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Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
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Dear Ms. Cain,

This letter provides the Kansas Association of Local Health Department's (KALHD's) written concurrence, on behalf of member local health departments, for the proposed use of additional funds available through the Public Health Infrastructure Grant/Workforce Development Grant by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) during State Fiscal Years 2024-2027. That use being, for workforce training and supports as well as to assist Local Health Departments (LHD) with costs associated with accreditation (including reaccreditation) and/or Pathways, which will benefit the employees of all local health departments across Kansas regardless of size or geographic location.

The process leading up to this letter of support is outlined as follows:

- KDHE has solicited ideas on the use of the above referenced funds in multiple forums to include the October 2023 KALHD Board meeting and in multiple Local Health Department (LHD) Response meetings.
- On December 7, 2023, at the KALHD in-person Board meeting, KDHE provided an overview of the proposed use of these funds and reiterated their commitment to ensure that training provided using these funds will benefit local health departments across Kansas. Attendees had the opportunity to discuss this with KDHE staff who answered questions from attendees.
- On December x, 2023, the KALHD Board of Directors voted to support the KDHE proposed use of these Workforce Grant funds in Kansas.

KALHD is the statewide membership organization that currently represents all 100 local health departments in Kansas.

Sincerely,

Randy Bowman  
KALHD Executive Director