

**Kansas Historical Society
Annual Report
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Kansas Historical Society

FY 2022 Annual Report

A Note from the Acting Executive Director Patrick Zollner



The Kansas Historical Society ends the fiscal year 2022 with major changes and great anticipation. The last 12 months closed some chapters in our history and also furthered many crucial steps ahead toward the agency's future.

After years of planning, research, focus groups, and fundraising, we are ready to close the Kansas Museum of History for major renovations. The museum will close early in the next fiscal year. That closure

allows for the long process to remove, verify, photograph, conserve, and store artifacts in anticipation of the new exhibits to come. New exhibit planning is proceeding while exterior renovations and repairs begin at our Topeka complex. This step, like that of the Historical Society's incremental moves to west Topeka in the 1980s and 1990s, come with great anticipation. The locomotive and two cars arrived onsite to find their place in a museum gallery under construction. The artifact collections were carefully packed and transported to the new facility. The new Kansas Museum of History opened in 1984. Now, those galleries will close in preparation for new exhibits for the 21st century.

We note the untimely loss of Jennie Chinn, our executive director, in April 2022. She had served in that position since 2004. Jennie was proud of Kansas' unique history. The new exhibits project was especially important to her in sharing that story with Kansans. Her vision continues to inspire the agency's mission.

This past fiscal year marked a return to many of the public programs impacted by Covid-19. Staff members adapted to offering a blend of in-person and virtual programs for the public and schools. That flexibility helped the agency increase services to the public in the areas of children's school programs and curriculum, public programs, and grants and incentives.

Our work at the Historical Society is made possible by the dedicated staff members and volunteers, as well as our partners with the Kansas Historical Foundation. We appreciate the support of Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Legislature. We are grateful to the many private donors whose contributions advance the new exhibits project, and the people of Kansas who share our love of the state's history. We look forward with great anticipation to the year ahead as we advance major projects and initiatives. These are just a few of the highlights from fiscal year 2022.



This year the Sump Barn in Wabaunsee County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The listing conveys the history of this farm and the important role of the barn on Kansas farms and ranches. Built in 1913, the large barn supported the Hereford cattle, operation for 90 years.



The Herbert House in Fort Scott was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Queen Anne style, built in 1888, reflect the tastes of the owner who operated a paint and art goods store and is one of the city's largest and most intact historic residences.



Visitors enjoyed the Kansas Museum of History ahead of the closing in early FY 2023.



Attendance at Kansas State Historic Sites continued to rebound during the past fiscal year, as shown at Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site in Republic.



Exhibits installation began at Kaw Mission and the Last Chance Store State Historic Sites in Council Grove. The sites are expected to open in FY 2023.



The State Archives research room in Topeka continues to serve researchers and offer tours.



The Historical Society continues to expand its digital programs for the public and for schools. Virtual Museum After Hours, offered free every month, delves into topics related to Kansas history.



The Historical Society awarded 17 Heritage Trust Fund Grants totaling \$1,237,321. The restoration of the Stranger Creek Church in Leavenworth County was aided by two Heritage Trust Fund grants awarded in 2016 and 2020 totally over \$156,000. The project continued with the aid of a Kansas Rural Preservation grant in FY 2022.

