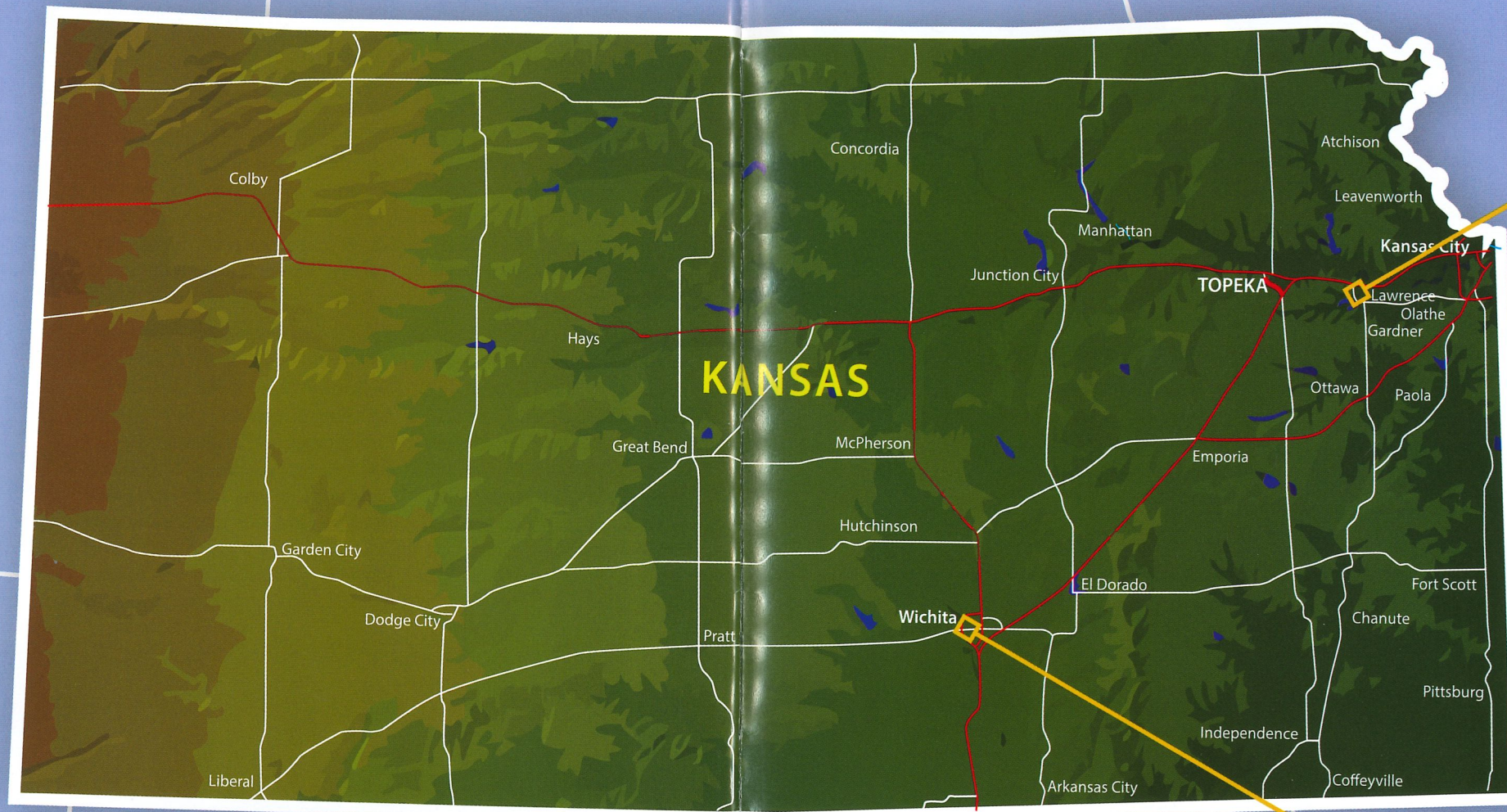


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Kansas Housing Awards Nearly \$2 million for Rural Housing Development

Nine Kansas communities will receive a combined total of almost \$2 million to develop affordable housing for moderate-income families. The funding, made possible through the state of Kansas' Moderate Income Housing (MIH) program, provides grants or loans to develop housing and support homeownership programs in cities or counties with populations of less than 60,000.

Combined with the amount leveraged by each community to support the proposed initiatives, the awards represent a total investment of \$6.2 million and a net gain of 76 affordable, quality homes for rural communities across the state.

The following cities received MIH funds: Alma, Chanute, Baldwin City, Eudora, Holton, Independence, Neodesha, Marion, and McPherson.

Visit www.kshousingcorp.org for information on the MIH program.

Lawrence

Lawrence marks 20 years of Citywide Bus Service

The City of Lawrence marked the transit system's 20th anniversary in December, but the idea of a citywide bus system had been talked about long before the first buses went into service. By the time the City Commission approved spending property tax revenues for the service in 1999, which together with federal and state transportation funding got the service started, it had been a topic of discussion for more than a decade, according to newspaper archives.

Source: LJWorld.com.

Wichita

Neighborhood Raising Funds for Park Equipment

Basketball courts, pickleball courts, and playground equipment is starting to go up in the Sherwood Glen Neighborhood. After a vacant Wichita school went up for sale, the Sherwood Glen Neighborhood in Northwest Wichita teamed up for a good cause.

The neighborhood worked with city leaders and the owner of the property to keep the area as public use for a park and the neighborhood promised to pay 10% of the cost to build the park.

The park is expected to be completed by the spring.

Source: KSN-TV