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PLANS UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP A LOCAL INDUSTRIAL PARK-[GOODLAND, KS]

The City of Goodland, in collaboration with Sherman County Community Development, has been awarded a \$1.3 million grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce to construct roads, water, and sewer infrastructure at the city's industrial park.

"I'm excited for the opportunity of economic growth this great funding provides us. Having the infrastructure in place is a critical step in enticing businesses to come and build in our community," said Mayor Aaron Thompson.

"This new funding will bring Goodland's industrial park closer to its realized potential," said Kent Brown, City Manager.

The Department of Commerce investment, announced Tuesday, will provide vital funding to ensure that Goodland can recover from the effects of COVID-19 and continue to build the local economy's foundation for the future. The overall goal of this project is to increase Goodland's population base and remain competitive in critical sectors of the economy.

"This grant will provide us the opportunity to more fully develop the industrial park and to help attract new potential tenants," said Executive Director of Community Development, Julica Oharah, "The development of the industrial park will help build a more dynamic economy for Sherman County and its citizens."

The opportunity was devised and funded under the "Building a Stronger Economy (BASE)" initiative. The BASE grant is designed to support infrastructure development to address economic development opportunities statewide with the goal of expanding the state's base of businesses and residents.

Learn more about Sherman County's key industry sectors and business services at <https://www.thetopsideofkansas.org/>.

