In 2021, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) and the state’s Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP) launched the state’s first comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) in nearly 30 years. The study aimed to address a decades-long shortage of data on existing housing resources and current and projected needs.

RDG Planning & Design was selected via a competitive RFP process to assess current housing opportunities, identify goals, and develop strategic initiatives to guide the state’s future housing development efforts.

The study revealed one of the state’s biggest barriers to growth and economic development was a lack of quality, affordable housing, particularly in rural and underserved communities.
THE STUDY IDENTIFIED SEVERAL KEY GOALS TO ADDRESS FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS:

+ Prioritize middle-income housing
+ Diversify housing stock
+ Extend housing security
+ Reinvest in older housing stock, including vacant units
+ Address the building trades labor shortage
+ Extend existing human capital resources

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON LISTENING SESSIONS

71 COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM HOUSING STAKEHOLDER GROUPS ACROSS THE STATE

NEARLY 1,000 ATTENDEES OF REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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