

## **NORTHWEST KANSAS**

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Regional Economic Development

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# Innovation Stimulus Program

The Technology Development Institute (TDI) is a unit in the College of Engineering at Kansas State University and is designated as a U.S. Economic Development Administration University Center. TDI has partnered with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission to provide support to innovators and manufactures across the region which have been negatively impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic through the Economic Development Administration's CARES program.

In order to help offset the economic impact of the pandemic, NWKP&DC and TDI are offering an "Innovation Stimulus Program" to provide no cost commercialization and engineering services to projects which will have a positive economic impact in the region. The program will offer services to help move projects, products, or ideas forward in the marketplace. The maximum amount of service awarded to any one project will be capped at \$15,000. This program will be offered for a period of 12 months, or until such time all of the program funding has been allocated.



Examples of projects which would fit within the program would be:

- **Design, engineering or prototyping of new concepts**
- **Creation of SolidWorks models**
- **Creation of production drawings or other manufacturing documentation**
- **Conducting preliminary customer/market research**
- **Conducting preliminary intellectual property research**
- **Creation of websites or marketing materials**
- **Other areas of technical support as needed ...**

To apply for the program, please visit the TDI website and visit the Innovation Stimulus Program page for more information and to complete the application:

[www.k-state.edu/tdi](http://www.k-state.edu/tdi)