

#### Park Project (SCIP Grant) Update

The regulations of the Small Community Improvement Program as administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce do not prohibit a public official from serving as the project leader. Commerce was fully aware of Mr. Chris Lette's position as both mayor of the City of Udall and SCIP Project leader throughout the entire application process. Mr. Lette was identified as the mayor in the application and we understand that he continues in this capacity.

SCIP funds are not being withheld. There have been delays in the payment process that have impacted all six SCIP projects. These delays were a result of our own encumbrance process and key staff members that were unavailable for a short time. The City of Udall will soon receive the first payment from their SCIP award. It is our hope that this project can be completed.

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