

City of Topeka COVID Assistance Programs (Federal \$)

February 28, 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	68
Applications Approved	31
In Reimbursement Process	8
Complete	23
Applications Declined	34
Incomplete	3
Applications in Process	
Approved MBE/WBE business	17

Notes:

Applications were accepted beginning 10/1/20. 56% of the funds have been committed and expensed. 55% are minority or woman owned businesses. The average grant for approved applications is \$20,200. 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
TOTAL	\$489,369	\$136,831	\$484,878	\$1,111,078
Percentage of Total	44%	12%	44%	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	514
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	\$46,870
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:

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

Combined Program2	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
TOTAL	\$1,441,703	\$0	\$328,220	1,900,000
Percentage of Total	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
Homeless Prevention (HP)	\$209,708	\$0	\$64,424	\$274,132
Catholic Charities	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
Community Action	\$45,728	\$0	\$24,688	\$70,416
Doorstep	\$55,664	\$0	\$39,736	\$95,400
COT Water Assistance	\$73,316	\$0	\$0	\$73,316
Shelter Operations	\$735,996	\$0	\$315,956	\$1,051,952
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$389,755	\$0	\$94,950	\$484,704
YWCA	\$346,242	\$0	\$221,006	\$567,248
Rapid Rehousing (RR)	\$413,377	\$0	\$145,296	\$558,673
Catholic Charities	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Community Action	\$31,817	\$0	\$63,167	\$94,984
Doorstep	\$18,689	\$0	\$5,000	\$23,689
Topeka Rescue Mission	\$347,872	\$0	\$77,128	\$425,000
Total HESG-CV	\$1,359,082	\$0	\$525,676	\$1,884,757
Percentage of Total	72%	0%	28%	100%

HESG

Number Assisted:

Households Assisted (HP/RRH)	256
Children Assisted (HP/RRH)	252
Adults Assisted (HP/RRH)	367
Unduplicated People in Shelter	1,373

Covid Testing Unit Grant

COVID Testing Unit	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amt
Total	\$166,389	\$250,000	\$0	\$416,389
Percentage of Total	40%	60%	0%	100%