

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan regulations combine into a single submission the planning and application elements of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. The reporting requirements for these programs are also consolidated into one performance report. In addition, the City produces the Consolidated Plan in order to ensure its eligibility for Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, and other federal housing funds. The City of Topeka's Consolidated Plan program year runs from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The following are the specific objectives and outcomes that the Department of Planning of the City of Topeka expects to achieve through community development activities funded by the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

Objective: Enhance the quality of targeted Topeka neighborhoods

Measure: Increase homeownership; Decrease vacant houses; Stabilize/increase in property value of neighborhoods

Objective: Increase homeownership and rental housing opportunities

Measure: Households benefiting from services performed by KDOC housing rehabilitation; Homebuyers assisted financially; Single-family homes constructed; Housing units rehabilitated; Neighborhood infrastructure finance/started

Objective: Enhance the linkage of housing with supportive services

Measure: Citizens housed through Shelter programs; Homeless persons assisted; Homeless situations prevented; Families achieving self-sufficiency; Citizens receiving supportive services.

Objective: Leveraging Federal Resources

Measure: Home required match provided; CIP neighborhood infrastructure; Debt capital investment generated; Additional Financial opportunities obtained; Non-paid citizen volunteer.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

The City of Topeka has monitoring procedures in regards to funds provided by HUD. The procedures were developed to address federal, state and city statutory and regulatory requirements in addition to providing City staff with a system of ensuring project compliance and accomplishments. The City reports annually on the progress made toward meeting the goals established for assisting families.

The City has three major monitoring tools: policies, contract requirements and on-site monitoring. All projects are evaluated to determine if they are eligible, consistent with local, state and federal regulations and viable.

Projects funded through CDBG, HOME, and ESG will be managed directly through the Department of Planning. All contracts contain the federal, state and local program requirements by which each sub-grantee must abide. Contracts are mailed to the agencies for their review before being executed. Construction projects that require compliance with federal wage standards are monitored by the City's Purchasing Department and its contract compliance officers to ensure compliance with Davis Bacon and all other purchasing requirements.

During the project year, City staff schedules monitoring visits with selected sub-grantees. During the site visit the monitor reviews and records any evidence of performance in the administration of the program, benefit to low-income households, procurement procedures, record keeping, etc. The City has standardized procedures that are submitted to HUD.

During the affordability period the units and related rental documents are subject to regular inspection and review to ensure the units remain affordable as to qualified tenants, rent levels, and that units are maintained in program acceptable condition.

Past performance evaluations have demonstrated the need for the projects being funded. The City has met all of its objectives for the 2022 projects: Infill, Major Rehabilitation, Exterior Rehab, Emergency Rehabilitation, Accessibility, Rental projects and Homeowner projects, Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) and CHDO projects. Additionally, the Housing Study has identified the need for the continuation of all current projects for CDBG, HOME, HESG and Continuum of Care. The Citizen's Advisory Council also provides feedback on the need of projects and ensures that the City has met its objectives.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

In order to comply with the objectives established for the City of Topeka's Citizen Participation Plan, the following policies will be implemented by the Department of Planning:

Staff members will be available to furnish interested citizens with information concerning: The total amount of CDBG, ESG and HOME funds expected to be available for use; and the range of activities that may be undertaken with those funds.

The City of Topeka will publish the one (1) year action plan in the City's official newspaper. The summary will include the content and purpose of the consolidated plan and will contain a list of the locations where copies of the entire plan may be examined. A comment period of no less than thirty (30) calendar days after publication of the summary will be allowed for citizen input. In accordance with established policy, the City of Topeka will respond to written comments on the Consolidated Plan within fifteen (15) working days.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

Individual comments received from citizens are attached to the Con Plan as an attachment in the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan. In summary, the most frequent priorities are to provide more assistance for people experiencing homelessness, assisting our seniors and providing more affordable housing options.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments were reviewed and considered. Comments received were prioritized based on citizen preference. Recommendations were made based on these preferences and changes in funding were implemented based on the recommendations.

7. Summary

The City of Topeka's 1 year Action Plan for 2023 establishes a unified vision for community and economic development by integrating the issues in a comprehensive and coordinated fashion.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	TOPEKA	Department of Planning and Development
HOME Administrator	TOPEKA	Department of Planning and Development
ESG Administrator	TOPEKA	Department of Planning and Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Obtaining the input of citizens, professionals, and other governmental entities is of the utmost importance during the draft of the Consolidated Action Plan. Effectively planning for a community would be difficult, if not impossible, without the support of its residents, especially low-income citizens directly affected by community development projects and programs. It is for these reasons that citizen participation is strongly encouraged throughout the processes of community revitalization planning.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City of Topeka coordinates services for housing with private and public assisted entities.

Health Services are provided by the Shawnee County Health Agency, Veterans Administration, Stormont Vail, Grace Med and Valeo Behavioral Health Care. The range of services provides access to youth up to the elderly. The collaboration is essential in providing health care to those in need to help maximize money and service the community. The child welfare agency is Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Kansas Children's Service League; they provide runaway youth programs and collaborate with the CoC in efforts to help alleviate homelessness. Additionally, the Shawnee County Health Agency is responsible for youth lead poisoning and gives the City of Topeka updates on the needs in our community.

Positive Connections provides HIV/AIDS services to the community. The collaboration with the City of Topeka continues as they are a part of the CoC.

The Topeka Housing Authority plays a key role in the coordination of services for housing needs in the community. The needs of the THA are key in development of services that the City of Topeka implements. Every effort has been made to reach out to all parties and get feedback on what they see as areas for growth.

In 2023, the City is implementing a new program called Equity Access Shelter (EAS) that will be funded by the City. This program will allow coordinated entry of all services available to a participant without the need to go to each agency. This program is a result of a determination that the homeless population is not declining and that unsheltered homeless population is growing. A Committee was formed to research this population further and found individuals have to find what services are available, contact multiple agencies, acquire documents and may or may not receive assistance. The EAS program was developed to enhance the existing process to provide a single point of access, assist agencies with

assessment, use coordinated entry for prioritization, coordinate more effectively with outreach teams, provide follow-up for those receiving assistance and for reporting outcomes.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Topeka serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care. The CoC serves to coordinate efforts of all community stakeholders and service providers. As the lead agency, the city has ongoing constant communication with other providers who serve the chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. Examples of these providers include: Kansas Service Children's League, Veterans Administration, Valeo Behavioral Health Care, Topeka Rescue Mission, etc. These agencies also address persons at risk to help alleviate future homelessness.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The chairperson of the HTF annually appoints a monitoring committee. The monitoring committee is responsible for conducting the on-site reviews and assessing performance standards. Once the monitoring committee has made recommendations, the reports are provided to the Homeless Task Force, which is the governing body of the CoC.

A request for proposal is sent out to the public to apply for ESG funds. Once the scores are established, a recommendation is made to the Homeless Task Force (HTF), the governing body of the CoC.

The City of Topeka manages the HMIS system. ESG agencies report quarterly on the outcomes of their programs and activities. Each agency funded with ESG funds is required to enter services into the system. The City of Topeka has policies and procedures for use of the system that each agency must adhere to. In 2021, the Topeka Rescue Mission began using the HMIS system for direct entry of their services and this added information will be used for reporting purposes and will enable the City of Topeka to have full information on shelter populations. In 2023, the EAS program will be set-up to do coordinated entry into the HMIS system for all applicants.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Topeka Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem. They serve those with mental and physical disabilities. Identified having quality housing units, particularly one-bedroom units, available as a major need.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Provides information on the needs of persons experiencing domestic violence and strategies to help woman and children. A research-based program utilizing comprehensive education to empower young people to make healthy responsible decisions to reduce risky adolescent sexual behavior that can result in pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Purpose of the Center for Safety and Empowerment Shelter expenses. Provide a confidential emergency shelter, a 24-hour hotline and services to victims of domestic violence. There is also response to after-hours referrals received from law enforcement and hospitals. The YWCA Northeast Kansas is the primary provider of emergency/transitional housing and supportive services for domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking victims. The YWCA Northeast Kansas can house 19 women and children at one time, and the YWCA has a second undisclosed location comprised of 9 units in an apartment complex.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Citizen's Advisory Council</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Citizen's Advisory Council is an integral part of the consolidated plan and provide essential input for the completion of the plan.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AND CREDIT COUNSELING, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Housing and Credit Counseling provides fair housing information and statistics on people experiencing difficulties with their landlord or renter. Provide home ownership training for Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) project clients. Provide services to council clients on their rights and responsibilities under the KS Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, City of Topeka Housing Code and Fair Housing Law. Also to utilize community social service resources to retain housing and avoid homelessness and to help resolve tenant landlord issues. Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc., assists the community by helping consumers achieve housing and financial goals. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc assists tenants in resolving related difficulties with dignity. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc services are approved by HUD and regulated by the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc is a local trusted resource for budgeting, credit building and reports, debt management, student loan repayment, mortgage default, and bankruptcy counseling/education. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc provides training and education which covers a range of topics related to homeownership, renting, finances, and credit. Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc., assists the community by helping consumers achieve housing and financial goals. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc assists tenants in resolving related difficulties with dignity. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc services are approved by HUD and regulated by the Office of the State Bank Commissioner. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc is a local trusted resource for budgeting, credit building and reports, debt management, student loan repayment, mortgage default, and bankruptcy counseling/education. Housing and Credit Counseling Inc provides training and education which covers a range of topics related to homeownership, renting, finances, and credit.</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE OF TOPEKA</p>

Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cornerstone of Topeka is crucial for the development of the Con Plan. They are the affordable housing provider in Topeka that focuses on low/moderate income individuals and families. They provide low rents to make the homes affordable. Their work with the Con Plan is important as it relates to affordable housing strategies. The Cornerstone of Topeka, Inc. provides short-term transitional housing to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Cornerstone Inc. currently has 179 housing units consisting of single-family homes, duplexes, and a few fourplexes. There are 23 units providing housing to the homeless population at a low rent with all utilities paid.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Valeo Behavioral Health Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Valeo Behavioral Health Care is the community mental health center. They work with the Con Plan to improve coordination for the homeless in the community. Their input assisted with the development of social service funds being provided in the community. Social Detoxification Program, Valeo provides a safe, non-medical, therapeutic environment for clients with acute withdrawal from substance abuse. Valeo Behavioral Health Care is a Shelter Plus Care participating agency. They provide housing assistance to individuals in Shawnee County who have a severe persistent mental illness and dual diagnosis with substance abuse and lack a regular adequate nighttime residence. Valeo provides transitional housing services for consumers discharged from Osawatomie State Hospital and Nursing Facilities for Mental Health.</p>
7	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Homeless Task Force</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Education Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Homeless Task Force is the governing body of the CoC. The CoC and its members are important to the Con Plan process to help the City address homelessness in the community. Community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homeless population. Homeless Task Force comprises local government entities, social service agencies, medical and mental health providers. This organization is advocacy, information sharing, coordination, and program development devoted to preventing and solving homelessness in Shawnee County, Kansas. One of the most important activities is the annual count of the homeless population and a yearly enumeration of emergency services, supportive services, transitional housing units, and beds that make up the homeless assistance systems.</p>
8	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Stormont Vail Health Care</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Business Leaders Major Employer</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Stormont Vail Health Care was consulted about the Con Plan to bring in health care aspects of low-income individuals. The Con Plan addresses these issues with social service funds and other anti-poverty strategies.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Shawnee County Department of Corrections
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Shawnee County Department of Corrections was consulted to assess the re-entry process. This is ongoing communication since they currently are releasing into homelessness. Ongoing communication will ensure better coordination of people being released from corrections.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Rapid Re-Housing (primarily for rental and or utility deposits and or first months rent. Provide rental and utility assistance to establish housing or keep from becoming homeless. Catholic Charities of Topeka provides emergency assistance to those of low income, poor, immigrants, single moms, and others. Housing assistance involving homeless prevention, rehousing, budgeting, and financial aid is part of the emergency services provided. The Catholic Charities comprises several churches in the Shawnee County area. The clients in the Catholic Charities can get free food, basic needs, clothing, vouchers for gasoline, medications, and other assistance.</p>

11	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY ACTION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Provide a youth development program that uses an evidence based curriculum, based within the game of golf to instill life and character building skills to children ages 7 through 18. Homeless Prevention (primarily for rental arrears, utility disconnects and staff salaries) Rapid Re-Housing (primarily for rental deposit and or first months rent). Community Action Partnership offers numerous services, including early childhood education, rental housing, and help with basic needs. Community Action offers Head Start and Early Start for children in the community. Community Action rental housing provides quality, safe, and affordable housing to families with lower incomes. The rental housing includes single-family homes, duplexes, and apartments. Community Action operates a permanent supportive housing project with partnerships with Valeo Behavioral Health Care. Community Action assists homeless individuals with a rapid re-housing program. This program can help with payment of first-month rent, security deposit, utility deposit(s), and certain utility arrears payments.</p>
12	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>DOORSTEP INC</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Doorstep, Inc. provides short-term emergency aid to individuals in need and provides resources to promote long-term sufficiency. Doorstep Inc. provides the most vulnerable populations with food, clothing, rent, transportation (local gas vouchers/bus tickets), prescriptions, and utilities. Doorstep upfront emergency services are for those who need immediate assistance with critical needs while they wait for additional aid.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Jayhawk Area on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provide unbiased education and assistance to new Medicare recipients informing them of the variety of supplemental insurance policies available to them.

14	Agency/Group/Organization	Let's Help Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provide rental and utility assistance to establish housing or keep from becoming homeless. Homeless Prevention (primarily for rental arrears, utility disconnects). Rapid Re-Housing (primarily for rental deposit and or first months rent).
15	Agency/Group/Organization	THE SALVATION ARMY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Provide rental and utility assistance to establish housing or keep from becoming homeless. They serve those with mental and physical disabilities. The Salvation Army Topeka is a branch office of the Christian non-profit Salvation Army whose mission is aiding the poor and people in need. The Salvation Army offers human services through programs, including disaster relief, public emergency services, and veteran services. The Salvation Army provides the community with a meal program and community resources for the qualifying population. The Salvation Army offers social services, including food pantry access, rent and utility assistance, prescriptions, eye exams, and clothing vouchers. The Salvation Army Topeka is a branch office of the Christian non-profit Salvation Army whose mission is aiding the poor and people in need. The Salvation Army offers human services through programs, including disaster relief, public emergency services, and veteran services. The Salvation Army provides the community with a meal program and community resources for the qualifying population. The Salvation Army offers social services, including food pantry access, rent and utility assistance, prescriptions, eye exams, and clothing vouchers.</p>
16	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Shawnee County District Court</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Health Other government - County</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	A program that combines problem-solving court sessions, community supervision and treatment into a public health approach towards helping substance-using offenders.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Shawnee Medical Society
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Health Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides for assistance for low-income uninsured residents of Shawnee County in finding medical homes/preventative primary care with access to donated specialty care, hospital services and medication.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Shawnee Regional Prevention & Recovery
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Services-Education Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Conduct activities to prevent crime and substance use through citizen empowerment and mobilization by educating and empowering the community through presentations, trainings and meetings.

19	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Topeka Development Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Development Services Department for the City of Topeka is instrumental in providing data on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.

20	Agency/Group/Organization	Department of Children and Families
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.

22	Agency/Group/Organization	USD 501
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Topeka Planning Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Planning Department for the City of Topeka is instrumental in providing data on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Topeka Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Habitat for Humanity helps in the development of the Con Plan. They are the affordable housing provider in Topeka that focuses on low/moderate income individuals and families. They provide low rents to make the homes affordable. Their work with the Con Plan is important as it relates to affordable housing strategies.

25	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Topeka Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Emergency Management Department for the City of Topeka is instrumental in providing data on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.

26	Agency/Group/Organization	Shawnee County Parks and Rec
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Topeka Utilities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Other government - Local Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Utilities Department for the City of Topeka is instrumental in providing data on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Shawnee County Community Developmental Disability Organization
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Cox Communications
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Broadband Specific: broadband internet service providers, organizations engaged in narrowing the digital divide

30	Agency/Group/Organization	Shawnee County Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Resilience Specific: agencies whose primary responsibilities include the management of flood prone areas, public land or water resources and emergency management agencies.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL PRACTICE ASSOCIATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	KU Med provides the community with information on how the City can assist with the low-income population while assisting with health related issues. This collaboration will give the City a more holistic approach to serving clientele.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	East Topeka Council of Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provide transportation, check-up phone calls, senior companions, educational and recreational activities to senior citizens and adults with disability, so they may achieve and maintain an optimum level of physical, nutritional, social and mental function in order to maintain their health, dignity and independence.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	KANSAS HOUSING RESOURCES CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lawrence
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Leavenworth
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.

36	Agency/Group/Organization	Shawnee County Health Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
37	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Topeka Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	Economic Recovery Task Force
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
39	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Resources Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
40	Agency/Group/Organization	Unified Government of Wyandotte County Kansas City, KS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
41	Agency/Group/Organization	KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
42	Agency/Group/Organization	KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
43	Agency/Group/Organization	Topeka Rescue Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem. Provides emergency shelter, various homeless services, education, job training, assistance finding housing, food, and other services. The Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM) includes a mens shelter, and family shelter and is the primary emergency shelter provider in Topeka. Overall, there are 150 beds for families and single persons. There are an additional 136 upper bunks with a total of 286 beds between the facilities.
44	Agency/Group/Organization	BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS OF TOPEKA, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.

45	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighborhood Improvement Associations
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
46	Agency/Group/Organization	Positive Connections
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.

47	Agency/Group/Organization	Veterans Administration
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Other government - Federal
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
48	Agency/Group/Organization	Topeka Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
49	Agency/Group/Organization	Washburn University
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
50	Agency/Group/Organization	LULAC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.

51	Agency/Group/Organization	Papans Landing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
52	Agency/Group/Organization	El Centro
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem.
53	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem. United Way of Greater Topeka brings together people, companies, and nonprofits to create positive change in the community. United Way of Greater Topeka is committed to the education, financial stability, and health of the community. United Way of Greater Topeka invests in Jackson, Jefferson, and Shawnee counties to assist with the basic needs of the most vulnerable populations. The basic needs include food, rent and utilities, protection from Domestic Violence, health care, and assistance with prescriptions.

