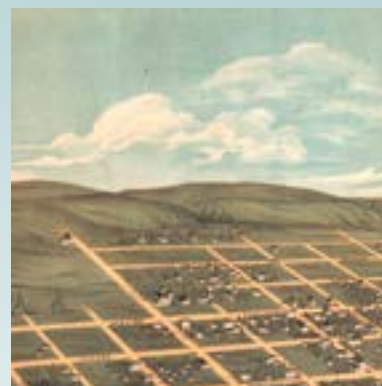
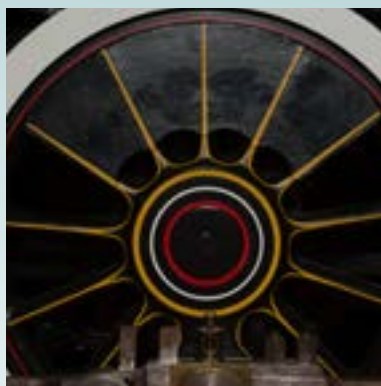


Kansas Historical Society
FY 2019 Annual Report
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A Note from the Kansas Historical Society Executive Director Jennie Chinn

Since its founding in 1875 the Kansas Historical Society has actively preserved and shared the stories of Kansans by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of the state. Today we view our purpose as enhancing government transparency, impacting economic development in our communities, educating students and families, using the past to explore solutions to challenges in the modern world, and serving as the keeper of the state's stories.



Jennie Chinn, executive director

Things have changed over 144 years. In the beginning the state agency occupied one room in the Kansas State Capitol. In 1914 the Kansas Historical Society moved to the newly dedicated Memorial Hall, just east of the statehouse. Memorial Hall provided room for the state's growing collections, as well as opportunities for exhibits and programs to expand. The Historical Society shared the building with the state chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans. After 70 years in Memorial Hall the new Kansas Museum of History opened in west Topeka on the grounds of the historic Potawatomi Mission and 11 years later the State Archives and the society's administration offices moved to a new building on the same grounds.



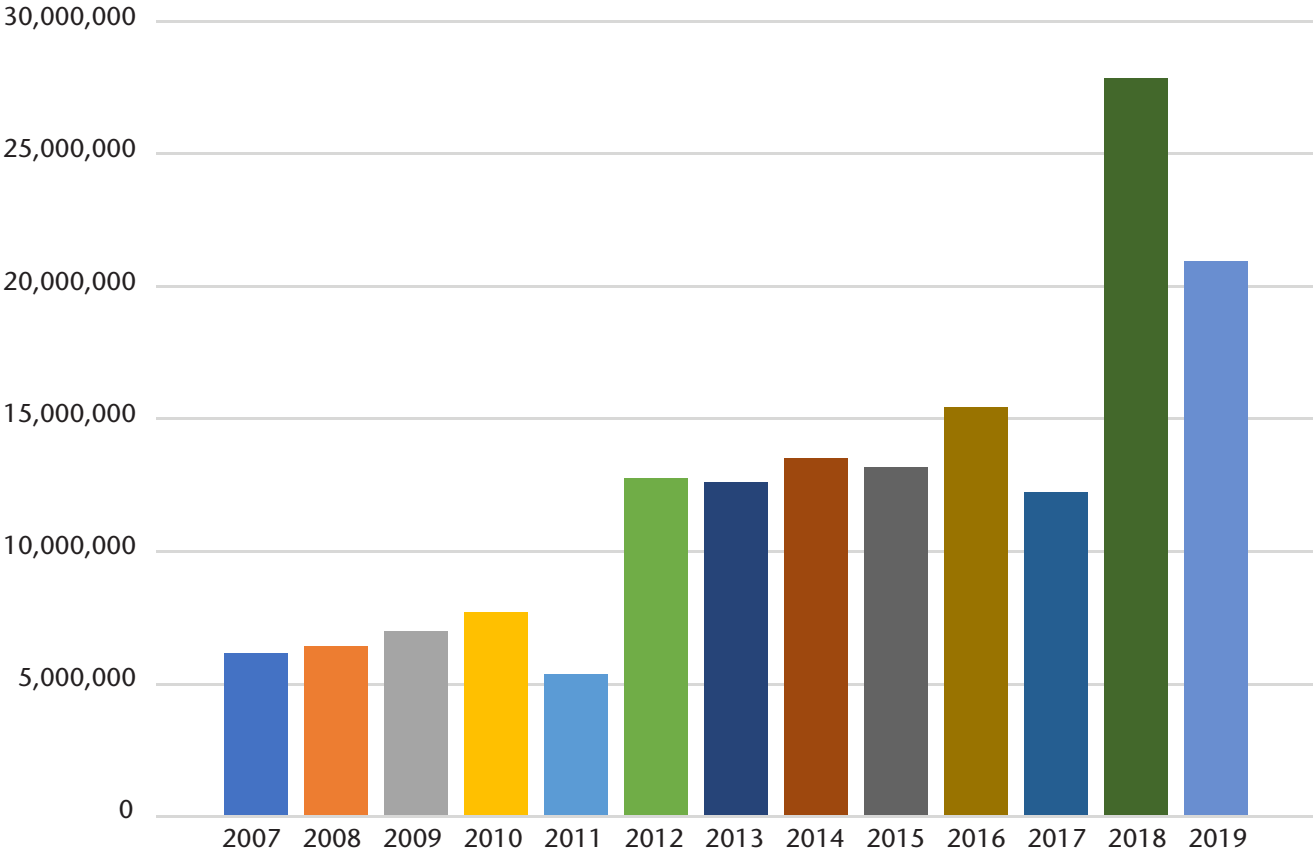
Over the years the Historical Society acquired several Kansas State Historic Sites. The first was Pawnee Indian Village in Republic County (1899) and the most recent the Last Chance Store in Morris County (2015). Over time the Historical Society also enhanced its programs with the additions of the Kansas Historic Preservation Office and the office of the State Archeologist. Kindergarten through high school education became a critical part of the agency's mission when state statute required the teaching of state history and government in Kansas schools. More recently the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center was placed under the Kansas Historical Society and an extensive tour program was offered.

