

# Kanokla Match Funds FAQ

## General Questions

What is the Kanokla Matching Funds Program?

The Kanokla Matching Funds Program is designed to support projects that enhance quality of life, safety, and community growth within Kanokla's member service areas. We offer three distinct funding opportunities:

1. **Community Development Program** – Supports general community improvement projects.
2. **Schools & Library Assistance Program** – Provides funding for schools and libraries.
3. **City Assistance Program** – Helps cities address unsafe structures.

Question: Which communities are eligible for these programs?

**Answer: Projects must be located within Kanokla's member service area, which includes:**  
**Kansas: Bluff City, Caldwell, Corbin, Danville, Freeport, Geuda Springs, Mayfield, South Haven, Waldron.**

**Oklahoma: Braman, Capron, Foraker, Goltry, Grainola, Hardtner, Jet, Manchester, Renfrow, Shidler, Webb City, Wynona.**

Question: Who can apply?

**Answer: Eligible applicants vary by program:**

- Individuals, groups, or community organizations (Community Development Program)
- Schools, libraries, or affiliated organizations (Schools & Library Assistance Program)
- Incorporated cities or municipalities (City Assistance Program)

Question: How much funding is available?

**Answer: Community Development Program: This program has a yearly budget of \$80,000. Up to \$5,000 per application (max \$5,000 per year per entity).**

**Schools & Library Assistance Program: This program has a yearly budget of \$30,000.**

- Schools: Up to \$5,000 per application.
- Libraries: Up to \$2,500 per application.

**City Assistance Program: This program has a yearly budget of \$15,000. Up to \$10,000 per city per year.**

Question: How do I apply?

**Answer: You can submit a completed application Online at <https://www.kanokla.com/matching-funds/>, by email to [erma@kanokla.com](mailto:erma@kanokla.com) or by mail to: Kanokla - Attn: Erma Ratliff P.O. Box 111, Caldwell, KS 67022**

Question: When will recipients be notified?

**Answers: Our Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month to review all Matching fund applications. If approved, you will be notified via email or phone.**

Question: Who can I contact for more information?

**Answers: You can contact Erma Ratliff, our Community Engagement and Events Coordinator, at (620) 845-5630 or by email at [erma@kanokla.com](mailto:erma@kanokla.com). If Erma is unavailable,**

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Leah Sparks Eakes, our Communications Manager, can assist and can be reached at [leah@kanokla.com](mailto:leah@kanokla.com) or (800) 526-6552 ext. 162.

For information regarding expenses, reimbursements, and financial tracking for our matching funds, please reach out to Jennifer Brown. She can be contacted at (800) 526-6552 ext. 123 or by email at [jbrown@kanokla.com](mailto:jbrown@kanokla.com).

### Examples of Each Program in Action

- Kanokla School Assistance Program: **Timberlake PTO received funding to purchase school supplies and backpacks for students.**
- Kanokla Library Assistance Program: **Caldwell Public Library used funds to purchase books, magazines, computers, and tutoring resources.**
- Kanokla Community Development Program: **Manchester Fire Department utilized funding to replace essential radios for emergency response. Additionally, Alfalfa County Oklahoma Home and Community Education & OSU Extension Office received funding for a program that served our ILEC communities, even though it took place in Cherokee, Oklahoma.**
- Kanokla City Assistance Program: **Town of Braman received funding to demolish a structure in town that was damaged by fire.**