The Kansas Healthy Food Initiative, KHFI, is a public-private partnership increasing access to affordable fresh food to improve the health and economic development of Kansans and their communities. The KHFI provides technical assistance for those seeking to strengthen access to healthy foods as well as financing through a mix of loans and grants to develop new or renovate fresh food retail in underserved communities throughout Kansas. The program works to bridge informational and financing gaps faced by healthy food stakeholders and food retailers operating in low-resource, underserved communities.

Seeded by the Kansas Health Foundation, the initiative is a partnership among Kansas State University’s Center for Engagement and Community Development; IFF, a community development financial institution; and NetWork Kansas, with strategic guidance provided by The Food Trust.

**FINANCING PARAMETERS**

The financing program addresses costs associated with land acquisition, predevelopment, construction, equipment, infrastructure and related expenses. Funding is flexible in the form of loan or loan/grant packages that are unique to each project. Eligible projects demonstrate expanded retail access to fresh and healthy food.

- Amounts up to $2.5 million
- Terms: One to 15 years at 5 to 6.5 percent interest
- No prepayment penalty
- No appraisals necessary
- Flexible structure
- Flexible project types and use of funds

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Eligible food retail projects must expand retail fresh food offerings in low-resource, underserved neighborhoods and fit local community needs. Grocery chains, neighborhood food and grocery stores, co-ops, farmers markets, production and distribution operations, and other food projects are eligible. Applicant eligibility for underserved and low-resource areas is determined during the eligibility review. All applicants are strongly encouraged to accept SNAP and WIC benefits.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applying for KHFI funding is a two-step process.

**Step 1:** To find out if your project is eligible for KHFI funding, complete the online intake form. Visit [www.kansashealthyfood.org](http://www.kansashealthyfood.org) and click on the Apply tab.

**Step 2:** If eligible, you will receive an invitation to apply for financing. Full program guidelines are available on the website.

**PROGRAM PARTNERS**

- Kansas Health Foundation
- Kansas State University’s Center for Engagement and Community Development
- IFF, a community development financial institution
- NetWork Kansas
- The Food Trust