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## Kansas Health Foundation Funds Climate + Energy Project's Clean Energy=Clean Air Project

*Recognition Grant Supports Collaboration, Education Connecting Clean Energy to Public Health*

The [Climate + Energy Project](#) will convene representatives in healthcare, air quality, environmental justice and target populations to explore how energy efficiency and renewable energy can improve air quality and public health while reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Greater Kansas City Area. CEP received a Recognition Grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to fund this initiative.

Through its [spring 2016 cycle of Recognition Grants](#), the Kansas Health Foundation has provided \$1,055,742.77 in grants to help organizations across the state accomplish 53 projects to help improve the health of Kansans. Recognition Grants expand KHF's support to a broad range of health-related organizations throughout the state and are targeted toward organizations and agencies proposing meaningful and charitable projects that fit within the Foundation's mission of improving the health of Kansans.

Clean energy improves air quality and public health, yet few realize those benefits. The Clean Energy = Clean Air Coalition will provide relevant community education about the health risks from power plant emissions, including increased respiratory illness, lung diseases, and asthma. Executive Director, Dorothy Barnett, explains, "CEP will challenge the coalition to explore the root of the problem - the sources of pollution - and discuss how efforts can be aligned to minimize harmful particulates in the air through clean energy sources and policies that encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy." This project comes in response to the EPA's Clean Power Plan that will cut carbon emissions at power plants by 32% nationwide, reducing hundreds of thousands of tons of harmful particulate pollution, including sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides to improve public health.

The Climate + Energy Project is actively seeking partners working in Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Shawnee, and Wyandotte counties to join the coalition. For more information, please contact Dorothy Barnett at [barnett@climateandenergy.org](mailto:barnett@climateandenergy.org), or visit [www.climateandenergy.org](http://www.climateandenergy.org).

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The Climate + Energy Project seeks to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions in America's Heartland through the ambitious deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy, in policy and practice. For more information about this topic please contact Dorothy Barnett, Executive Director of the Climate + Energy Project, by calling (785) 424-0444 or emailing [barnett@climateandenergy.org](mailto:barnett@climateandenergy.org)