By the 1990s the agency began to see a dramatic shift in how audiences accessed our services. With the dawn of the 21st century our business model was changing. Our audiences broadened and grew dramatically with the introduction of the agency's first website in 1994, and the introduction of our digital archives, *Kansas Memory*, in 2007. The Kansas Historical Society's online presence did not diminish the importance of the experiences offered at the agency's physical sites, instead it expanded and enhanced them.



In FY 2019 the number of visits to Kansas Historical Society’s physical and digital sites grew to more than 20 million annually. Ninety-nine percent of visits are now digital. This dramatic shift mirrors how life in Kansas has changed over the last 144 years.

Kansas Historical Society Visits



*The dramatic growth reflected in 2018 is due to a partnership with Newspapers.com and the digitization of pre-1923 Kansas newspapers. In 2018 approximately 12,000,000 pages were released to the public for the first time. Newspapers.com changed the way it counts visits between 2018 and 2019. Therefore, the 2018 numbers recorded in previous reports have been adjusted down to align more closely to the spirit of how they are reported for 2019.

The Kansas Historical Society staff members, volunteers, and board of directors deserve the credit for the agency's ability to adapt to society's changing needs. I thank each one of them who saw the future and used their creativity and specialized knowledge to place us where we are today. We are also grateful to the governors we have served over the years, and the state legislators who have shown their support for the state's history. We would like to thank our Governor Laura Kelly for her continued support of the agency. We are also appreciative of the many partners and private donors who have helped us along the way. Without our sister organization, the Kansas Historical Foundation, the agency could not achieve all that it does.

As much as things have changed, the basics have not. We still take pride in collecting, preserving, and interpreting Kansas history, just like those who came before. Kansans have always enjoyed a good story and this state has some of the best!



2019 Collections Highlights

The Kansas Historical Society is in the business of preserving and disseminating the stories of Kansans. The stories may be told through the preservation of buildings, the discovery of new archeological evidence, exhibits, programs, publications, or curriculum. The backbone of all these endeavors is the state's historical collections. The people of Kansas have been generous in their support of the Kansas Historical Society's collecting efforts. Here are just a few of the items donated in FY 2019.

