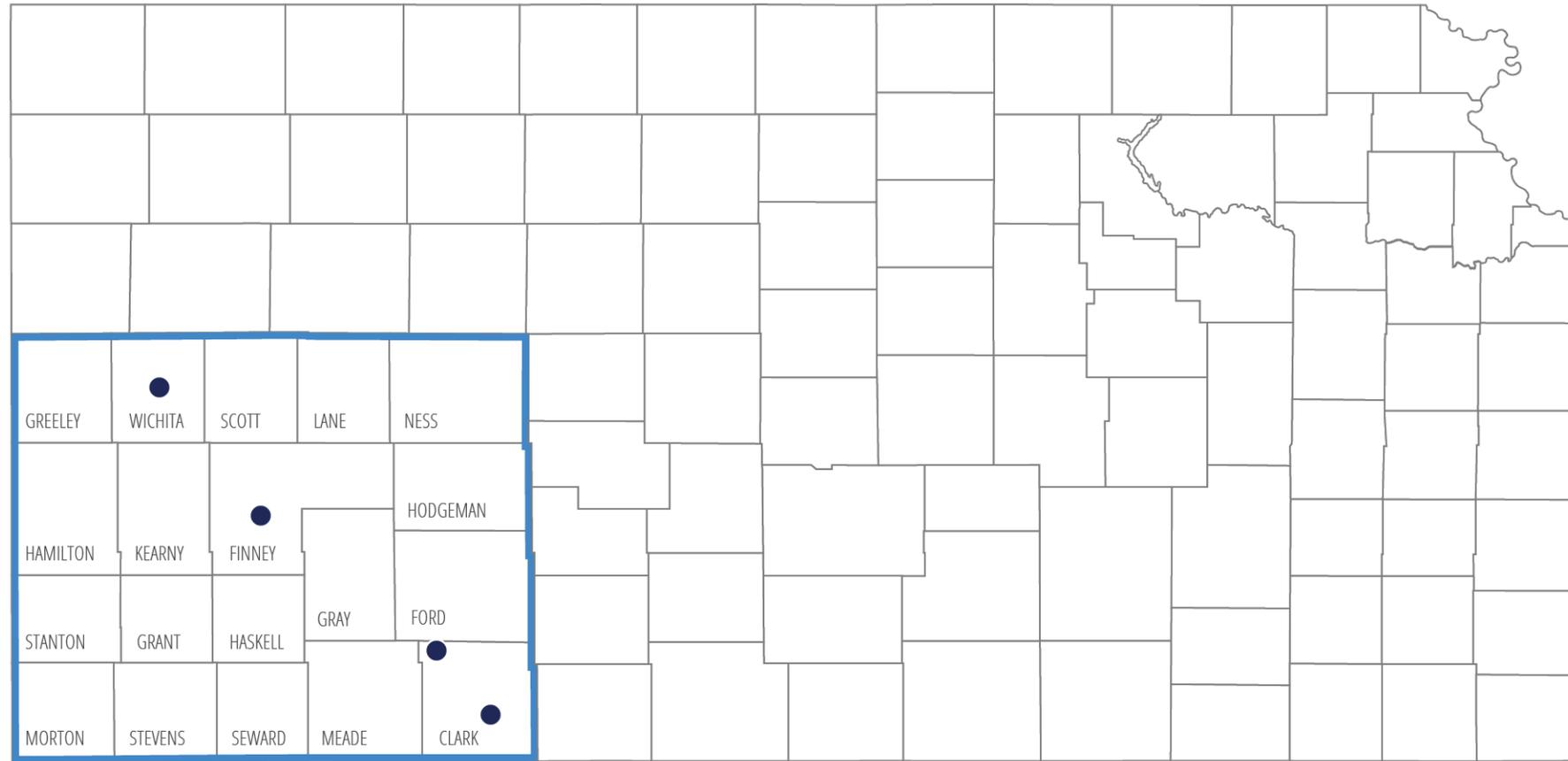
# ACCELERATOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS SOUTHEAST REGION