54	Agency/Group/Organization	IBSA, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development LMI Business Development and Support Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on public services, special needs and employment training.
55	Agency/Group/Organization	SENT, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	SENT Topeka is committed to the revitalization and the redevelopment of the communities in Topeka. This mission will be achieved through economic and housing developments. SENT plans to purchase and repair homes in the Hi-Crest Neighborhood, providing resident jobs and helping families with housing through renting or ownership. SENT believes that part of a community transformation is addressing mental health and emotional needs. SENT offers mental health counseling from a licensed professional with training in depression, PTSD, sexual abuse, anxiety, domestic violence, and trauma.
56	Agency/Group/Organization	Topeka Youth Project
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Topeka Youth Project is a local organization that works to help young people to stay out of trouble by providing them opportunities around the community. The Topeka Youth Project has provided more than 75,000 hours of community service to Capital City and Shawnee County. The organization consists of two programs for people to choose from: the Jobs For Young Adults and Youth Court.
57	Agency/Group/Organization	Topeka Community Foundation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Community Foundation Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem. The City of Topeka partnered with the Topeka Community Foundation to work on the 2020 Housing Study.
58	Agency/Group/Organization	FHLBank of Topeka
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Banking Institution Community Development Financial Institution Private Sector Banking / Financing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on housing needs, numbers of people affected, and strategies to alleviate the problem. The City of Topeka has partnered with FHLBank to work on Property Code Violation repairs for those LMI applicants that qualify under this program.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

None.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	City of Topeka	The Continuum of Care plan is part of the strategic plan. The CoC partners have identified permanent supportive housing as a need and the city is aware of this need in the community. If grant opportunities present themselves, the City will make every effort to leverage more resources.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

All of our community partners are important in the process of obtaining citizen input.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting**

The City of Topeka holds public meetings and public hearings to encourage citizen participation. Newspaper ads are created to announce meetings, hearings and public comment periods. In addition, E-mails are sent to Neighborhood leaders in the community as well as to NIA's.

A Public Hearing was held and the Notice of Public Hearing was advertised and attached to the SF-424's. The Advertised Notice of Public Hearing included reasonable steps to allow for special accommodations or meaningful access to participation by non-English speaking residents of the community.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Citizens Advisory Council	Non-targeted/broad community	Con Plan presented at Citizen's Advisory Council held on October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.	All comments received are attached to AD-26 as an attachment.	All comments were evaluated and funding adjusted based on comments.	
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Meetings held January 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. and January 17, 2023.	All comments received are attached to AD-26 as an attachment.	All comments were evaluated and funding adjusted based on comments.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Homeless Task Force Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Homeless Task Force Meeting held on October 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.	All comments received are attached to AD-26 as an attachment.	All comments were evaluated and funding adjusted based on comments.	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Emails sent to neighborhood leaders in the community.	All comments received are attached to AD-26 as an attachment.	All comments were evaluated and funding adjusted based on comments.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Department of Planning administers a variety of federally funded housing and neighborhood programs that have widespread economic impacts. Four of the primary funding sources are from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). They include: 1) Community Development Block Grant, 2) HOME Investment Partnership Grant, 3) Shelter Plus Care, and 4) Emergency Shelter Grants. These programs are identified and administered through the City's approved 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan, the annual Consolidated Action Plans, and the Continuum of Care. In addition to the federal funds, Department of Planning receives matching funds for the HOME Program as well as funds for Youth & Social Services, Antiblright and the EAS program from the City General Fund. In addition, CIP funds are also allocated to

identified Targets.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,845,759	0	0	1,845,759	0	CDBG funds will be used for administration, housing activities, public improvements, and public services.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	559,300	0	0	559,300	0	HOME funds will be used for homebuyer assistance, homeowner rehabilitation, new construction and tenant based rental assistance.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	160,957	0	0	160,957	0	ESG will be used for rapid re-housing, homeless prevention and shelter activity.

Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	public - federal	Housing TBRA						Shelter Plus Care is a program designed to provide rental assistance to homeless persons with disabilities, (primarily those with serious mental illness, chronic problems with alcohol and/or drugs, or diagnosed with AIDS or a related disease) as a bridge to self-sufficiency. Participants may choose their residence from units where the landlord agrees to accept the established housing subsidy and abide by the Shelter Plus Care program guidelines. This rental assistance will provide the ongoing financial support needed to maintain the chosen residence as the participant works toward establishing greater financial stability and self-sufficiency. Individuals and families pay approximately 30% of their monthly- adjusted income toward the rent. If TBRA assistance was more readily available it would benefit the city's large percentage of low income individuals.
			1,725,339	0	0	1,725,339	0	
General Fund	public - local	Economic Development	2,513,288	0	0	2,513,288	0	Capital Improvement program dollars for infrastructure,

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
		Public Improvements						rehabilitation and replacement in LMI neighborhoods in the amount of \$1,700,000. General Fund for Social Services \$563,288. Matching funds for the HOME program \$100,000. \$150,000 for 2 FTE positions for Equity Access Shelter (EAS) program funded through the City.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The department’s Dreaqms 1, 2 & 3 program leverages \$330,000 in federal housing funds to acquire \$1.7 million investment from the city’s capital improvement funds. The combination of these funds is used to target housing and infrastructure needs in the city’s most blighted and lowest income neighborhoods.

The Continuum of Care grant provides \$1.7 million of in-kind match for Shelter Plus Care program to meet the matching requirement of HESG. The City also provides \$100,000 of HOME fund matching funds to meet the HOME HUD grant matching requirement. The City also funds 2 FTE's for clean-up in LMI areas for Antiblght activities. The City has been awarded \$750,000 from FHL Bank running from 2019 through 2021 and was just awarded a new FHL Bank grant for another \$750,000 running 2022 through 2024. The City will use this money in combination with their current Rehab programs to address fixing existing Code Violations. The City was awarded a \$500,000 grant running from 2019 through 2023 from Advisors Excell for the Impact Avenues program that will work in conjunction with HESG activities for Homeless Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing. The City received a grant from Topeka Housing Authority in 2021 for the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program that will work

in conjunction with HESG activities for Rapid Rehousing. The City received a grant from Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) for \$222,765 that will also work in conjunction with the HESG activities for case management through the HMIS system. The City has approved a new program in 2023 called Equity Access Shelter (EAS) that will be funded through the City's general fund for 2 FTE positions that will create a single point of access to assist agencies with assessment and use coordinated Entry in the HMIS system for prioritization to coordinate more effectively with outreach teams, provide follow-up for those receiving assistance and reporting outcomes.

The City uses our Shelter Plus Care Grant as match toward our ESG grant and all subrecipients provide match on what is awarded to them on each reimbursement request. Subrecipients receive ESG funds for Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing and Shelter activities.

Once actual allocations were received, Major Rehabilitation was increased by \$14,400 for CDBG and reduced \$45,040 for HOME and HMIS was increased by \$951 for HESG. No amendment was required as these changes were allowed through the Citizen Participation Plan. However, the new allocations were published for comment on March 6, 2023 for a new 30 day period that ended April 10, 2023 and no additional comments were received.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

City owned land is often converted to assist the department with infill housing for low to moderate income households. The land is also used for empowerment projects to build on, or create parks and sidewalks for neighborhoods.

Land is also used to help partner with service providers with the same mission to help provide affordable housing opportunities.

Discussion

The City is leveraging federal, state, and local funds to enhance affordable housing opportunities in Topeka. In addition, we are using our partnerships with affordable housing and social service providers, as well as other community stakeholders and residents. These collaborations enable the City's Department of Planning to maximize the HUD objectives.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

The City of Topeka anticipates the estimate for providing low-income affordable housing for the 2023 Con Plan for Emergency Rehab, Exterior Rehab, Major Rehab, Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) and Accessibility will be 106 low-income homeowners and an additional 27 for rental housing. The City of Topeka is began a new Weatherization program in 2021 and helped 11 households and it is anticipated that 28 low-income households will be helped with new high efficiency furnaces and insulation in 2023. It is anticipated these will all be low-income families. In addition, the City of Topeka anticipates Infill and CHDO projects will create new construction of 2 home and 1 Rental unit. It is anticipated these will all be low-income families. Homeownership counseling is estimated at 220 households through HCCI. The City of Topeka anticipates helping 21 Neighborhood Improvement Associations with a population of 53,304 with Anti-Blight, NIA Support and Social Service projects. The City of Topeka anticipates helping 530 Homeless persons through Shelter Plus Care and an additional 190 Homeless persons through the Emergency Solutions Grant for Deposit assistance, Shelter, Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing programs. It is anticipated all of these Homeless persons will be in the extremely low income category. It is anticipated the total for Rentals will be 720 all in the Extremely Low Income Category and the total for Rehab Homeowner will be 384 split between the Low Income Category and the Extremely Low Income Category.