Kansas was once covered by a shallow ocean of saltwater called the Permian Sea. The warm ocean was home to many plants, huge fish, swimming birds, and reptiles. Evidence of marine animal fossils can be found in Kansas rocks. Clams and oysters, fish and sharks, and even reptiles have been found in fossilized form. In 2014 the state legislature designated the *Tylosaurus* the official state marine fossil. The large reptile could grow up to 45 feet in length. Built to be a skilled predator, it would use its flat tail to glide through the water surprising its prey.

Paleontologist Alan Detrick donated an 88 million-year-old fossil of a *Tylosaurus* found in Kansas. Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D., championed the donation, which hung in the governor's ceremonial office.



After the Civil War hostilities between American Indians and whites on the plains of Kansas increased. The core of the problem was the American assertion over land that historically belonged to the tribes. The wanton destruction of the American buffalo further ignited the tensions. In 1868 Colonel George A. Forsyth of the U. S. Army led 50 Kansas recruits in a desperate fight on the Arikaree fork of the Republican River. Several hundred Cheyenne and Sioux kept the company pinned down on "Beecher Island" for a week. Both sides experienced heavy losses.

Holly W. Johnson donated a presentation cane with a silver cuff inscribed *S. Shlesinger to J.J. Peate*. Shlesinger was one of the recruits trapped at Beecher Island and Peate was in the rescue party from Fort Wallace that came to the aid of Forsyth's men.



Windagamen Marshall was born to a Lenape (Delaware) mother and a white trader. At some point she became known as Annie. When an estimated 1,000 Lenape were forcibly moved to an area along the Kansas River in 1831 Annie, her mother, and siblings were among them. Soon after Annie met Moses Grinter, a white man who had come to Kansas as a soldier at Fort Leavenworth. Annie and Moses married.



Because Annie was Lenape, Moses was able to purchase a trading post on the Delaware reserve. Annie and Moses raised six girls and four boys, with five of their children growing to adulthood. Nearly 20 years after they married they built and lived in a brick house overlooking the Kansas River where they had once operated a ferry. Today the house is open to the public as Grinter Place State Historic Site.

A variety of household items used by descendants of the Grinters were donated by Jerry Hotujac.

Located five miles south of present-day Walker, Fort Fletcher became operational in 1865 to protect the stage and freight wagons on the Butterfield Overland Despatch traveling along the Smoky Hill Trail to Denver. The fort did not last long in this location. A devastating flood and the bankruptcy of the Butterfield stage line caused its abandonment. Fort Fletcher was reopened approximately one-fourth mile north of its previous location but when it became apparent that the Union Pacific Railway would pass approximately five miles north of the fort, by then renamed Fort Hays, it moved one more time. The army saw Fort Hays as a supply depot for other forts in the area and therefore desired a location close to the railroad line. Today it is open to the public as Fort Hays State Historic Site.

Glenn Trimmer donated archeological artifacts from the first location of Fort Fletcher. The site is believed to be a previous campsite of George Armstrong Custer.



On May 19, 1858, fear spread throughout Linn County, Kansas Territory. Word circulated that 30 border ruffians from Missouri had ridden through the small village of Trading Post, capturing 11 free-state men. The victims were marched to a nearby ravine where the proslavery Missourians opened fire upon them. Phebe Weeks Cummings and her husband Josiah had moved into the area a year earlier. Several days after the Marais des Cygnes Massacre, Phebe wrote a letter to her sister.

[Here] we are [forced] to depend [on] our selves[.] their was a greate Murdering Escape happening in about 5 miles from [here.] ... taken By the proslavery men and they marched them before then Shot them down. ...



Phebe's letter goes on to report the condition of each local man. History tells us that five of the men were killed, five were seriously injured, and only one escaped unharmed. Phebe and Josiah left Kansas within five years, tired of the incursions into Kansas by border ruffians. They migrated on the Oregon Trail to Walla Walla, Washington Territory, where they lived out the remainder of their lives.