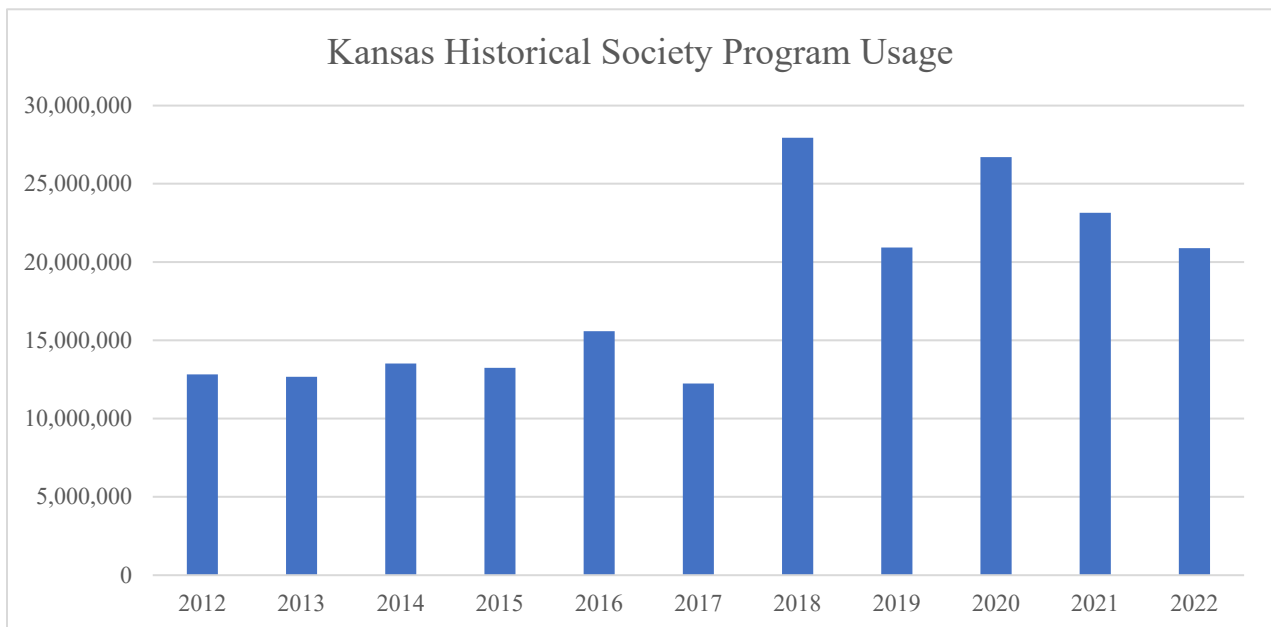


Jennie Chinn served as executive director of the Kansas Historical Society, the state agency, from 2004 to 2022. She passed away on April 23, 2022. During her leadership, the Historical Society led efforts to commemorate the state's 150th anniversary, began reinterpretation of Kaw Mission and the Last Chance Store State Historic Sites in Council Grove, and began a multiyear planning, funding, and reimagining along with the Kansas Historical Foundation to create new exhibits for the Kansas Museum of History.

Kansas Historical Society FY 2022 Program and Service Summary

Categories	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Visitation	109,107	68,843	16,225	56,391
Adult and Family Programs	22,571	16,272	3,938	5,939
Children's Programs and School Curriculum	74,433	44,030	65,190	101,101
Digital Programs	837,741	914,831	2,413,388	1,332,909
Digital Resource Usage	19,797,543	25,569,188	20,544,604	19,232,633
Social Media	53,521	59,471	73,144	133,644
Services	18,135	14,406	11,410	13,580
Publication Circulation	13,806	13,864	13,190	11,183
Grants and Financial Incentives reach	103	88	129	132
State Tax Credits				Received 357 Approved 331
Federal Tax Credits				Received 70 Sent 78

Total Overall Program and Services Usage	20,926,960	26,700,993	23,141,218	20,888,348
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Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Visitors

Site	County	Paid	Comp	Total
Operated Year-Round by Kansas Historical Society				
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	Douglas	2,669	67	2,736
Fort Hays State Historic Site	Ellis	2,959	166	3,125
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	9,132	552	9,684
Kansas State Capitol	Shawnee	No Fee	28,071	28,071
State Archives Research Room	Shawnee	No Fee	1,015	1,015
Operated Seasonally by Kansas Historical Society				
First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site	Geary	0	503	503
Grinter Place State Historic Site	Wyandotte	282	165	447
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	Washington	581	38	619
Kaw Mission State Historic Site (Closed for reinterpretation)	Morris	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	Linn	693	1	694
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	649	234	883
Red Rocks State Historic Site	Lyon	457	15	472
Partnership Sites				
Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site	Sheridan	0	626	626
Goodnow House State Historic Site	Riley	0	299	299
John Brown Museum State Historic Site	Miami			2,022
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site	Johnson	4,843	352	5,195
Total Visitation				56,391

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Adult and Family Programs

Site	County	Attendance
Archeology	Statewide	139
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	Douglas	430
Fort Hays State Historic Site	Ellis	1,880
Grinter Place State Historic Site	Wyandotte	132
Historic Preservation	Statewide	132
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	Washington	
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	929
Kaw Mission State Historic Site	Morris	665
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	Linn	79
Outreach Speaking Engagements	Statewide	797
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	93
Red Rocks State Historic Site	Lyon	142
State Archives	Shawnee	96
Total Adult and Family Programs		5,514

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Children's Programs and School Curriculum