| Applicant  | Funding Request | Proposed Funding    | Slots Added |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Coffeyville Area Child Care Coalition                  | \$882,103       | \$882,103           | 291         |
| Erie Community Child Care                              | \$748,207       | \$748,207           | 48          |
| The Growing Place – Humboldt Daycare & Preschool, Inc. | \$1,237,017     | \$1,162,017         | 48          |
| West Elk Early Child Center                            | \$1,182,268     | \$1,182,268         | 60          |
| Family Resource Center                                 | \$1,637,795     | \$1,637,795         | 58          |
| Grow at Eden LLC                                       | \$1,931,636     | \$204,982           | 48          |
| The Tree House Early Education Foundation              | \$387,905       | \$387,905           | 52          |
| SugarCreek Child Care Center                           | \$3,000,000     | \$2,000,000         | 206         |
| USD 461 Neodesha Early Learning Center                 | \$2,491,053     | \$2,491,053         | 99          |
| <b>Southeast Region Total</b>                          | -               | <b>\$10,696,330</b> | <b>910</b>  |

# SOUTHWEST REGION

## Proposed Funding Slate:

- 4 total projects
- \$1,793,913 in total funding
- Adding 179 total slots
- \$2,240,760 in total community match



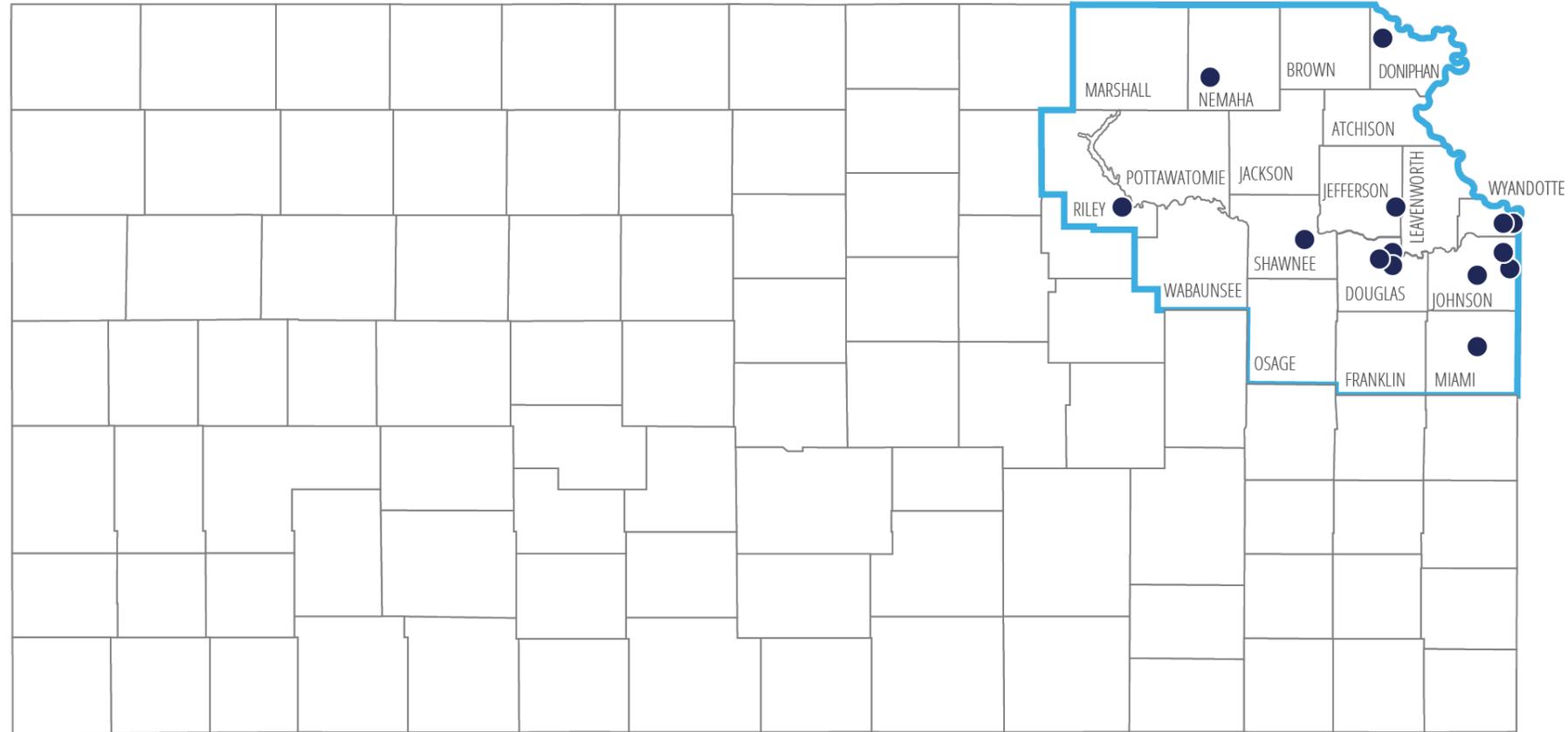
# ACCELERATOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS SOUTHWEST REGION