Alice Kreissler of Wichita donated Phebe's letters. The letters were among items left with her great, great grandfather, Joseph Weeks, Jr. Alice's grandmother, Lula Huston Smith, saved these letters along with lots of other family history.



When John Carlin was sworn in as the 40th Governor of Kansas in 1997 he was the youngest governor to hold that office in the 20th century. Four years later he was reelected for a second four-year term, making him among the longest serving governors in the state. A dairy farmer from Smolan, Carlin began his political career in the state legislature, elected to the Kansas House of Representatives. In his third term he became speaker of the house, the first Democrat in 64 years to do so. Carlin later went to Washington, D.C., to serve as Archivist of the United States under President Bill Clinton.

Ann Carlin Ozegovic was a long-time Kansas Historical Society volunteer. As the sister of the former Kansas governor, Ann documented the career of John Carlin. Her estate donated her extensive collection of materials on her brother.



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FY 2019 Total Collection Holdings

Collections	Unit of Measurement	Amount
Archeological and ethnographic artifacts	Cubic feet	4,228
Newspapers, born digital, partnership with Kansas Press Association	Titles	160
Library books and pamphlets	Items	448,598
Manuscript materials	Cubic feet	12,166
Maps and architectural drawings	Items	32,995
Microfilm	Reels	73,226
Museum artifacts	Items	119,821
Photographs and audio-visual materials	Items	565,655
State Archives materials	Cubic feet	45,179
Additional Inventory		
Historical highway markers	Items	120
Kansas Historic Resource Inventory	Entries	68,072
Kansas Historical Society buildings and structures	Items	64
<i>Kansas Memory</i> digital resources	Images	602,315
National and State Register	Listings	1,668



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FY 2019 Overall Program and Service Usage

Type

Visitors	109,107
Public programs and events	22,571
Children's programs and school curriculum	74,433
Digital programs	837,741
Agency services	18,135
Publications	13,806
Grants and financial incentives	103
Digital audience for online resources	19,797,543
Social media	53,521
TOTAL	20,926,960



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FY 2019 Visitors

Operated year-round

Site	County	Paid	Complimentary	Total
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	Douglas	5,022	97	5,119
Fort Hays State Historic Site	Ellis	3,145	214	3,359
Kansas History Society Nature Trail	Shawnee	No fee	3,650	3,650
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	22,437	2,007	24,444
Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center	Shawnee	No fee	55,427	55,427
State Archives Research Room	Shawnee	No fee	2,988	2,988

Operated seasonally

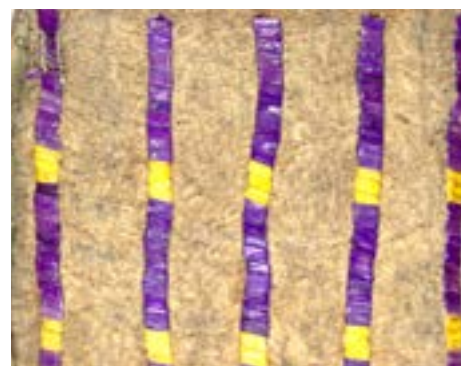
First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site	Geary	No fee	839	839
Grinter Place State Historic Site	Wyandotte	443	583	1,026
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	Washington	595	52	647
Kaw Mission State Historic Site	Morris	No fee	1,418	1,418
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	Linn	732	40	772
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	1,230	261	1,491
Red Rocks State Historic Site: Home of the William Allen White Family	Lyon	748	81	829

Partnership sites – operated locally

Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site	Sheridan	No fee	1,961	1,961
Goodnow House State Historic Site	Riley	No fee	1,393	1,393
John Brown Museum State Historic Site	Miami	No fee	1,792	1,792
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site	Johnson	1,726	226	1,952

TOTAL Visitors

109,107



Kansas Historical Society FY 2019 Adult and Family Programs

Site	County	Attendance
Archeology	Statewide	196
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	Douglas	925
Fort Hays State Historic Site	Ellis	1,862
Goodnow House State Historic Site	Riley	2,475
Grinter Place State Historic Site	Wyandotte	357
Historic Preservation	Statewide	335
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	Washington	356
John Brown Museum State Historic Site	Miami	1,020
Kansas Museum of History	Shawnee	3,478
Kaw Mission State Historic Site	Morris	529
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	Linn	179
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	Republic	24
Red Rocks State Historic Site	Lyon	733
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site	Fairway	10,064
Taste of Kansas bus tour	Regional	38
TOTAL Adult and Family Program Attendance		22,571