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infill Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing	HOME: \$30,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Major Rehabilitation	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$68,622 HOME: \$154,968 General Fund: \$33,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 9 Household Housing Unit
3	Exterior Rehabilitation	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$78,000 General Fund: \$33,500	Rental units rehabilitated: 7 Household Housing Unit
4	Emergency Rehabilitation	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Homeless	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$289,347	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 72 Household Housing Unit
5	Accessibility Modifications	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Homeless	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$100,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
6	Voluntary Demolition	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$85,000	Buildings Demolished: 5 Buildings
7	Homeownership	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing	CDBG: \$31,000 HOME: \$180,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	Homeownership Counseling	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing	CDBG: \$45,500 General Fund: \$33,000	Other: 220 Other
9	CHDO Housing Deveopment	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing	CDBG: \$100,000 HOME: \$90,248	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
10	CHDO Operating Subsidy	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing	HOME: \$20,590	Other: 1 Other
11	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	2021	2025	Homeless	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing	HOME: \$26,527	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted
12	Inmate Program	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	General Fund: \$0	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 0 Households Assisted
13	Program Delivery	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$364,755	Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
14	Weatherization	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$42,561	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 28 Household Housing Unit
15	NIA Support	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$65,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 44363 Households Assisted
16	Anti-Blight Activities	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$82,703	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17816 Households Assisted
17	Social Service Grants	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services	CDBG: \$67,000 General Fund: \$563,288	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 43495 Households Assisted
18	Emergency Solutions Grant	2021	2025	Homeless	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services	ESG: \$160,957 General Fund: \$150,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 100 Persons Assisted
19	Shelter Plus Care	2021	2025	Homeless	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services	Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$1,601,928	Housing for Homeless added: 330 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
20	Administration for CDBG	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$366,271	Other: 1 Other
21	HOME Administration	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	HOME: \$56,967	Other: 1 Other
22	Administration for Shelter Plus Care	2021	2025	Homeless	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services	Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$123,411	Other: 1 Other
23	SORT Infrastructure	2021	2025	Infrastructure Activities	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	General Fund: \$1,700,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Households Assisted
24	Empowerment	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods	CDBG: \$60,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2447 Households Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Infill Housing
	Goal Description	The CDBG and HOME Grants provide infill housing opportunities in both at-risk and intensive care areas. These funds will be used to increase homeownership and rental housing in these areas for low-moderate income individuals in the community.
2	Goal Name	Major Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	The CDBG, HOME Grants and City of Topeka's General Fund provide opportunities for Major Rehabilitation of existing homes in both at-risk and intensive care areas. These funds will be used for Major Rehabilitation projects for low-moderate income individuals in the community. Major Rehabilitation provides up to \$30,000 in grant funding for home rehabilitation for owner occupied housing. After 5 years living in the home, 100% of the loan is forgiven.
3	Goal Name	Exterior Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	The CDBG Grant and The City of Topeka's General Funds provide opportunities for Exterior Rehabilitation of existing rental units and homes in both at-risk and intensive care areas. These funds will be used for Exterior Rehabilitation projects for low-moderate income individuals in the community. Exterior Rehab provides up to \$15,000 in grant funding to rehabilitate rental units occupied by low-income individuals and families. A 10% match is required. After 5 years living in the home, 100% of the loan is forgiven.
4	Goal Name	Emergency Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	The CDBG Grant provides opportunities for Emergency Rehabilitation of existing homes in both at-risk and intensive care areas. These funds will be used for Emergency Rehabilitation projects for low-moderate income individuals in the community. Emergency Rehabilitation provides repair for major life-safety concerns, like repairs and replacements for the roof, furnace and sewer and water lines, in low-income, owner-occupied housing.

5	Goal Name	Accessibility Modifications
	Goal Description	The CDBG Grant provides opportunities for Accessibility Modifications of existing rental units and homes in both at-risk and intensive care areas. These funds will be used for Accessibility projects for low-moderate income individuals in the community. The Accessibility Program funds modifications, like installing ramps and widening doors, to homes and rental units occupied by low-income individuals.
6	Goal Name	Voluntary Demolition
	Goal Description	The CDBG Grant provides opportunities for Voluntary Demolition of blighted structures as part of the voluntary demolition program. These funds will be used for Demolition of existing buildings within the At-risk and Intensive Care Areas.
7	Goal Name	Homeownership
	Goal Description	The Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) Homeownership Program is intended to help first time homebuyers purchase a home of up to the value of \$75,000. The homeowner will pay a \$500 down payment and receive homebuyer counseling from Housing and Credit Counseling, prior to purchasing their home. The homeowner finds the home they want to purchase and then the City inspects the home with the intention to make improvements to bring the appraisal value of the home up at closing. With the rehabilitation, that will be completed after closing, the home is appraised at a higher value and the home is then affordable to the homeowner. The rehabilitation is done after closing but the after rehab value is used to make the home affordable to the homeowner. The closing of the home is done simultaneously with the bank, whom the City works closely. Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) Home Ownership Program provides up to \$30,000 for low-income home buyers for rehabilitation of their newly acquired property. After 5 years of living in the home, 100% of the loan is forgiven.

8	Goal Name	Homeownership Counseling
	Goal Description	The CDBG Grant and the City of Topeka's General Fund provides the opportunity for The City of Topeka to partner with Housing and Credit Counseling to provide homeownership and credit counseling to low-income buyers in the TOTO program, and to provide fair housing information and statistics on people experiencing difficulties with their landlord or renter; provide home ownership training for Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) project clients and to provide services to council clients on their rights and responsibilities under the KS Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, City of Topeka Housing Code and Fair Housing Law. These funds also utilize community social service resources to retain housing and avoid homelessness and to help resolve tenant landlord issues.
9	Goal Name	CHDO Housing Development
	Goal Description	The HOME grant allows the City of Topeka to partner with Community Housing Development Organizations like Cornerstone and Habitat for Humanity to purchase and rehabilitate housing to make it more affordable and to develop new rental units. They are the affordable housing providers in Topeka that focus on low/moderate income individuals and families. They provide low rents to make homes affordable in the At Risk and Intensive Care areas.
10	Goal Name	CHDO Operating Subsidy
	Goal Description	The HOME Grant funds the CHDO Operating Subsidy to increase home ownership and rental housing through Community Housing Development Organizations. The City of Topeka has partnered with Cornerstone and Habitat for Humanity for this purpose.
11	Goal Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Goal Description	The HOME grant provides funds for the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for deposit assistance for low income households.
12	Goal Name	Inmate Program
	Goal Description	Inmate crews were cancelled as of 2022 so this project will no longer be funded..

13	Goal Name	Program Delivery
	Goal Description	CDBG Grant funds are utilized for program delivery for all CDBG programs, Infill, Major Rehab, Exterior Rehab, Emergency Repair, Accessibility, Voluntary Demolition, Homeownership and Homeownership Counseling, NIA Support, Empowerment Activities, and Anti-blight Activities.
14	Goal Name	Weatherization
	Goal Description	These funds will be spent on Insulation and high efficiency furnaces for LMI households for weatherization.
15	Goal Name	NIA Support
	Goal Description	NIA – Neighborhood Improvement Association – entities created by the City and tied to our HUD funding and Consolidated Action Plan – must be formed by residents in areas with at least 51% low-moderate income residents (based on census data). The CDBG Grant funds Neighborhood Improvement Associations (NIA) support. NIA support will provide assistance to 21 NIAs in the form of newsletters and operational support.

16	Goal Name	Anti-Blight Activities
	Goal Description	<p>The CDBG Grant funds the Anti-Blight Program. Anti-Blight will assist the clean-ups of the 21 NIAs and remove approximately 15,000 bags of trash and debris. Anti-Blight also provides one inmate crew to assist with clean-ups of the 21 NIA's.</p> <p>We no longer have an Anti-Blight inmate crew. The contract ended on December 30th, 2022. Taking into account the 97.07 tons of blight picked up in 2022 (61.82 picked up Oct-Dec) we wanted to continue to support the NIAs in addressing the blight epidemic. During the months of March – December 2023 we will offer one clean-up per neighborhood (the breakdown is listed below).</p> <p>SNCO Waste: Fight the Blight Clean-Up's</p> <p>The remaining balance will be allocated to assist the Street department with dumping fees and any other blight related projects (e.g., TeamUp to CleanUp). Please keep in mind that we have to notice up the NIAs for all of these events so funds will be set aside for printing and mailing of notices.</p>
17	Goal Name	Social Service Grants
	Goal Description	<p>The City of Topeka utilizes their general funds and some CDBG funds for social service grants to fund agencies to provide contractual services to assist an estimated 25,000 individuals. Social Service programs are provided by YWCA, Valeo Behavioral Health Care, CASA, Catholic Charities, Community Action, Doorstep, East Topeka Council on Aging, Jayhawk Area on Aging, Let's Help, the Salvation Army, Shawnee County District Court, Shawnee County Medical Society and Shawnee County Regional Prevention and Recovery.</p>

18	Goal Name	Emergency Solutions Grant
	Goal Description	The ESG Grant provides shelter and essential services to households who are or may be at-risk of homelessness. In addition, the ESG Grant provides rental deposit assistance and supportive services to low income households. In 2023, the City will fund a new program called Equity Access Shelter (EAS) that will provide 2 FTE positions to act as a single point of access to assist agencies with assessment, use coordinated entry for prioritization in the HMIS system, coordinate more effectively with outreach teams, provide follow-up for those receiving assistance and for reporting outcomes through the HMIS system.
19	Goal Name	Shelter Plus Care
	Goal Description	Continuum of Care: Dedicated to rent assistance for low income individuals who have been diagnosed with chronic mental illness or substance abuse. The City of Topeka serves as the lead agency for the Continuum of Care to provide affordable housing through the Shelter Plus Care Program. The Shelter Plus Care Program offers rental and utility assistance to Extremely low income households. The CoC serves to coordinate efforts of all community stakeholders and service providers. As the lead agency, the city has ongoing constant communication with other providers who serve the chronically homeless, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth. Examples of these providers include: Kansas Service Children's League, Veterans Administration, Valeo Behavioral Health Care, Topeka Rescue Mission, etc. These agencies also address persons at risk to help alleviate future homelessness.
20	Goal Name	Administration for CDBG
	Goal Description	The CDBG Grant funds Administration costs for personnel salary, benefits and expenses to administer all CDBG programs.
21	Goal Name	HOME Administration
	Goal Description	The HOME Grant funds Administration costs for personnel salary, benefits and expenses to administer all HOME programs.
22	Goal Name	Administration for Shelter Plus Care
	Goal Description	The Shelter Plus Care Grant funds Administration costs for personnel salary, benefits and expenses to administer the Shelter Plus Care program.

23	Goal Name	SORT Infrastructure
	Goal Description	The City of Topeka's General Funds provide Capital Improvement program dollars for infrastructure, rehabilitation and replacement in LMI neighborhoods. Dreams 1, 2 & 3 Provides housing rehabilitation funds over two years in targeted neighborhoods.
24	Goal Name	Empowerment
	Goal Description	Empowerment/Dreams Program: The CDBG grant funds the Dreams program. This program will improve public facilities (primarily sidewalks and parks) in approximately 12 Neighborhood Improvement Associations.

