

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

AUGUST 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	64
Applications Approved	27
In Reimbursement Process	2
Complete	25
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. 56% are minority or woman owned businesses. The average grant for approved applications is \$20,201. 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>	\$501,173	\$44,246	0	\$545,418
<b>Percentage of Total</b>	92%	8%	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 and Utility Assistance

**Operation COVID-19 Mortgage & Utility Assistance Program** funds are currently available for households behind in their mortgage or utility 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	522
Applications Denied	90
Paid to City of Topeka - Water & WW	\$94,462
Paid to Internet Service	\$23,776
Paid to Landlords	\$739,734
Paid to Mortgage Companies	\$70,514
Paid to Evergy	\$305,627
Paid to Kansas Gas Service	\$132,794

### Income Limits for Mortgage & Utility Assistance:

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

### Demographics:

41% minorities to date  
11% Hispanic | 10% Seniors

Combined Program2	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,489,067	\$0	\$277,995	1,900,000
<b>Percentage of Total</b>	78%	0%	15%	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>\$257,735</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,159</b>	<b>\$267,893</b>
Catholic Charities	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
Community Action	\$60,257	\$0	\$10,159	\$70,416
Doorstep	\$89,161	\$0	\$0	\$89,161
COT Water Assistance	\$73,316	\$0	\$0	\$73,316
<b>Shelter Operations</b>	<b>\$836,957</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$173,306</b>	<b>\$1,010,263</b>
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$422,214	\$0	\$20,800	\$443,015
YWCA	\$414,743	\$0	\$152,505	\$567,248
<b>Rapid Rehousing (RR)</b>	<b>\$559,403</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$47,198</b>	<b>\$606,601</b>
Catholic Charities	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Community Action	\$71,732	\$0	\$23,252	\$94,984
Doorstep	\$18,689	\$0	\$0	\$18,689
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$453,982	\$0	\$23,946	\$477,928
<b>Total HESG-CV</b>	<b>\$1,654,095</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$230,662</b>	<b>\$1,884,757</b>
Percentage of Total	88%	0%	12%	100%

HESG	
Households Assisted (HP/RRH)	379
Children Assisted (HP/RRH)	356
Adults Assisted (HP/RRH)	526
Unduplicated People in Shelter	1,804

## Covid Testing Unit Grant

COVID Testing Unit	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$277,588</b>	<b>\$704,461</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$982,049</b>
Percentage of Total	28%	72%	0%	100%