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### KBA awards \$73K to Wichita business

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The **Kansas Bioscience Authority** has awarded \$73,000 to Wichita-based **Aero Innovative Research**, the authority announced in a press release.

The funds are intended to help the business develop a marketing plan for its wheelchair. KBA says the chair offers improved function, superior materials, advanced design and computer-automated machining that replaces the manual labor involved in conventional wheelchairs.

The award is part of the KBA's effort to help Kansas companies that are working to commercialize innovative medical devices that will improve treatment options for patients.

The authority also awarded \$72,578 to Novita Therapeutics of Lenexa to support the development of an implantable cardiovascular device.

Tom Thornton, KBA president, says the authority also will provide business assistance to the companies as they commercialize their products.

"These companies are on the cutting edge of their fields, and their technological advances are very exciting," he said.

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