Projects

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Introduction

Consolidated Action Plan projects to be carried out in 2023 include Infill Housing Development, Major Rehabilitation, Exterior Rehabilitation, Emergency Rehabilitation, Accessibility Modifications, Voluntary Demolition, Homeownership Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) program, Tenant Landlord/Homeownership Counseling; CHDO Non Profit Set Aside for Housing Development, CHDO Operating Subsidy, TBRA Deposit Assistance, Weatherization, Empowerment/Dreams, NIA Support, Anti-Blight Activities and Inmate Crews, Social Services, Emergency Solutions Grant, Shelter + Care and Administration for all programs.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	2023 In-Fill Housing Development
2	2023 Major Rehabilitation
3	2023 Exterior Rehabilitation
4	2023 Emergency Rehabilitation
5	2023 Accessibility Modifications
6	2023 Voluntary Demolitions
7	2023 Homeownership
8	2023 Homeownership Counseling
9	2023 CHDO Housing Development
10	2023 CHDO Operating Subsidy
11	2023 TBRA Deposit Assistance
12	Inmate Crews
13	2023 Program Delivery
14	2023 Weatherization
15	2023 NIA Support
16	2023 Anti-Blight Activities
17	2023 Social Services
18	2023 Emergency Solutions Grant
19	2023 Shelter Plus Care
20	2023 Administration for CDBG
21	2023 HOME Administration
22	2023 Shelter Plus Care Administration
23	2023 SORT Infrastructure

#	Project Name
24	2023 Empowerment/Dreams

Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Priorities are given to rehabilitation of homes in target areas with emergency and accessibility programs to supplement efforts.

Allocations were made based on the Citizen’s Advisory Council, City Council and the results of a Housing Study performed to show community needs. The only obstacles to addressing underserved needs were related to the need for increased funding.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	2023 In-Fill Housing Development
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Infill Housing
	Needs Addressed	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$30,000
	Description	Construction of new housing.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Activity will facilitate and support new housing and subdivision development. These funds may undertake demolition and reconstruction or new construction costs.
	Location Description	The City will partner with Habitat for Humanity to construct a new home. The City will do the foundation and Habitat will place a home on it. Address locations will be defined upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities.
Planned Activities		
2	Project Name	2023 Major Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Major Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$68,622 HOME: \$154,968 General Fund: \$33,500
	Description	Rehabilitation on homes that are owner-occupied in target areas.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will rehabilitate owner-occupied housing units in selected areas with a plan to help 9 households.

	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Owner-occupied homes will be rehabbed in target areas.
3	Project Name	2023 Exterior Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Exterior Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$78,000 General Fund: \$33,500
	Description	Rental properties will be rehabbed in target areas.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Rental properties will be rehabbed in target areas with a goal of helping 7 families. Project will rehabilitate LMI occupied rental units in designated areas that are in need of significant exterior repairs.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Rental properties will be rehabbed in target areas.
4	Project Name	2023 Emergency Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Emergency Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$289,347
	Description	Owner-occupied homes will be rehabbed that have concerns of immediate health and safety.
	Target Date	12/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will assist LMI owner-occupants with emergency housing rehabilitation that pose a health and safety hazard with a goal of serving 72 families.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Project will assist LMI owner-occupants with emergency housing rehabilitation that pose a health and safety hazard.
5	Project Name	2023 Accessibility Modifications
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Accessibility Modifications
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Homes will be rehabbed to help families gain access to their home or modifications to their bathroom.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will provide disability modifications to single family housing units with the goal of helping 20 families renting their homes and 25 families that own their home.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Project will provide disability modifications to single family housing units.
6	Project Name	2023 Voluntary Demolitions
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Voluntary Demolition

	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,000
	Description	Blighted structures will be demolished.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will demolish substantially deteriorated, vacant housing structures primarily located within the City's at-risk and intensive care neighborhoods with a goal of 5 households.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Homes will be demolished to remove blight from the neighborhoods.
7	Project Name	2023 Homeownership
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Homeownership
	Needs Addressed	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$31,000 HOME: \$180,000
	Description	Low income families will be assisted with rehabilitation on their newly purchased home.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will rehab newly purchased homes with a goal of helping 10 families.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.

	Planned Activities	Project will assist with homeownership by providing deferred 2nd mortgages to subsidize the rehabilitation of newly purchased homes for LMI households.
8	Project Name	2023 Homeownership Counseling
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Homeownership Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,500 General Fund: \$33,000
	Description	Counseling will be provided in regards to homeownership through HCCI.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeownership counseling with a goal of helping 220 families.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Project will support the Homeownership project and assist LMI households with pre-ownership and post-ownership training in English and Spanish.
9	Project Name	2023 CHDO Housing Development
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	CHDO Housing Development
	Needs Addressed	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000 HOME: \$90,248
	Description	Partnerships with Topeka Habitat for Humanity, Cornerstone and SENT to purchase and rehabilitate housing and to develop new rental units for LMI households.

	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will work with CHDO organizations Cornerstone, Topeka Habitat for Humanity and SENT with a goal of building 2 family unit.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Project provides funds for costs directly associated with administering the HOME programs that rehabilitate residential housing units.
10	Project Name	2023 CHDO Operating Subsidy
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	CHDO Operating Subsidy
	Needs Addressed	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$20,590
	Description	Project will help support CHDO in housing development.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project will assist CHDO Set Aside with Operational Costs.
	Location Description	Operational costs for CHDO Set Aside project.
	Planned Activities	Project will assist the CHDO with operational costs.
11	Project Name	2023 TBRA Deposit Assistance
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Increase Homeownership and Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$26,527
	Description	Deposit assistance to LMI families.

	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Project assists LMI tenant based rental assistance through a one-time deposit for tenants that qualify with a goal of helping 100 families.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Project assists LMI tenant based rental assistance through a one-time deposit for tenants that qualify.
12	Project Name	Inmate Crews
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Inmate Program
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	:
	Description	The Inmate Crews were cancelled as of 2022 so this project will no longer be funded.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Inmate crews were cancelled as of 2022 so this project will no longer be funded.
	Location Description	Inmate crews were cancelled as of 2022 so this project will no longer be funded.
	Planned Activities	Inmate crews were cancelled as of 2022 so this project will no longer be funded.
13	Project Name	2023 Program Delivery
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Program Delivery

	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$364,755
	Description	Provide funds for administering the CDBG programs.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Operational costs for CDBG program.
	Location Description	Operational costs for CDBG program in all at risk areas identified in AP-50 Geographic areas.
	Planned Activities	Project provides funds for costs directly associated with administering the CDBG programs that rehabilitate residential housing units.
14	Project Name	2023 Weatherization
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Weatherization
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,561
	Description	These funds will be spent on Insulation and high efficiency furnaces for LMI households for weatherization.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These funds will be spent on Insulation and high efficiency furnaces for LMI households for weatherization with an estimate of helping 28 households.
	Location Description	All at risk areas identified in AP-50 Geographic areas.
	Planned Activities	Provide Weatherization for 28 households.
15	Project Name	2023 NIA Support
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	NIA Support

	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,000
	Description	Support for neighborhood groups to improve capacity.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will support neighborhood groups and organizations to improve their capacity to carry out LMI area developmental activities for the 21 LMI areas.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas.
	Planned Activities	This fund will assist in the operations of NIA's for newsletter mailings and other qualified activities.
16	Project Name	2023 Anti-Blight Activities
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Anti-Blight Activities
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$82,703
	Description	Project will help support the cleanup of LMI areas. We no longer have an Anti-Blight inmate crew. The contract ended on December 30th, 2022. Taking into account the 97.07 tons of blight picked up in 2022 (61.82 picked up Oct-Dec), we wanted to continue to support the NIAs in addressing the blight epidemic. During the months of March to December 2023 we will offer one clean-up per neighborhood.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Takeover/Makeover provides removal of 150 tons of trash in low income neighborhoods, helping a population of 17,816 people.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas.
	Planned Activities	Removal of an estimated 150 tons of trash in 21 LMI Neighborhoods.