| Applicant   | Funding Request | Proposed Funding   | Slots Added |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| LIFT Minneola   | \$530,300       | \$530,300          | 24          |
| Grow & Learn Child Care Center  | \$229,032       | \$229,032          | 10          |
| Jays Nest Day Care  | \$412,756       | \$412,756          | 11          |
| Garden Academy Early Learning Center - Finney<br>County Child Care and Early Learning Network | \$621,825       | \$621,825          | 60          |
| <b>Southwest Region Total</b>   | -               | <b>\$1,793,913</b> | <b>179</b>  |

# NORTHEAST REGION

## Proposed Funding Slate:

- 12 total projects
- \$11,869,951 in total funding
- Adding 1478 total slots
- \$23,880,151 in total community match



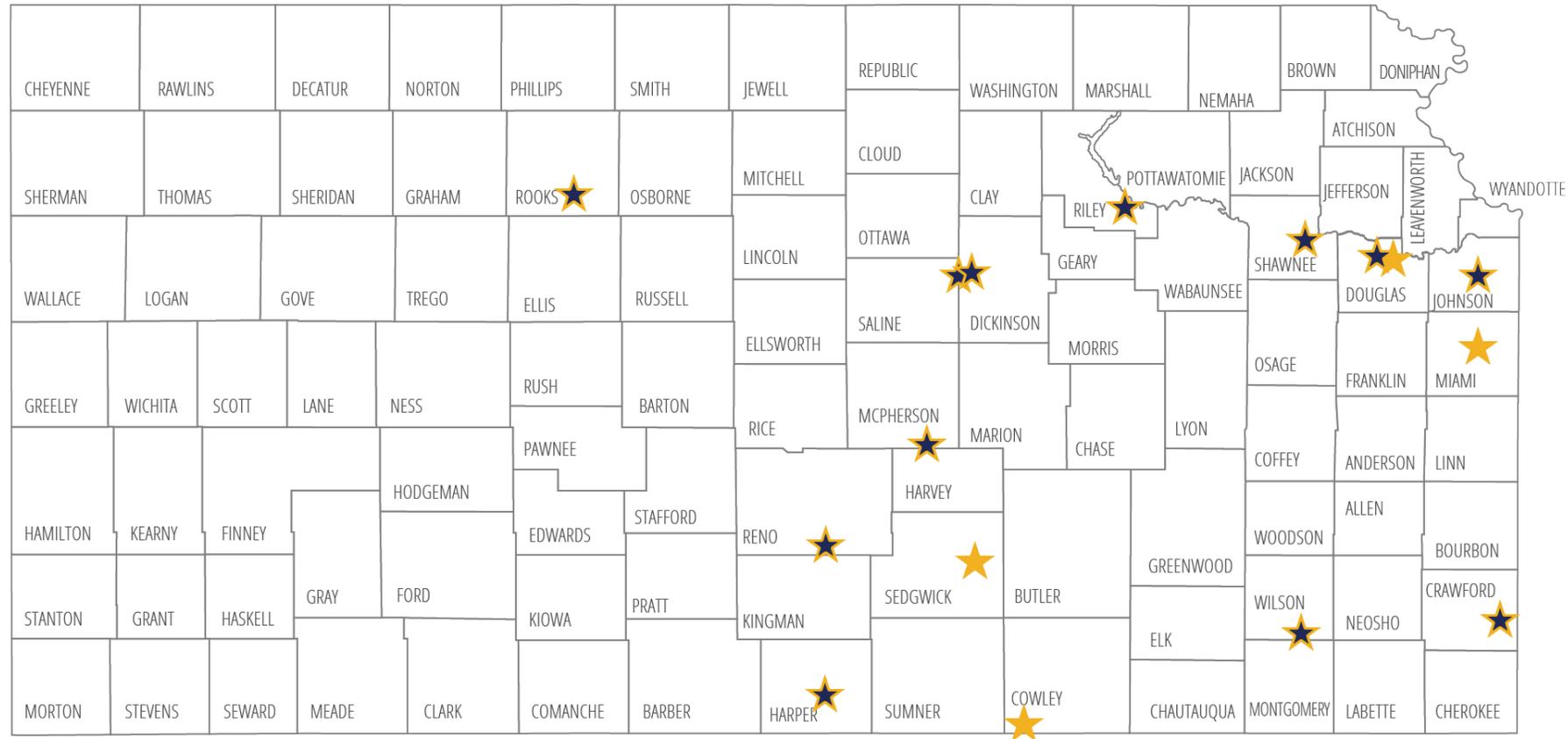
# ACCELERATOR FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS NORTHEAST REGION

