

# City of Topeka COVID Assistance Programs (Federal \$)

APRIL 30, 2022

Planning & Development  
Housing Services Division



## Small Business Grants Program

### Purpose:

The Small Business Grant Program provides operating assistance to business owners employing 1-25 persons and have suffered a loss due to COVID-19. The source of the funds is HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) program and therefore businesses must be owned or employ low-moderate income persons. The applicant can apply up to \$20,000 in assistance for eligible expenses that occurred after 3/17/20 including:

- Payroll
- Rent/Mortgage
- Utilities
- Loss of Inventory
- COVID Related Purchases

Applications will be accepted continuously until funding has been depleted. Minority and Women owned businesses will receive priority in the selection process, and 25% of the total grant allocation will be set aside for MBE/WBE businesses. Grants can't duplicate funding requested and received through other federal sources or programs.

### Small Business Grants Program Applications:

Applications Received	65
Applications Approved	28
In Reimbursement Process	5
Complete	23
Applications Declined	37
Incomplete	0
Applications in Process	
Approved MBE/WBE business	15

### Notes:

Applications were accepted beginning 10/1/20. 100% of the funds have been committed and expensed. 54% are minority or woman owned businesses. The average grant for approved applications is \$19,479. Reasons for denial include not meeting income requirements, landlords wanting rent money, not in City limits, non-local chain etc.

Small Business Grants	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$490,066	\$55,353	0	\$545,418
<b>Percentage of Total</b>	90%	10%	0%	100%

## Operation COVID-19 Programs

### Basic Needs Assistance

**Operation COVID-19 Basic Needs Assistance Program** was a foreclosure/eviction mitigation and utility prevention shut-off program created by the City of Topeka and administered by the Community Resources Council (CRC). \$1.5 million in CARES Act funds was expended to qualified applicants to help cover expenses and help keep people housed and with utilities. Applications were accepted December 2020 through September 2021.

### Mortgage Assistance

**Operation COVID-19 Mortgage Assistance Program** funds are currently available for households behind in their mortgage payments due to COVID-19. Applicants must be city residents, have documented Covid-related income losses after March, 2020, and make no more than 100% of the area median income. The program is operated by Community Resources Council (CRC) with \$400,000 in CARES Act funds through the City of Topeka. Call (785) 233-1365 for an appointment.

### Operation COVID-19 Programs

Applications Approved	516
Applications Denied	81
Paid to City of Topeka - Water & WW	\$93,345
Paid to Internet Service	\$23,776
Paid to Landlords	\$739,734
Paid to Mortgage Companies	\$54,462
Paid to Evergy	\$301,649
Paid to Kansas Gas Service	\$130,390

### Income Limits for Mortgage Assistance:

- 1 person = \$52,800
- 2 person = \$60,400
- 3 people = \$67,900
- 4 people = \$75,400
- 5 people = \$81,500

### Demographics:

- 34% minorities to date
- 10% Hispanic | 45% Seniors

Combined Program2	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,449,295	\$0	\$328,220	1,900,000
<b>Percentage of Total</b>	76%	0%	17%	100%

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## Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG)

Homeless Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) is a competitive grant process that agencies can apply for each year. The Continuum of Care approves the selection of the sub-recipients. HESG can only be spent for Rapid-Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, Homeless Management Information System and Shelter Operations. HESG is funded by HUD. The City was awarded nearly \$1.9M of HESG for COVID-19 related expenses (HESG-CV) to prevent homelessness in 2020.

HESG-CV	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
<b>Homeless Prevention (HP)</b>	<b>\$247,175</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$26,957</b>	<b>\$274,132</b>
Catholic Charities	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
Community Action	\$57,032	\$0	\$13,384	\$70,416
Doorstep	\$81,827	\$0	\$7,334	\$89,161
COT Water Assistance	\$73,316	\$0	\$0	\$73,316
<b>Shelter Operations</b>	<b>\$791,094</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$260,858</b>	<b>\$1,051,952</b>
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$410,909	\$0	\$32,106	\$443,015
YWCA	\$380,186	\$0	\$187,062	\$567,248
<b>Rapid Rehousing (RR)</b>	<b>\$490,570</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$68,103</b>	<b>\$558,673</b>
Catholic Charities	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Community Action	\$54,792	\$0	\$40,192	\$94,984
Doorstep	\$18,689	\$0	\$0	\$18,689
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$402,089	\$0	\$75,839	\$477,928
<b>Total HESG-CV</b>	<b>\$1,528,839</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$355,918</b>	<b>\$1,884,757</b>
Percentage of Total	81%	0%	19%	100%

HESG Number Assisted:	
Households Assisted (HP/RRH)	359
Children Assisted (HP/RRH)	328
Adults Assisted (HP/RRH)	499
Unduplicated People in Shelter	1,549

## Covid Testing Unit Grant

COVID Testing Unit	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$206,272</b>	<b>\$775,777</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$982,049</b>
Percentage of Total	21%	79%	0%	100%