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The Nonprofit Chamber of Service has five strategic areas serving the nonprofit sector in Sedgwick County that include: capacity building; interagency collaborations; research; board and leadership development; as well as education and nonprofit sector advocacy.

CAPACITY BUILDING - The primary activity conducted by volunteers through networking and by paid staff. This project is anticipated to require the majority of the organization's time during the first four years (65%) but will require ongoing development. Capacity Building Activities are planned to be initiated during early 2004. Activities the board anticipates developing and conducting during the first four years include the following:

- Providing technical assistance and training to newly formed nonprofit organizations;
- Assist nonprofit organizations with growth and development;
- Creation of a Question and Answer Service for nonprofit organizations;
- Conduct Research and Develop Outcome Measurement Standards;
- Development of Nonprofit Organization Management Standards of Excellence;
- Development of a Nonprofit Resource Library for use by Nonprofit Organizations;
- Development of an Onsite Consultation service for area Nonprofits on nonprofit management topics.
- Sharing training resources through an education cooperative.

These capacity building activities will further the organization's exempt purposes of strengthening the nonprofit organizations through the uniting and sharing of resources and education and facilitating communication and collaborations between nonprofit, governmental and the public sectors, thus eliminating duplication of efforts by building on shared expertise and resources within the Sedgwick County nonprofit sector.

INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIONS are to be facilitated by paid staff and volunteers, although primary responsibility will fall on staff. This activity is anticipated to generally require 10% of the organization's time and assets. The elements of this activity include but are not limited to the following: Development of PSAs; Clearinghouse for Coordination of Schedules; Facilitation of Collaborations and Partnerships of Nonprofit Organizations; provision of Communication or Networking Opportunities. Interagency



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RESEARCH is anticipated to require 10% of the organization's time and assets with most of the responsibility assigned to paid staff. Research activities will involve the collection of data relevant to the community's economic and human resources available to the nonprofit sector within the Wichita/Sedgwick County community. The research activities are intended to help strengthen the nonprofit sector through the sharing of information and data thus allowing individual agencies to devote efforts to application of the research to programs and projects within the Sedgwick county area.

BOARD AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT is anticipated to require 10% of the organization's time and assets. Although volunteer services by members of the organization will be crucial to this project, facilitation and training will largely be the responsibility of paid staff. This activity is anticipated to include the following specific elements; volunteer recruitment assistance and guidance; volunteer training; and volunteer placement. Much of this activity may consist of training the trainers from other nonprofit organizations. The board and leadership development activities are intended to promote stronger and better governed nonprofit agencies within the Sedgwick County area, thus providing benefit to the entire community and strengthening the nonprofit sector through improvements in leadership.

EDUCATION AND NONPROFIT SECTOR ADVOCACY is anticipated to generally require approximately 5% of the organization's time and assets. This activity will largely consist of facilitating meetings between funders and nonprofit agencies/organizations; and increasing community awareness of the work and benefits of nonprofit organizations through written materials and oral programs. The Education and nonprofit sector advocacy activities are intended to strengthen the nonprofit sector and the community at large through increased understanding and appreciation of nonprofit agencies and the programs that enhance the community's quality of life and support public policy.