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**Council Grove, Kansas** – Governor Laura Kelly announced Friday that 24 rural Kansas communities will receive a share of nearly \$10.9 million through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to support community development projects.

Among the recipients is the City of Council Grove, awarded \$650,000 in CDBG funds for the restoration of the historic Katy Depot, which now serves as the home of the City of Council Grove Convention & Visitors Bureau.

“The Community Development Block Grant program continues to be a vital resource for our small and rural communities that are in critical need of infrastructure and institutional improvements,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “The dollars allocated to these counties demonstrably address and enhance municipal capacity and quality of life for Kansans throughout the state.”

Administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce’s Quality Places Division, the CDBG program provides crucial federal funding for projects that might not otherwise be feasible. The nearly \$10.9 million in grant funding will be matched with local contributions, generating a total investment of over \$26.9 million for designated local projects.

Council Grove City Administrator Nick Jones expressed appreciation for the funding, highlighting additional local support. “The city received a generous pledge of \$50,000 from the Young Foundation toward the required match, and I am actively pursuing additional grants to further offset local contributions,” Jones stated.

This award adds to a growing list of recent grant successes for Council Grove. “In the last four months alone, the City of Council Grove has secured a total of \$2,530,000 in grant funding: \$1,880,000 from the Alternative Transportation Grant from KDOT for the Downtown Streetscape project, requiring no local match, and now \$650,000 from the CDBG grant for the Katy Depot restoration. That’s a tremendous win for our community!” Jones said.

The City of Council Grove remains committed to securing funding opportunities that enhance infrastructure, preserve historical landmarks, and improve the overall quality of life for its residents.