



Essential Families Office Building & Francine Marie Kerr Family Center

Updated Sources and Uses Budget: Total Project Cost & Identified Funding Sources

Project Overview & Mission

Core Focus Areas:

Economic Mobility & Digital Literacy

Essential Families is committed to closing the digital divide and advancing opportunity in Kansas City. In the past 14 months, our services have empowered **665** individuals and families by providing reliable digital devices, affordable high-speed internet, and personalized digital literacy training. These supports have allowed our clients to pursue remote education, connect to health resources, and access meaningful employment—laying the foundation for lasting economic stability.

Despite this progress, the urgent need continues: our current waitlist stands at **1,604** families. This reflects ongoing disparities in access and demonstrates the critical trust and demand for Essential Families' innovative programs. Our goal is to scale these results and ensure every local family can fully participate in today's digital world.

Building Capacity & Creating Opportunity

With the rehabilitation of the Essential Families Office Building and the Francine Marie Kerr Family Center, this project will significantly boost community stability and job creation along the CCED corridor. The construction and operational phases will generate new, sustainable workforce opportunities, including:

- **47 Digital Case Managers (Digital Navigators)** to directly support families in acquiring and using technology for education, employment, and daily life.
- **6 Mental Health Clinicians** to offer on-site access to vital behavioral health services.

Funding Pipeline

To achieve this vision, Essential Families has assembled a diverse portfolio of grant funding, leveraging both public and private partnerships:

Funder/Source	Status	Amount	Payment Type	Timing
Schumaker Family Foundation – Education	Submitted	\$30,000	Upfront	2025-10-01
Patterson Foundation – Economic Opportunity	Submitted	\$500,000	Reimburse	2025-10-01
T-Mobile	Submitted	\$50,000	Upfront	2025-10-01
USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine	Submitted	\$998,005	Reimburse	2025-11-01
Health Forward Foundation	Submitted	\$50,000	Partial	2025-07-01
City of Kansas City	Submitted	\$200,000	Upfront	2025-08-01
Kellogg Foundation	Submitted	\$2,107,591	Reimburse	2025-12-01
Kauffman Foundation	Submitted	\$250,000	Upfront	Q4 2025
Reach Healthcare Foundation	Submitted	\$40,000	Partial	2025-07-01
US Bank – Collective Impact	In Progress	\$1,400,584	Reimburse	2025-10-01
AstraZeneca	Submitted	\$30,000	Reimburse	Q4 2025
The Research Foundation	Submitted	\$50,000	Reimburse	2025-12-01