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### State Funds Allow Atchison Improvements

(KAIR)--Good news for the City of Atchison comes in the way of a \$169,000 grant.

Awarded through the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, the funds will finance the improvements of sidewalks in the city.

City Manager Trey Cocking tells MSC News the focus of the work, complete with ADA accessibility, will be Atchison's downtown district. "We're going to focus on making upgrades to our sidewalks, primarily the downtown core, realated to ADA and then just trying to the sidewalks in the downtown corridor area as travelable and as accessible as possible for folks."

Total cost for the complete project is around \$310,000, with the City already having budgeted more than \$140,000 for the work. "I believe it will be this summer, hopefully, when we get work done on it," Cocking says. "I know we're going to have a staff member out in [Hutchinson] in February attending the mandatory workshop related with it. There does have to be a little design work that goes in with it, which we'll handle that design work in house."

The City applied for the grant last fall, and was notified that the application was a success on Tuesday.

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