



**Sunflower Foundation**  
HEALTH CARE FOR KANSANS

**A 20 Year History of  
Effective Grantmaking**





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- Sunflower Foundation was created in August 2000 as part of a \$75 million settlement between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, the state attorney general and state insurance commissioner.
- Sunflower Foundation’s Board of Trustees operates with nine members; the governing board includes eight members appointed by the Kansas attorney general, and one member appointed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.
- Sunflower’s mission: “Serve as a Catalyst to Improve the Health of Kansans.”





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## What Drives our Work:

- Seeking out content experts, systems leaders, organizations and community voices
- Investing funds for maximum impact - positive changes that contribute to healthier people and communities and more effective and efficient organizations and systems.
- Learning alongside grantees

**Sunflower believes in working together – breaking down silos – problem solving – innovation – rich dialogue and the power of collective impact.**





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## Sunflower Foundation Grant Management Services:

- Serve as a resource to develop and share relevant information and recommendations:
  - Assist the board in developing its grantmaking focus and processes
  - Assist in convening grantees, subject matter experts, and other constituents
  - Provide recommendations to support the efficiency and efficacy of the grantmaking process
    - Grant Reviews
    - Impact and Evaluation





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## Sunflower Foundation Grant Management Services:

- Provide oversight and management of the KFA Grants Management System (system is in place and ready for use)
  - Work with the Office of Attorney General to develop a template grant agreement and form correspondence to be included with all awarded grants
  - Ensure due diligence related to grant applications
    - Organization is a “qualified applicant/organization” in good standing





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## Sunflower Foundation Grant Management Services:

- Ensure due diligence related to grant applications
  - Review 990s, audits, audit disclosures, current financials, and other relevant information
- Develop grant reporting and payment schedules
- Enter approved grant applications in the management system
- Ensure timely grant reporting by grantees, review grant deliverables, and financial compliance





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## Sunflower Foundation Grant Management Services:

- Support reporting requirements as outlined in the KFA Act
- Make recommendations to improve the process for soliciting, evaluating, and documenting grant applications
- Make recommendations for potential approaches to assess, evaluate, or improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of both the grants and the grantmaking and administration process