17	Project Name	2023 Social Services
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Social Service Grants
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$67,000 General Fund: \$563,288
	Description	The City of Topeka utilizes their general funds and some CDBG funds for social service grants to fund agencies to provide contractual services.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The social service money helps with public services to address a variety of needs for LMI clientele by funding agencies to help with youth, seniors, mentally ill, victims of domestic violence and other social services. Numbers served will be documented in accomplishments of Activities attached to this project with a goal helping the NIA population of 43,495 and to help 60 households with Homeless Prevention.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas.
	Planned Activities	Social Service grants will be issued to agencies to help LMI families with supportive services based on their needs.
18	Project Name	2023 Emergency Solutions Grant
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Emergency Solutions Grant
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services
	Funding	ESG: \$160,957 General Fund: \$150,000

	Description	Project will help agencies provide emergency services. HESG is used for Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing and Shelter Activities. 41% will be given to Subrecipients for Homelessness Prevention, 14% will be given to Subrecipients for Shelter and 10% will be given to Subrecipients for Rapid Rehousing. In addition, 7.5% is used for Administration and 27.5% is used for maintaining the HMIS system. In 2023, the City will fund a new program called Equity Access Shelter (EAS) that will provide 2 FTE positions to act as a single point of access to assist agencies with assessment, use coordinated entry for prioritization in the HMIS system, coordinate more effectively with outreach teams, provide follow-up for those receiving assistance and for reporting outcomes through the HMIS system.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provides rent and deposit assistance to both homeless and at-risk of homeless households with a goal of rapid rehousing 30 families and homeless prevention for 100 families.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas and individual addresses of those served will be added upon completion of Accomplishments for individual IDIS Activities assigned to this Project.
	Planned Activities	Provides rent and deposit assistance to both homeless and at-risk of homeless households.
19	Project Name	2023 Shelter Plus Care
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Shelter Plus Care
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services
	Funding	Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$1,601,928
	Description	Rent subsidy to homeless individuals.
	Target Date	12/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will assist with a rent subsidy in the Shelter Plus Care program with a goal of helping 330 families.
	Location Description	This project will assist with a rent subsidy in the Shelter Plus Care program assisting families in the AP-50 Geographic Areas.
	Planned Activities	Rent and utility assistance is provided to homeless families who have been diagnosed with chronic mental illness or substance abuse.
20	Project Name	2023 Administration for CDBG
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Administration for CDBG
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$366,271
	Description	Assist with Administration for all CDBG Projects.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CDBG Administration cost to administer all CDBG Activities.
	Location Description	CDBG Administration cost to administer all CDBG Activities.
	Planned Activities	Administration will assist with all CDBG projects.
21	Project Name	2023 HOME Administration
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	HOME Administration
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	HOME: \$56,967
	Description	Administration for the HOME grant funds.
	Target Date	12/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Operational costs to administer all HOME activities.
	Location Description	Operational costs to administer all HOME activities.
	Planned Activities	Operational costs to administer all HOME activities.
22	Project Name	2023 Shelter Plus Care Administration
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Administration for Shelter Plus Care
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Linkage of Housing with Support Services
	Funding	Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$123,411
	Description	Administration cost for the Shelter Plus Care Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration cost to support Shelter Plus Care Program.
	Location Description	Administration for the Shelter Plus Care program.
	Planned Activities	Administration support to help with Shelter Plus Care grant.
23	Project Name	2023 SORT Infrastructure
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	SORT Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	General Fund: \$1,700,000
	Description	CIP Infrastructure
	Target Date	12/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This funding will help in specific target areas with infrastructure to help improve the area with a goal of serving 2,000 people.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas.
	Planned Activities	This funding will help in specific target areas with infrastructure to help improve the area.
24	Project Name	2023 Empowerment/Dreams
	Target Area	Intensive Care Areas At-Risk Areas
	Goals Supported	Empowerment
	Needs Addressed	Enhance Quality of Targeted Neighborhoods
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	The CDBG grant funds the Dreams program. This program will improve public facilities (primarily sidewalks and parks) in approximately 21 Neighborhood Improvement Associations.
	Target Date	12/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The CDBG grant funds the Empowerment Dreams Grant program. This program will improve public facilities (primarily sidewalks and parks) in approximately 21 Neighborhood Improvement Associations population of 2,447.
	Location Description	Locations will be within target areas identified in AP-50 Geographic Areas.
Planned Activities	Public facility grants will be issued to neighborhoods to do small infrastructure projects.	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

As adopted by the Neighborhood Element of the Comprehensive Plan, the City's goal is to commit up to 60% of annual Consolidated Plan funding for neighborhood development activities into high priority *intensive care* or *at risk* neighborhoods or areas. Neighborhood development is defined as any combination of housing, economic, or capital investment that substantially leverages outside resources to advance the long-term revitalization of a neighborhood or portion thereof. Five-year funding targets are established to implement adopted neighborhood revitalization plans for each planning area. At a minimum, the total funds spent for housing development in high priority areas will be as indicated during the five-year period of this plan. With minor exceptions, spending in these areas will be concentrated in multi-block areas that have been strategically identified through a neighborhood/area plan process for multi-faceted housing in-fill development and rehabilitation.

At Risk Areas include:

NIA	Census Tracts
1 North Topeka East	8,40,7,10
2 North Topeka West	8,40,22,6,7,35
3 Central Park	40,4,18
4 Lykins Foster	29,28
5 Oakland	9,8,40,10,11
6 Eastend	9,10,11,31
7 Old town	40,5,22,6,21
8 East Topeka North	9,40,10,11,31
9 Tennessee Town	4,5,18,21
10 Ward Meade	40,22,6,7,21,
11 East Topeka South	40,11,12,31
12 Monroe	40,4,15
13 Central Highland Park	15,12,31,13,30.01
14 Chesney Park	40,4,15,18
15 Jefferson Square	40,15,12,13,29
16 Highland Crest	15,31,13,29,30.01,30.02
17 Quinton Heights Steel	4,15,16.01
18 Historic Holliday Park	40,4,5
19 Valley Park	4,15,16.01,18
20 Highland Acres	12,31,13,30.01
21 Downtown Topeka	8,40,10

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Intensive Care Areas	30

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
At-Risk Areas	30

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Based on the neighborhood health model of *intensive care, at risk, out patient,* and *healthy* neighborhoods, treatment for neighborhoods should be based on a “continuum of care” approach. Those neighborhoods that are most distressed (*intensive care*) require the most intervention and therefore, will require sizeable resources and attention. But if all relevant resources are devoted to an *intensive care* area, an *at risk* neighborhood or an unstable *outpatient* neighborhood may fall prey to blighting influences themselves. To avoid “pushing the blight around”, a four-pronged approach, or continuum of care, should be employed (these neighborhoods are not inclusive of all neighborhoods in Topeka and do not represent an absolute commitment to funding).

Discussion

Based on the Strategic Plan, the City allocates its non-administrative CDBG and HOME to projects and activities that benefit low to moderate income people. Geographic distribution is used to determine where disasters are most likely to occur. With the increase of disasters due to climate change, the City has a plan in place to leverage dollars for future savings by building client resilient homes that will stand up to disasters, including going above building patterns for roofs with better nails to resist wind and rain, using energy efficiency and stud reinforced room design to withstand tornadoes.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Topeka develops annual goals for rehabilitating homes through major rehabilitation, Infill and CHDO activities. The City also provides Home Buyer Rehabilitation through their TOTO program. The Home program also provides Deposit assistance.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	30
Non-Homeless	15
Special-Needs	30
Total	75

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	30
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	35
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	67

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City of Topeka has recognized the need of homeless services based on information gathered from the Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force (HTF) and census data. The HTF involves agencies who are sub recipients of ESG funds and others who are funded by the Continuum of Care. There has always been a level of assistance provided to address homelessness in the community.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Topeka Housing Authority's mission is to successfully provide accessible, affordable housing. Success is defined as: Putting applicants, tenants and participants first; market competitiveness; and fiscal strength and integrity.

In general, THA is well respected in the Topeka community by elected officials, staff and provider agencies. In the past 5 years the stock of THA owned/supported housing has increased from 1,739 units to 2,079 units or 19.6%.

THA typically maintains 95 to 100 percent occupancy for public housing units, meaning there are few units available at any given time. According to the 2020 annual report, 58 percent of public housing residents and 55 percent of voucher recipients are single-person households, indicating a strong need for one-bedroom units. Slightly more than 10 percent of residents and voucher holders are seniors 62 and older.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

Over the next year the Topeka Housing Authority hopes to increase the total number of Section 8 vouchers. Additionally, the THA hopes to increase their landlord base so participants have a better chance of finding affordable housing.

Another goal of the THA is to increase the number of employed adults by 5%, while taking affirmative measures to insure fair and equal access to affordable housing.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The Topeka Housing Authority just received a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation which requires a resident lead initiative. This will be a new goal for the THA and one that will increase participation from the public housing residents.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

The Topeka Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

Currently THA has 744 public housing units divided among 9 sites in Topeka. The oldest development was built between 1959-1963 and the newest developments were constructed in 2011. THA maintains

our properties to the best of their ability with the funding that is available. Some of the older designed units are in need of being redeveloped and we are exploring and competing for different funding options to rehabilitate or reconstruct the older units. All THA units are part of a PHA plan.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City of Topeka has implemented many successful strategies to prevent homelessness, encourage individuals living on the street to moving to housing, and provide services to those living in emergency shelters with the goal of successful permanent housing placements. The City leveraged the HMIS grant to update the HMIS system and begin coordinated entry and to bring the Topeka Rescue Mission on board to entering their data for 200 beds into HMIS to capture data that had never been captured in the past. The City is looking to implement a new program called Equity. Access. Shelter. (EAS) that will now use the coordinated entry into HMIS as a single point of access to assist agencies with assessment. Coordinated Entry will be used for prioritization to more effectively coordinate with outreach teams and provide follow-up for those receiving assistance. Reporting outcomes will be enhanced through the Coordinated Entry into HMIS. This program will be City funded and will leverage federal HUD HESG funds also going through the HMIS system. The City has also entered into a Boundary Spanner Agreement with Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) in 2022.

The Boundary Spanner program is a collaboration between KDADS and the City of Topeka as the Continuum of Care Lead Agency. The Boundary Spanner takes referrals from KDADS and other State and Community agencies within Shawnee County for consumers that meet the federal block grant definitions of Serious Mental Illness, and/or Co-Occurring Disorder. This position ensures that Behavioral Health Consumers who are homeless or at risk of being homeless are connected to housing and services. This collaboration also leverages HUD HESG funds through the HMIS system.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City of Topeka has a partnership with the Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM), which is the homeless shelter. The TRM has an outreach team that goes out every day to find and assess homelessness in the community. Once individuals have been identified as homeless an assessment of their needs is completed and appropriate referrals and guidance are provided. The City has routine contact with this outreach team and participates in the referral process when possible.