Program	Focus	Participation
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	School tours	663
Fort Hays State Historic Site	School tours	93
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	School tours	8
Kansas Day at the Capitol	Student photo contest entries	506
Kansas Day in the Classroom	Virtual programs celebrating the Kansas	36,306
<i>The Kansas Journey</i>	Middle school textbook	28,000
Lessons - Virtual	Various topics with activities	3,758
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	School tours	291
<i>Project Archaeology</i>	Curriculum materials	113
<i>Read Kansas!</i> lessons	Curriculum materials for students based on primary source readings	12,122
Rural School Days	One-room school programs, one-hour and four hours	5,554
School Tours	Thematic and self-guided in-person fieldtrips	751
State Archives	School research field trips	5
Teacher Training - Virtual	Statewide	175
Teacher Appreciation Night	Northeast Kansas	48
Traveling Resource Trunks	Objects and images for the classroom 112 loans to 39 counties	12,708
Total Children's Programs and Curriculum Usage		101,101

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Digital Programs

Program	Focus	Audience
Flickr	Sharing program images	564,541
Public radio programs	Historic sites	44,000
Virtual Museum After Hours	Virtual lectures	43,333
Webinars	Virtual programming	778
YouTube views (4 channels)	Video content from the Kansas Historical Society	724,257
Total Digital Program Usage		1,376,909

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Digital Resources

Format	Total
Operated by the Kansas Historical Society	
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) contributors	3,370
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) users	143
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) archeology sites recorded	105
<i>Kansas Memory</i> page views during 192,315 sessions	1,690,051
<i>KSHS.ORG</i> page views during 1,639,855 sessions	3,479,927
Operated through Partnerships	
<i>Ancestry</i> (KSHS content) page views	5,809,830
<i>Chronicling America</i> (KSHS content) page views	227,230
<i>Newspapers.com</i> (KSHS content) page views	8,021,977
Total Digital Resource Usage	20,565,542

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Social Media

Format	Followers	Engagement
Facebook (18 sites) (Containing 2,872 stories of Kansas history)	61,512	102,486
Instagram	5,554	28,114
LinkedIn	823	N/A
Pinterest	3,278	N/A
Twitter	10,462	3,044
Total Social Media Followers	81,629	133,644

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Services

Service	Focus	Usage
Collection loans	Loan of collection items to other institutions	41
Contract Archeology projects	Protection of cultural resources	225
Geographic Information System (GIS) access	Archeology sites	141
Land Survey requests filled	Requests by surveyors	607
Media contacts	Requests for information and assistance	361
Media mentions	Agency mentions	402
New national and state register listings	Additions to the national (34) and state (8) registers	42
Photograph and collections use granted	Permission to use agency collections	211
Records schedules created or revised	Public Records	97
Research questions answered	Requests to State Archives: Public Records (545), Reference (3,387); Museum (11); Administration (265) for information assistance	4,208
State and federal law reviews completed	Cultural resources protection for 3,777 projects	7,233
Unmarked Burial Sites cases	Preservation Act	12
Total Services Usage		13,580

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Publications Circulation

Title	Circulation
<i>Kansas History</i> (published by Kansas Historical Foundation)	2,000
<i>KSHS eNews</i>	4,276
<i>History Time: A Newsletter for Kansas Educators</i>	4,907
Total Publications Circulation	11,183

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Grants and Financial Incentives

Program	Incentive	Amount	Number Awarded	Jobs Created	Gross State Product
Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits	Credits	Included with state figures below	16	Included with state figures below	Included with state figures below
Heritage Trust Fund	Grant	\$1,237,321	17	20	\$837,900
Historic Preservation Fund – awarded May 2022	Grant	\$139,134	8	N/A	N/A
Historical Records Advisory Board	Grant	\$8,805	3	3	\$51,628
Kansas Rural Preservation – awarded FY 2021	Grant				Final reports pending
State Rehabilitation Tax Credits	Credits	\$5,146,796	72 state; 16 federal	1,683	\$69,300,200
Total		\$6,532,056	132	1,706	\$69,300,200

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FY 2022 Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

\$5,146,796 in State Rehabilitation Tax Credits were issued this fiscal year (thus far) from an investment total of \$112,063,902 (some projects are still undergoing the audit process at this time and credits have not been issued yet for those projects).

According to economic impact software created by the Center for Urban Research, Rutgers University, the investment in 2022 created 1,683 jobs in Kansas, which generated \$21,273,400 in total taxes, grew the economy of Kansas \$122,514,000, and generated \$69,300,200 in gross state product.

