

City of Lawrence, Kansas
2007 Outside Agency Funding Request Form
This form is not to be used for Alcohol Tax Funding Requests

AGENCY NAME:	Lawrence-Douglas County Bioscience Authority, Inc.
PROJECT/ACTIVITY NAME:	Economic Development Program
CONTACT PERSON:	Beth Johnson, Vice President, Economic Development
ADDRESS:	734 Vermont Lawrence, KS 66044
PHONE NUMBER:	785.865.4425
AMOUNT REQUESTED:	\$200,000

When does the fiscal year for the program being funded begin?	January 1
Has your organization received funding from the City previously?	Yes
If so, what was the source and amount of funding received?	\$200,000

Description/Justification

(Using 300 words or fewer, describe the program for which funding is being requested, the importance of the program, and why City funding is needed.)

See attached letter.

This request should be supported (maximum of three pages) with the following information:

1. Description of funding support received from all other sources such as the United Way, Douglas County, USD 497, state/federal grants, and private funding.
2. Total budget for the agency, number of personnel, and how the requested funding would be used (e.g., personnel, equipment, material, etc.).
3. Does the agency anticipate the need to request funding beyond 2007?

Additional information may be provided within the **three (3) page limit**.

Submit this form and any additional supporting materials electronically by April 10, 2006 to Debbie Van Saun, Asst. City Manager, via email to dvansaun@ci.lawrence.ks.us



May 3, 2006

Ms. Debbie Van Saun
Assistant City Manager
6 East 6th Street, P.O. Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Debbie:

On behalf of the Lawrence-Douglas County Bioscience Authority, Inc, we respectfully request \$200,000 for the fiscal year 2007. This request is to maintain the plan agreed upon by the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, University of Kansas, and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce. The current members of the board are representatives of each of the aforementioned agencies and include: Dennis Highberger, Bob Johnson, Jim Roberts, Lavern Squier, and LaVern Epp.

The Board has not requested their 2006 funding but expect that to happen in the next few months. The Bioscience industry has many unique opportunities for Lawrence and Douglas County. One of the first steps of the Bioscience Authority is to map out a directional plan for future growth of the bioscience industry in our area. It will be essential to acquire personnel to assist in this effort in the near future. The development of wet lab facilities, either by the Board or in tandem with others, as well as ways to leverage funds have been discussed. The Kansas Bio Authority has acquired funds through the Kansas Economic Development Growth Act and uses those funds in assisting companies to grow in the State. The Lawrence-Douglas County Bioscience Authority seeks to leverage the funds received from the local governing bodies to gain assistance from the state organization to increase the amount of money to help companies looking at our area.

The bioscience arena is large, and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce has already worked with several companies that are looking to grow and/or expand in our area. The assistance received from the City of Lawrence will continue to assist in these efforts and allow us to excel in this area. Thank you for your continued support of the Lawrence-Douglas County Bioscience Authority, Inc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth A. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "J".

Beth A. Johnson
Vice President, Economic Development

cc: Lavern D. Squier, President and CEO