| Applicant  | Funding Request | Proposed Funding    | Slots Added |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| The Learning Experience Blue Valley                                  | \$457,500       | \$457,500           | 159         |
| Hilltop Child Development Center, Inc                                | \$2,500,325     | \$2,500,325         | 138         |
| The Kids Place – Integrated Behavioral Technologies, Inc.            | \$220,442       | \$220,442           | 12          |
| Hope Chapel Legends  | \$944,094       | \$944,094           | 92          |
| Shawnee County Collaboration - Greater Topeka Partnership            | \$2,836,613     | \$2,762,113         | 451         |
| Little Learners Early Childhood Center – Early Childhood Consultants | \$4,010,819     | \$700,000           | 155         |
| Children’s Treehouse Learning Center                                 | \$272,000       | \$272,000           | 158         |
| Doniphan Darlings, Inc.  | \$467,520       | \$467,520           | 15          |
| Greater Manhattan Community Foundation                               | \$2,250,000     | \$2,172,954         | 100         |
| Bright Beginnings Child Care Center                                  | \$385,884       | \$385,884           | 40          |
| Delightful Village & Delight Ahead                                   | \$113,498       | \$108,698           | 85          |
| Community Children’s Center  | \$2,237,808     | \$628,421           | 69          |
| <b>Northeast Region Total</b>  | -               | <b>\$11,869,951</b> | <b>1478</b> |

# INNOVATION COMMUNITIES

## Proposed Funding Slate:

- 16 total projects
- \$3,166,294 in total funding



# INNOVATION COMMUNITIES

| Applicant  | Funding Request | Proposed Funding   |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Solomon Early Learning Center  | \$55,620        | \$55,620           |
| Abilene Child Care Learning Center                                   | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| Reno County Collaboration - CrossAlign Consulting                    | \$247,600       | \$247,600          |
| McPherson County Child Care Task Force                               | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| Tri County Child Care Coalition                                      | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| Mindful Minis  | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| Early Childhood Impact Center  | \$225,250       | \$225,250          |
| USD 270 – Little Nests   | \$138,865       | \$138,865          |
| SugarCreek Child Care Center   | \$80,370        | \$80,370           |
| USD 461 Neodesha Early Learning Center                               | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| Shawnee County Collaboration - Greater Topeka Partnership            | \$249,875       | \$249,875          |
| Little Learners Early Childhood Center – Early Childhood Consultants | \$72,611        | \$72,611           |
| Greater Manhattan Community Foundation                               | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| Community Children's Center  | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| Success by Six   | \$63,103        | \$63,103           |
| USD 367 and United Way of Miami County                               | \$250,000       | \$250,000          |
| <b>Innovation Communities Total</b>                                  | -               | <b>\$3,133,294</b> |



# CHILD CARE CAPACITY ACCELERATOR & INNOVATION COMMUNITIES FUNDING APPROVAL

- Motion
- Second
- Vote

- John Wilson
- Terri Rice
- Monica Murnan
- Deliece Hofen
- DiAnne Owen Graham
- LeEtta Felter
- Sen. Renee Erickson
- Cabinet Chair, Kim Moore

**Children's Cabinet**



# UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cabinet meetings are held the first Friday of every other month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: August 4 (Virtual)**

## 2023 Meeting Schedule

- October 6
- December 1

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