State Tax Credit	Received	Approved
Part 1	99	90
Part 2	119	115
Part 3	76	72
Amend	63	54
Total	357	331

Federal Tax Credit	Received	Sent
Part 1	19	18
Part 2	16	24
Part 3	13	16
Amend	22	20
Total	70	78

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FY 2022 Volunteer Hours

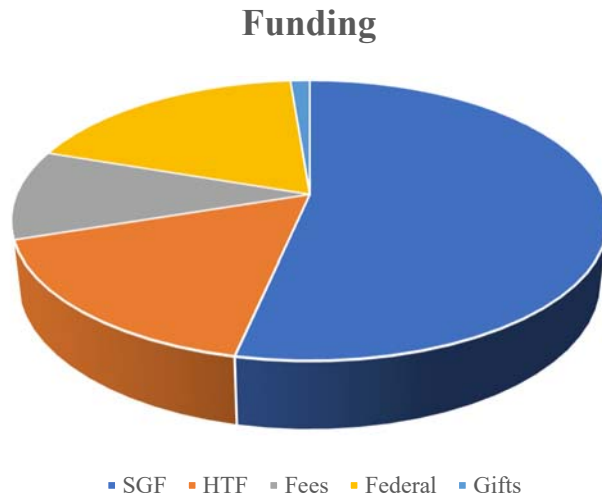
Location	Volunteers	Hours	Monetary Equivalence
Archeology Lab	6	642.5	
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	22	175.0	
Fort Hays State Historic Site	17	712.0	
Grinter Place State Historic Site	17	288.0	
Hollenberg Pony Express State Historic Site	53	410.0	
Kansas State Capitol	1	7.0	
Kaw Mission State Historic Site	9	283.0	
Mine Creek State Historic Site	0	0.0	
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	4	18.0	
Red Rocks State Historic Site	75	204.0	
State Archives	7	519.5	
	211	3,259.0	\$48,885

Kansas Historical Society
FY 2022 Collection Holdings

Collections	Unit of Measurement	Amount
Archeology and ethnographic artifacts	Cubic feet	4,238
Newspapers, born digital (partnership with Kansas Press Association)	Titles	207
Library books and pamphlets	Items	449,153
Manuscript materials	Cubic feet	12,538
Maps and architectural drawings	Items	33,193
Microfilm	Reels	77,986
Museum artifacts	Items	121,378
Photographs and audio-visual materials	Items	567,240
State Archives materials	Cubic feet	45,454
Additional Inventory	Type	Amount
Historical highway markers	Items	120
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory	New	332
	Total	70,358
<i>Kansas Memory</i>	Digital resources	737,146
Property	Structures	58
	Acres	600
National Register of Historic Places	Listings	1,549
Register of Historic Kansas Places		192

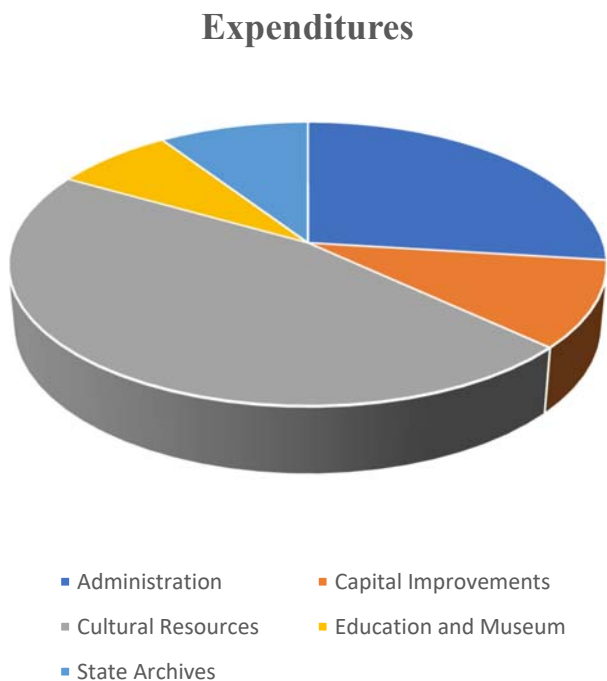
Kansas Historical Society FY 2022 Financials

Revenues by Fund: \$8,025,860



State General Fund - \$4,282,432
Heritage Trust Fund - \$1,325,122
Agency Fee Funds - \$833,642
Federal Funds - \$1,484,643
Private Gifts - \$100,021

Expenses by Programs: \$8,025,860



Administration - \$2,162,223
Capital Improvements – \$796,529
Cultural Resources - \$3,719,053
Education and Museum - \$599,369
State Archives - \$748,686