Outreach efforts are also recognized at the monthly Homeless Task Force meeting, in which the City plays a large role. This meeting is attended by all service providers who directly work with people who

are homeless or near homelessness.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Topeka uses Emergency Solutions Grant funds to help provide Rapid Re-Housing to eligible participants for deposit and first month's rent. The City of Topeka allows 100% of the cost to be funded through ESG funds. No funds are spent beyond the deposit and first month's rent. When participants apply for homeless prevention, the City can pay up to 100% of the eligible costs to prevent homelessness. The participant can receive ESG assistance only one time a year to be eligible.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of Topeka utilizes ESG funds for rapid re-housing. In addition, the City offers social service agencies approximately \$430,000 in funding, of which 25% is spent on emergency services. These emergency services help to fund additional rapid re-housing activities. The transitional housing agencies in our community are very aware of these funds to help individuals transition into permanent housing. The goal of all our transitional housing agencies is to transition all individuals immediately into permanent housing. Our CoC and ESG funded agencies give priority to chronic homeless individuals. Veterans are referred to the HUD VASH program, which has been able to successfully house all the homeless Veterans. Families with children are given extra services at the mission so they can successfully transition to permanent housing and not return to homelessness.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The City of Topeka uses both ESG funds and general fund money for Homeless Prevention. An RFP process goes out and local agencies can apply for prevention funding. Each agency is required to income qualify and enter each applicant in the HMIS. Homeless Prevention assistance is geared towards helping those from becoming homeless. The agencies work with the institutions to help people move into permanent housing and prevent them from entering into homelessness. The Emergency Aid meeting meets monthly to discuss who has available funding to help with prevention. The network of providers

frequently discusses issues related to prevention and best practices for reaching other mainstream resources.

Discussion

The City of Topeka continues to monitor its goal to end homelessness in our community. It is well understood that this is a community effort and everyone must work together to maximize resources and to offer the best possible services.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The Barriers To Affordable Housing are as follows:

Public policies affect the low to moderate income households more dramatically. An increase in the sales tax rate has a much more negative impact on low income households. This is due to a greater proportion of their income going to consumables and sales taxable items.

Demographics of the Community - The City of Topeka has a large majority of low to moderate income individuals. 18.3% of household are living in poverty.

Quality Housing Stock- Homes of quality sell and rent at higher rates that are not affordable to our low to moderate income constituents.

Lending Practices and Qualified Applicants - All groups involved in providing affordable homeownership opportunities state the biggest reason more affordable owner-occupied housing is not built or renovated is because of the lack of qualified applicants. Too often, a low-moderate income household has excessive credit problems that limit their ability to obtain private financing on the open market.

Lack of a down payment is also a problem.

The FHLB Grant is being used to help repair Code Compliance violations and Change Our Culture of Property Maintenance program is being implemented to help with the barrier of Code Compliance violations.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Despite new challenges associated with local and state economic conditions, the major Obstacles to comprehensively meeting the needs of a primarily low-income population are continuing underinvestment, and lack of job center locations.

The City of Topeka recognizes the need for more economic growth. Its collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce in getting new companies to locate in Topeka could help our low income constituents obtain and maintain employment. This effort will continue this year in an effort to lower the unemployment rate.

Additionally, the City of Topeka will continue conversations with the Topeka Metro, the transportation

agency, in helping low income individuals receive low fair pricing to ride the bus. Conversation is continuing and the city recognizes that a larger transportation route could be beneficial to the low income constituents.

Discussion:

Although lending practices and qualified applicants are one of the toughest barriers to overcome, the City of Topeka will continue its efforts to help first time homebuyers with homeownership assistance.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

To help remove obstacles to meeting underserved needs and improve service delivery, the City of Topeka will facilitate the existing relationships with social service organizations, disseminate news and information, eliminate duplication of effort, and spearhead community-wide solutions to local needs.

The City of Topeka will continue to support the use of HMIS technology by all homeless service providers as a way to link the various categories of services provided in the community and has taken on the administration of HMIS from the CRC. In addition, in 2023, the City will fund the Equity Access Shelter (EAS) program to provide a single point of access to assist agencies with assessment, use coordinated entry for prioritization, coordinate more effectively with outreach teams, provide follow-up for those receiving assistance and report on outcomes. Finally, Department of Planning will work with its various departments and divisions to find opportunities for collaboration between programs to leverage resources.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The major obstacle to meeting the identified needs is the lack of funding resources. Significant funding cuts in previous years have had an impact on all programming. The City of Topeka will continue to maintain existing, ongoing efforts to meet the underserved needs of the community. Additional funds have been obtained from the City's general fund to help in this effort. \$1,700,000 is being budgeted for SORT projects, \$100,000 in matching funds for the HOME grant, \$139,948 in social service contracts through the Policy Department, \$56,293 of social service contracts through Housing Services and \$367,047 for Social Services through Housing Services being given out to subrecipients administered through United Way and \$120,000 for 2 FTE's funded by the City for Antiblign clean-up of 21 NIA's. All of these General Funded Activities are used to leverage funds received from HUD grants. In 2023, the City will fund a new position for the Equity Access Shelter (EAS) program with a budget of \$75,000.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Topeka will continue to support our CHDO and nonprofits, such as Habitat for Humanity, and Cornerstone, and in 2023, SENT, Inc. has also been approved as a CHDO to partner with the City of Topeka in housing projects. These organizations provide affordable housing to the constituents. The City will provide funding for owner occupied and renter occupied rehabilitation to assist low income families with maintaining their homes.

The City continues to use HUD CDBG and HOME funds for Major Rehabilitation, Infill, Exterior Rehabilitation, Emergency Rehabilitation, Accessibility, Voluntary Demolition, Weatherization and

Topeka Opportunity to Own (TOTO) Projects as well as for Tenant Landlord/Homeownership Counseling.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All Rehabilitation projects require the use of formal paint testing, risk assessment and planning. Additionally, the paint repair work requires the use of “trained workers”. Since the City has a very large amount of homes that were built before 1970, it is imperative that we combat the issue of lead based paint within the scope of our work. The City collaborates with the state that has a grant for lead remediation. The City will continue this collaboration and explore other options. The City has applied for grants to help with reducing lead-based paint hazards and will use them for this purpose if they receive future grants.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Topeka will continue to combat the number of poverty-level families by supporting incentives to attract, retain, and expand businesses. Additionally, the city will support organizations and programs that provide job training, education, and placement services. The City began a new Job Training program project in 2022 for mowing services in the 21 Neighborhood Improvement Areas and will look to continue this program in 2023 training individuals to work and own their own business with the goal of becoming self sustaining.

CDBG and HOME funds are used to help increase the value of homes through Major Rehabilitation, Emergency Rehabilitation, Exterior Rehabilitation and Accessibility Modifications so that families can build equity in their homes.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Topeka staff will continue to coordinate with various social service agencies, government departments, and businesses, to find opportunities to better serve the citizens within the City. These relationships are integral in streamlining the implementation of our CDBG and HOME projects in a time of limited funding. Communication will continue to be the key in the success of the programs. The City of Topeka will continue to foster these relationships to improve the success rate of our programs. The City has partnered with the Topeka Rescue Mission through the HMIS Grant received in 2019 to upgrade the HMIS system and enter all data from the Topeka Rescue Mission into HMIS so that full data can be obtained for the first time. HMIS is now used by all organizations and Coordinated Entry will begin in 2023 through the new Equity Access Shelter program funded by the City to provide a single point of access to assist agencies with assessment, use coordinated entry for prioritization, coordinate more effectively with outreach teams, provide follow-up for those receiving assistance and reporting outcomes.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social

service agencies

Although the City of Topeka does not own or operate any public housing development, it collaborates with the Topeka Housing Authority on housing issues. Additionally, the City contributes general fund money to support the social service agencies to meet the needs of the community.

The United Way is used to administer Subrecipient grants for social services to social service agencies in the need of assistance giving out \$67,000 in CDBG Subrecipient grants, and general fund grants with \$196,241 in social services contracts and \$367,047 in grants to social service agencies. The United Way works with the Coc and Homeless Task Force to select recipients for these grants every year and this partnership has proven to strengthen the partnerships between the social service agencies and the City to provide social services to LMI families.

Discussion:

The City of Topeka will continue to coordinate with social service partners and consultant agencies and organizations to better serve client constituents.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

The City will adhere to all referenced regulations.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

Not Applicable

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

The City of Topeka does not provide a Direct Subsidy for down payment assistance or purchasing assistance to Homebuyers. Once the home is purchased by the homebuyer, the City provides Rehabilitation of the home. Therefore, the City goes by the Recapture Provisions for its HOME Major Rehab and CHDO Programs.

The City of Topeka limits the amount subject to recapture to the net proceeds available from the sale of the home.

The City is using a Pro-rate option and all the appreciation in the value of HOME is retained by the homebuyer.

The recapture provisions for a regulatory period in accordance with the "HOME Affordability Period" table are included in all funding contracts for homebuyer activities. The recapture provision happens if the housing does not continue to be the principle residence of the buyer for the duration of the HOME period of affordability then the HOME investment amount shall be recaptured on a prorated basis for the time the homeowner has owned and occupied the housing, following project completion, measured against the required affordability period. For the homebuyer program the mortgage is a deferred loan, payable upon sale according to the following conditions. The Borrower agrees to repay the principal under the following method:

The Second Mortgage shall be partially forgiven by **Five thousand No/100 dollars (\$5,000.00)**, upon the conclusion of the first year of ownership, The Second Mortgage, less the amount above, shall be forgiven by one-hundred percent (100%) upon the conclusion of the homeowner's fifth year of ownership.