Kansas Historical Society FY 2019 Children's Programs and Curriculum

Site	Measurement	Usage
Outreach Events	Educators served	843
History and Environmental Fair	Students and teachers served	1,344
Homeschool Wednesdays	Students served	147
Interactive Kansas Educator (IKE)	Students and teachers served	35
Kansas Day at the Capitol	Student photo entries	402
Kansas Day at the Museum	Students and teachers served	1,350
<i>The Kansas Journey</i>	Textbooks in use	28,000
<i>Project Archeology</i>	Copies distributed	275
Read Kansas! lessons	Lessons distributed	25,247
Rural School Days	Students participating	1,421
Teacher Appreciation Night	Teachers served	36
Teacher Training	Teachers served	44
Traveling Resource Trunks	Students and teachers served	15,100
State Archives Research Room	Student on tours	189
TOTAL Children's Programs and Curriculum Usage		74,433

Kansas Historical Society FY 2019 Digital Programs

Program	Focus	Measurement	Audience
Kansas Portraits Guest Commentary on Kansas Public Radio (KANU)	Audio commentary on select notable Kansans	Listeners	675,000
Flickr	Portal to share program images	Annual views	79,809
#MarthaMakesHistory	Twitter program featuring Martha Farnsworth collection	Followers	184
YouTube	Agency video content (2 channels)	Views	82,732
Webinars	Preservation fund workshop	Webinar attendance	16
TOTAL Digital Program Audience			837,741

Kansas Historical Society FY 2019 Digital Resources

Format	Audience
Operated by Kansas Historical Society	
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) contributors	53
Kansas Historic Resources Inventory (KHRI) users	1,063
<i>Kansas Memory</i> sessions	259,572
kshs.org sessions	1,441,384
Operated through Partnerships	
<i>Ancestry</i> (KSHS content) page views	8,749,183
Newspapers.com (KSHS content) through Kansas resident's portal	2,166,914
Newspapers.com (KSHS content) on commercial site page views	7,100,000
<i>Territorial Kansas Online</i> page views	79,374
TOTAL Digital Resources	19,797,543

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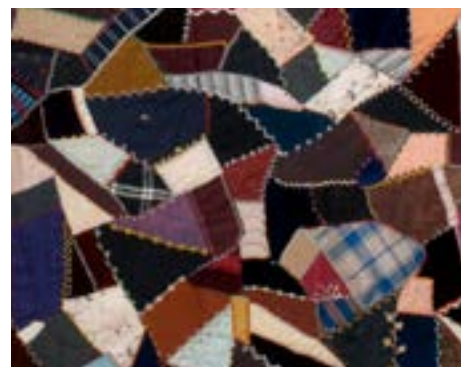
FY 2019 Social Media

Formats	Followers
Agency-wide Kansas Historical Society accounts	
Facebook	20,885
Instagram	2,352
Twitter	2,355
Pinterest	9,235
Special interest Facebook accounts	
Constitution Hall State Historic Site	556
First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site	321
Fort Hays State Historic Site	1,368
Goodnow House State Historic Site	297
Grinter Place State Historic Site	871
Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site	954
John Brown Museum State Historic Site	951
State Historic Preservation Office	3,194
Kansas Teachers	365
Kansas Museum of History	2,997
Kansas State Historical Records Advisory Board	303
Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center	449
Kaw Mission State Historic Site	1,688
Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site	1,283
Red Rock State Historic Site	668
Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site	1,333
Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site	1,096
TOTAL Social Media Followers	53,521

