



Shawnee Entrepreneurial & Economic Development (S.E.E.D) Property Tax Assistance Program

- **Purpose**

Encourage small businesses in high growth industries to locate and make an investment in Shawnee by alleviating some of the initial costs related to purchasing or construction a building.

- **Eligibility**

Eligible business must be included in a designated “High Growth” industry and made a commitment to purchase a property within the City limits of Shawnee. Designated industries include: **Transportation and Warehousing** (NAICS 48-49), **Information** (51), **Finance and Insurance** (52), and **Professional Services** (54). Refinancing or debt retirement will not be eligible. Business must be in good-standing, current on taxes, meet appropriate zoning and occupancy regulations, and meet provisions of the Kansas Act Against Discrimination.

- **Benefit**

The business will receive an annual rebate covering the cost of all real estate taxes (not just municipal) for a period of years. The basic program benefit is for three years but a fourth year is allowed if the applicant incorporates LEED certified or equivalent standards in their building; provides right-of-way for multi-modal transit options, provides entrepreneurial assistance to clients of the Shawnee DeviceShop or Enterprise Center of Johnson County.

Year	One	Two	Three	Four (LEED/other)
% Rebated	100%	75%	50%	25%

- **Allocation**

The applicant will enter into an agreement with the city that includes an annual review of job creation as provided by City staff. Applicants must present their real estate property tax statement to City staff and payment will be made thereafter. The agreement will include clawback provisions for noncompliance.

- **Requirements**

The applicant must commit to construct or purchase a commercial building within the City of Shawnee, and create at least **two new jobs** (FTE) over the time period agreed to in the agreement.

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