



## STARTUP+GROW

Welcome to your E-Community! We want to provide practical resources that make an impact. Apply for loan funds or access other capital to startup or expand, work with qualified professionals to address your specific business questions or access a statewide network of specialized business resources at low or no cost.

**Funding opportunities are available to qualifying for-profit businesses located within in the E-Community.**

**All businesses are eligible to access resources and professional assistance.**

For more information about the resources available or to begin applying for a loan contact:

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Resources to Start &  
Grow Your Business

[www.networkkansas.com](http://www.networkkansas.com)

Miami County's E-Community is a program of the Greater Miami County Economic Development Corporation organized by the Miami County Commissioners.

It is managed by a group of volunteers including business leaders, city representatives and the local chambers of commerce.

The E-Community encompasses all of Miami County and the Johnson County portion of the City of Spring Hill.



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Community  
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A NetWork Kansas Entrepreneurial Program

## Miami County

### E-Community



***Access to funding, training and connections that help you start and grow your business***



# EXPERTISE, ECONOMICS, EDUCATION RESOURCES TO START + GROW

Owning a business comes with many challenges and many rewards. Whether you're just starting up or are an experienced entrepreneur, we're here to help you tackle some of the challenges so that you can reap more rewards. Miami County's E-Community has made a commitment to cultivating an entrepreneurial environment. It has developed connections to resources to help local entrepreneurs start and grow businesses - including a locally controlled loan fund.

## Strong Businesses

Businesses are the backbone of a strong community. Building strong businesses is not possible without a resource infrastructure that allows startups, existing firms and high-growth businesses to access the economic, educational and expert resources they need to be successful. We can connect you to additional resources to help your business thrive.

## Resources to Help

- Low-interest E-Community loans for startups and existing businesses
- Business coaching, advice and mentorship
- Access to educational resources, like classes and workshops
- Custom assistance for your business needs
- Technical assistance grant for professional services or educational training

## Business Funding

- Apply for a low-interest loan through the E-Community to fund your business
- E-Community loans are intended to be paired with loans from financial institutions, personal investment, and financing from NetWork Kansas E-Community partners (ex. Certified Development Companies, Local Revolving Loan Funds, etc.) to complete a funding package

### Use of Funds:

- Purchasing a building
- Purchasing equipment for a business
- Purchasing land for a business
- Working capital
- Construction or renovation on a business
- Other projects

### Guidelines:

- E-Community funding cannot exceed 60% of the total funding package
- E-Community loan maximum of \$45,000
- Must obtain required matching funds

### Who Qualifies:

- Business must be located in the E-Community
- Must be a for-profit business
- Additional qualifications may apply

## Apply for a Loan

Obtain an application by contacting your E-Community representative. Schedule an appointment to discuss the right next steps to take. Whether you need help finishing your business plan or filling out your loan application, there are resources to help.

### Application Steps

- Talk with your local banker and Small Business Development Center regarding outside financing
- Complete the loan application, including all requested documentation and meet with Miami County Economic Development to review the paperwork
- Submit the application and required documentation
- A preliminary review will be conducted to verify the potential loan
- A final review will be completed with a recommendation made to a local board for action

### Scoring Criteria

- Financial soundness
- Owner/Operator experience
- Business plan
- Projected growth and economic impact
- Business development partnerships
- Quality of life and community impact
- Owner/3rd party funding

For more about the E-Community partnerships visit: [www.miamicountyks.org/ecommunity](http://www.miamicountyks.org/ecommunity)