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FY 2019 Services

Service	Focus	Usage
Artifact loans processed	Loan of collection items	100
Contract Archeology projects	Protection of cultural resources	205
Facility rental at Kansas Historical Society headquarters	Attendees at 78 events	4,407
Geographic Information System (GIS) access	Restricted access to archeological sites	25
Interlibrary Loan requests filled	Microfilm to local libraries	422
Land Survey requests filled	Requests by land surveyors	1,110
Media Contacts	Requests and messaging	1,621
Media mentions	Agency appearance in media	166
New National and State Register listings	Properties added to the registers	20
Photographic use permits granted	Permission to use agency images	205
Records schedules created or revised	Ensuring government transparency	29
Research questions answered	Public requests for information	4,967
State and federal law reviews	Cultural resources protection	4,851
Unmarked Burial Sites cases	Protection of unmarked burials	7
TOTAL Services Usage		18,135



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FY 2019 Publications Circulation

Title	Circulation
<i>Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains</i> (Published by Kansas Historical Foundation in partnership with the History Department at Kansas State University)	1,877
<i>Your Stories</i> (Published by Kansas Historical Foundation in partnership with the Kansas Historical Society)	1,647
<i>KSHS eNews</i>	3,822
<i>KSHS Educator eNews</i>	6,460
TOTAL Publications	13,806

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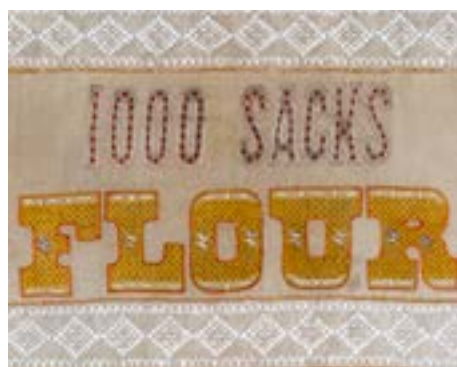
FY 2019 Grants and Financial Incentives

Program	Type of Incentive	Amount	Number Awarded
Heritage Trust Fund	Grant	\$794,673	12
Historic Preservation Fund	Grant	\$134,150	10
Historic Records Advisory Board	Grant	\$20,929	8
State Rehabilitation	Tax credits	\$15,861,113	59
Federal Rehabilitation	Tax credits	\$19,877,012	14
TOTAL Grants and Financial Incentives		\$36,687,877	103

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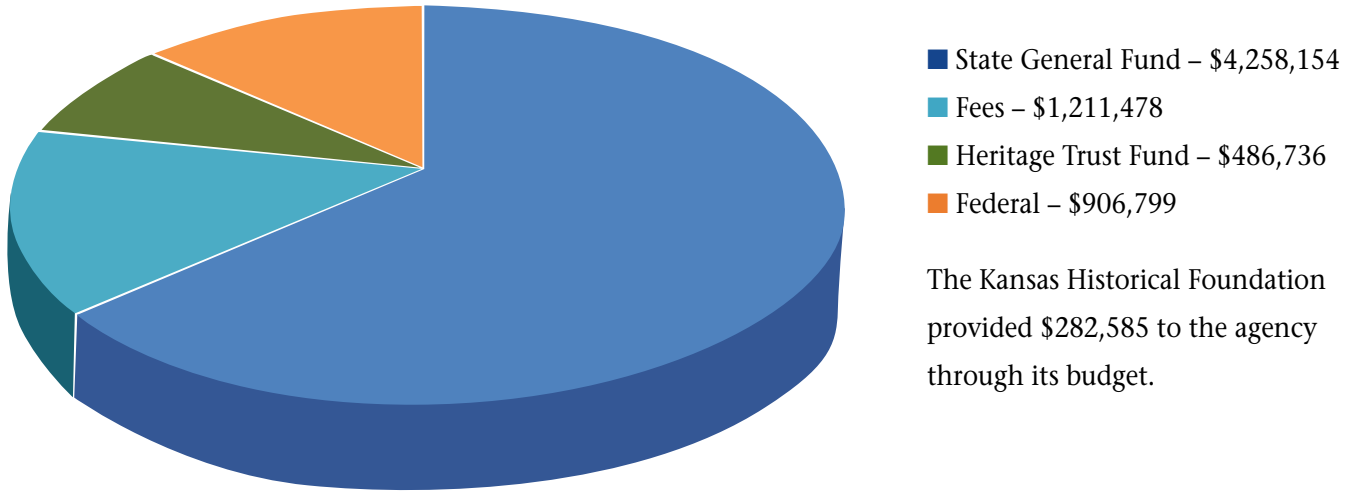
FY 2019 Volunteer Contributions

