

City of Topeka COVID Assistance Programs (Federal \$)

October 31, 2021

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:

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|---------------------------|----|
| Applications Received | 65 |
| Applications Approved | 30 |
| In Reimbursement Process | 7 |
| Complete | 23 |
| Applications Declined | 27 |
| Incomplete | 8 |
| Applications in Process | |
| Approved MBE/WBE business | 17 |

Notes:

Applications were accepted beginning 10/1/20. 44% of the funds have been committed and expensed. 57% are minority or woman owned businesses. The average grant for approved applications is \$19,090. 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 | \$486,197 | \$113,003 | \$761,878 | \$1,361,078 |
| Percentage of Total | 36% | 8% | 56% | 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

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| Applications Approved | 508 |
| 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 | \$23,641 |
| 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:

- 42.2% minorities to date
- 11% Hispanic | 10% Seniors

| Combined Program2 | Paid | Committed | Uncommitted | Grant Amt |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| TOTAL | \$1,415,372 | \$0 | \$332,628 | 1,900,000 |
| Percentage of Total | 74% | | 18% | 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) | \$124,387 | \$0 | \$202,744 | \$327,131 |
| Catholic Charities | \$30,949 | \$0 | \$4,051 | \$35,000 |
| Community Action | \$38,801 | \$0 | \$96,199 | \$135,000 |
| Doorstep | \$42,521 | \$0 | \$42,879 | \$85,400 |
| COT Water Assistance | \$12,116 | \$0 | \$59,615 | \$71,731 |
| Shelter Operations | \$605,613 | \$0 | \$366,635 | \$972,248 |
| Topeka Rescue Mission | \$351,972 | \$0 | \$53,028 | \$405,000 |
| YWCA | \$253,641 | \$0 | \$313,607 | \$567,248 |
| Rapid Rehousing (RR) | \$207,634 | \$0 | \$377,744 | \$585,378 |
| Catholic Charities | \$12,770 | \$0 | \$2,231 | \$15,000 |
| Community Action | \$26,892 | \$0 | \$63,108 | \$90,000 |
| Doorstep | \$15,714 | \$0 | \$69,664 | \$85,378 |
| Topeka Rescue Mission | \$152,259 | \$0 | 242,741 | \$395,000 |
| Total HESG-CV | \$937,635 | \$0 | \$947,122 | \$1,884,757 |
| Percentage of Total | 50% | 0% | 50% | 100% |

| HESG | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Households Assisted (HP/RRH) | 229 |
| Children Assisted (HP/RRH) | 223 |
| Adults Assisted (HP/RRH) | 334 |
| Unduplicated People in Shelter | 1,197 |

Covid Testing Unit Grant

| COVID Testing Unit | Paid | Committed | Uncommitted | Grant Amt |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| Total | \$166,389 | \$0 | \$0 | \$166,389 |
| Percentage of Total | 100% | 0% | 0% | 100% |