If all or any part of the property or interest is sold or transferred by Borrower before the end of the fifth year of occupancy, payment shall be made in the original amount of the note less a credit for the forgivable portion of the loan as indicated above. Funds will only be recaptured from net proceeds available from the sale of the property.

A Fair Return on investment will be determined through a before and after value determined for the home based on fair market value before rehab and after rehab.

The City will ensure that homebuyers maintain the housing as their principal residence for the duration of the applicable affordability period through a City Mortgage against the property to

ensure it is not sold and by verifying utility services are maintained up to the time of payoff of the mortgage. If continued service cannot be verified, payoff will be calculated to the date services were shut off demonstrating the residence was unoccupied.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The homeowners must meet income guidelines and not pay more than 30% of their income towards housing costs.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

Not Applicable

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The City of Topeka has many standards in regards to ESG assistance. Homeless Prevention is provided to individuals who are not yet homeless but are near homelessness. Rapid Re-Housing assistance is provided to those who are already homeless. ESG funds are given to multiple agencies and they disperse funds based on the required qualifications and on a first-come basis at each agency. Written ESG standards are attached to the 2021 to 2025 Consolidated Action Plan in attachments 1 through 34.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The HMIS is administered by the City of Topeka, Department of Planning. Department of Planning uses ESG funds for administration to enter services into the system. The City of Topeka has policies and procedures for use of the system that each agency must adhere to. The City of Topeka is monitored by the Homeless Task Force and any administrative procedures are created at this meeting. The City of Topeka currently is using the HMIS to make referrals to other agencies and to assess individual's needs.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to

private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

A request for proposal is sent out to the public to apply for ESG funds. The applications are reviewed by a committee and scored. Once the scores are established a recommendation is made to the Homeless Task Force (HTF), the governing body of the CoC. The HTF members vote on whether or not to fund the ESG agencies. Once approved by the HTF, the recommendation is made to the full city council for approval.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Topeka is governed by an elected body; it is not possible to provide for the participation of a homeless individual or formerly homeless individual. However, the City of Topeka is the lead agency of the Topeka/Shawnee County Homeless Task Force which is the governing body of the CoC. The HTF is responsible for all aspects of the CoC including the ESG policies and procedures. This body has several formerly homeless individuals in attendance and they have the opportunity to vote on matters.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The Chairperson of the HTF annually appoints a monitoring committee. The monitoring committee is responsible for conducting the on-site reviews and assessing performance standards. Additionally, the monitoring committee meets quarterly to conduct on-site monitoring and establish the CoC funding priorities.

The City of Topeka has a designated staff person to make sure the Department of Planning is following all the federal and local regulations.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

2023 Consolidated Action Plan Comments:

(5 People) TRM is seeing increasing numbers of people over 55 enter as guests. Many of the elderly need more services than the shelter provides for safety reasons or more services for people with medical such as incontinence etc. The desire is for the community see this turn and be proactive to address it now. Additionally, the economic downfall needs to be addressed. Many blue collar workers are becoming older and they are not able to maintain their housing and they become homeless. The retirement age is extending beyond healthy years and if they are unable to do so, they risk their housing. Transitional Housing is definitely needed to help those transition from the TRM or an Oxford house to transitional, then to permanent housing. Ideally transitional housing would provide the support for guests before they go out without supports. Tiny homes are needed for those who do not want to come into the mission and need additional support. Use some of the Dreams money to help with the village that will be managed with people with true hearts. Affordable housing incentives for developers needs to be discussed. The need for public/private partnerships has to be increased and more opportunity for investors. The city should broaden the conversations to show results from existing programs. We should be looking at programs to see how we can make them look different to fulfill our objectives. For example, TOTO, What can we look at differently to work better in these times? Last, let's not focus on the funding. We should be focused on outcomes, don't start conversation with money as the topic.

(1 person) New development should be included in Dreams 1. Increase the purchase price of TOTO to keep up with inflation.

(1 person) Background checks are needed for reducing property damage, work with TPD. Make sure they qualify for tax credits. Use homeless pods.

(1 person) From what I can see, just in my neighborhood, housed neighbors living in stand-alone homes need good, quality windows and tech options that mitigate the need for seasonal weatherization kits and fan handouts. Finally, with almost every entity out to make higher payouts to compensate for inflated prices – “affordable” is quickly ratcheting up. I think we need to have an honest conversation about what people have to spend and start to bridge that gap to securing quality housing.

(1 person) I worry that the Property Maintenance program isn't as impactful as it could be due to its limited scope and eligibility requirements. If there is an opportunity to discuss the program's impact with FHLB and provide them with feedback and reworkings – I might be less ambivalent.

(1 person) Demolition would provide our neighborhoods a chance to access housing that is more reasonable in size and technology that reduces cost. Increasing pay to incarcerated crews is just good social policy for the help they provide to the community. And expanding rental help is about leveling the playing field in a world which commodifies (thereby inflating) a necessary resource.

(2 people) Need more affordable, accessible housing. People are always needing housing. Some of those people have a criminal history which prevents them from using HUD dollars. More section 8 vouchers offered throughout the City, to help more people find affordable housing. More emergency housing.

(1 person) Increase funding for Accessibility Modifications program and the Emergency Repair Program. The Accessibility Modifications Program is especially crucial for people with physical disabilities who would rather remain in their own homes where they can be independent, and not in institutions.

(1 person) Top priorities are transitional job program (pre-apprenticeship) and digital navigators. Don't cut funding for inmate program but it should be transformed into a transitional job program. Such a program can serve as a foundational job training program that leads to marketable credentials; therefore increasing employment options and opportunities. Add another \$120,000 to inmate program and in 2-3 years assess the results.

(4 people) Keep elderly, disabled and families in their homes when repairs are needed is top priority.

(1 person) Priorities increase funding for homeless especially young people. Also assistance for young people aging out of foster care and mainstream services for seniors. Provide more rent assistance and assist those with mental illness diagnosis

(1 person) Increase funding for Shelter Plus Care due to growth of homeless population. We need more emergency housing assistance, shelter programs that specialize in substance abuse disorders and housing assistance for people with special needs.

(1 person) Increase services for homelessness and funding for social services.

(1 person) Provide assistance for mortgage and home maintenance.

(1 person) Need more assistance for accessible housing and accessibility program funding. Also we need tiny home communities.

(2 people) Priorities are low income accessible housing, housing for individuals with evictions and convictions and increase housing quality standards. Increase funding for emergency and transitional housing. More accountability and money for public housing to maintain clean housing. Need to address accessibility in housing and new construction.

(1 person) Priorities are to increase funding for NIA support, Shelter Plus Care and creating economic opportunities by helping low income businesses. You need more community connectors. It is good to have housing programs to help folks. I just think there should be more accountability for folks who own property. They take advantage and get work done for free. Also, there are minority mental health businesses in Shawnee County, somehow it would be nice if they could get funding.

(1 person) Priorities are homeless, education and health. Provide the education or training to put people in the job market which will hopefully reduce homelessness. We need to help people with a multitude of life's issues. Job training will allow a person to feel better about themselves and help them maintain financially in our society.

(1 person) Create a land bank and fund the affordable housing trust fund. Provide more housing on empty lots in central Topeka.

(1 person) Priorities are Equity. Access. Shelter., Shelter Plus Care and tenant based rental assistance.

(1 person) Increase funding for rental assistance and CIP Neighborhood Infrastructure.

(1 person) Enhanced and expanded data tracking mechanisms, e.g., KPIs, dashboards, are needed to visually display preservation of housing units.

- In 2021, there were more than 12 structure/house fires in Intensive Care Neighborhoods alone.
- The fire-trend is increasing in 2022, e.g., there were more than 8 house/structure fires in just one Intensive Care Neighborhood.
- One intensive care neighborhood in Topeka currently has an average of approximately one house and/or other structure per block that has had fire damage within the last five to six years.
- A larger percentage of the structures within Intensive Care Neighborhoods that have sustained fire damage within the last five years are standing in disrepair and creating blight.

Increased financial allocations for Infrastructure and health study are needed to ensure quality services are being provided and health outcomes are not decreasing.

- Replacing less than 10 miles of water line per year is not responsible stewardship for maintaining Topeka's infrastructure based on its current condition.
- One hundred (100) miles of cast iron water pipe mains are beyond its useful life of 100 years.
- Two hundred (200) miles of ductile iron pipe that is 30-40 years old is having a higher break history than the much older cast iron pipe.
- Some rate payers do not drink, cook, or even water the dog without using water that goes through their reverse osmosis filtration system.
- Other rate payers in the same block may not have filtration systems.
- Property taxpayers and rate payers have had rusty water coming from their pipes for years!
- A comprehensive health study of residents living in areas of the above-mentioned 300 miles of water pipeline replacements needs to be completed to address health concerns associated with the disinvestment in infrastructure. The study must include distribution of affordable options available for neighbors to safely stay in their homes until the water pipeline replacement projects are completed.

Needed modifications are needed in program areas to improve equity, balance housing resource needs desired by neighbors, and ensure program is sustainable.

- Partner better with neighbors to distribute applications
- Earmark other funds, annually and reliably, for infill with CHDO partners, but not taking from rehab funding

- Assess whether or not the vacant registry list fees are offsetting the costs incurred and other impacts starting with 2021, such as addressing the homeless that are entering vacant houses or other structures, fighting fires, associated code compliance caseloads, lack of rate fees used to repair/replace deteriorating infrastructure.