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GRANT UPDATE

The Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation has received its first \$10,500 operating grant from the Kansas Health Foundation's Grow II program.

The money is part of a \$300,000 matching grant from the foundation's Giving Resources to Our World (Grow) program. Any dollars the foundation receives for its community grant, new Smoky Hills Healthy Living or the administrative funds will result in a 50 percent match.

Gifts to an existing or new fund — with the exception of scholarships — will trigger a 25 percent match.

The matching funds earned by the foundation will be used to create two new endowed funds — the Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund, which will provide ongoing support for the foundation, and the Kansas Health Foundation fund to provide annual grants for programs and projects that support Ellsworth County health initiatives.

More information is available from foundation board members.