

Small Business Incentive Request February 7, 2023 Stephanie Moran, SVP Innovation

Update

Several changes were implemented to the Small Business Incentives Program in 2022 to create economic impact through a competitive application process. Even with minimal marketing of the program, the business proposals received in 2022 have exceeded expectations, with applications from 82 businesses with an average request of \$13,500 each, equating to a total request of \$1,100,000 in incentives versus a budget of \$300,000, leaving a significant funding gap to incentivize small businesses throughout the community.

Incentive Recommendation and Request

Based on demand and opportunity to create additional economic impact through the Small Business Incentives Program GO Topeka is requesting to allocate \$200,000 in carryforward funds for the Small Business Incentives program, providing a total budget of \$500,000 for this program in 2023.