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NEK Area Agency on Aging to seek grant for new facility  
**(KNZA)--The Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging will seek a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant to help fund the construction of a new facility in Hiawatha.**

**Following a hearing Monday drawing no public comment, the Brown County Commission approved a resolution authorizing the grant application to the Kansas Department of Commerce.**

**The new facility is to be constructed on the northwest corner of Hopi Drive and Natchez Street, near the Hiawatha Wal-Mart Store.**

**The facility would include offices, a community room, training room, commercial kitchen, pantry, storage room and restrooms.**

**The NEK Area Agency on Aging Executive Director Karen Wilson said the new facility would allow them to provide additional services and programs.**

**The Agency has already been awarded two grants totaling about \$1.5 million for the estimated more than \$5 million project.**

**The county has agreed to serve as a pass-through for the CDBG funds, if awarded. The county will provide no funding for the project.**

**Lawrence-based Governmental Assistance Services is preparing the grant application, which is due May 1st.**

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