Service area	Location	Number of volunteers	Hours	Monetary Equivalence
Archeology	Statewide	54	2,047.00	\$31,544.27
Kansas State Historic Sites	Constitution Hall	23	118.00	\$1,818.38
	Fort Hays	148	1,759.50	\$27,113.90
	Grinter Place	12	152.50	\$2,350.03
	Hollenberg Pony Express	1	24.00	\$369.84
	Kaw Mission	16	363.50	\$5,601.54
	Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield	35	535.00	\$8,244.35
	Pawnee Indian Museum	26	143.00	\$2,203.63
	Red Rocks	163	192.50	\$2,966.43
Kansas Museum of History	Discovery Place	2	141.00	\$2,172.81
	Docents	9	255.50	\$3,937.26
	Information	7	329.50	\$5,077.60
	Summer Youth	1	73.00	\$529.25
	Special Projects	111	1,464.75	\$22,571.80
	Volunteer Training	19	164.00	\$2,527.24
Kansas State Capitol	Visitor Center	3	373.50	\$5,755.64
State Archives	Research Room	29	1,675.00	\$25,811.75
TOTAL Volunteers		659	9,811.25	\$150,595.72

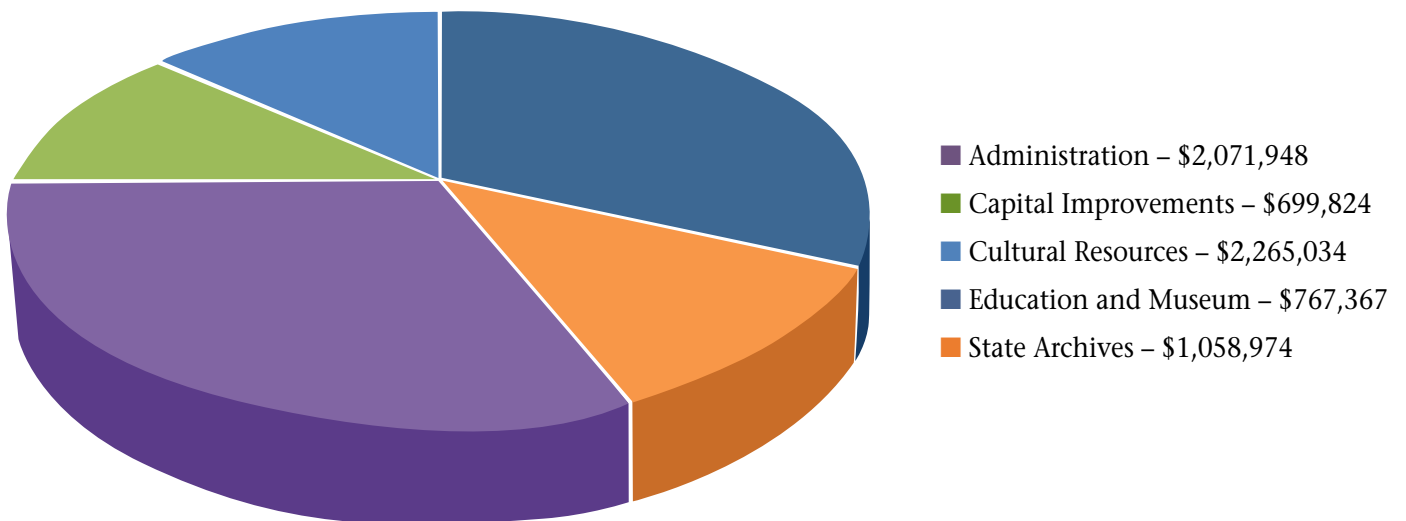


Kansas Historical Society FY 2019 Financials

Revenues by Fund: \$6,863,147



Expenditures by Program: \$6,863,147





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