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Richard Nienstedt
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RE: Building a Stronger Economy (BASE)

Dear Richard:

On behalf of the SPARK Executive Committee and the Kansas Department of Commerce, I am pleased to award a Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) grant for the City of Ottawa Proximity Park & North Corridor Improvements project. After reviewing all application materials, your project has been awarded **\$5,000,000**. As noted in the guidelines of the BASE program, 50% of your award will be made to you for approved expenses according to the terms of your forthcoming award agreement. All requirements must be met within the award agreement prior to the release of your funds. This award notification is confidential until the Governor's Office releases an official press release.

You will be required to attend one of two information webinars in order to obtain your grant award. The dates and times are below. Please use the Zoom registration links provided to select your available time, and please confirm that at least one member of your organization attends one of these required webinars.

[Click Here to Register for Wednesday, April 13th at 11:00AM](#)
[Click Here to Register for Thursday, April 14th at 3:00PM](#)

Our BASE team will be available to discuss any questions you may have regarding your forthcoming award agreement and the requirements for obtaining your first payment distribution. Please continue to utilize our email address CommerceSPARK@ks.gov for any questions you may have, or you may reach our Director of Economic Recovery, Jonathan Clayton, at 620-615-2409. As a reminder, should an agreement not be fully executed with the State, any cost incurred toward the project would remain as your responsibility.

We congratulate you on developing a project that will provide transformational economic opportunities within our State. These kinds of investments can truly help Kansas to Build a Stronger Economy.

Sincerely,

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David C. Toland
Lt. Governor/Secretary of Commerce