

Eligible Activity Type
Same as Neighborhood Support
Program
Topeka Community Development Program
Description
This program would empower neighborhoods to identify challenges and develop goals and solutions that engage the community, encourage partnerships with local businesses, organizations and institutions, and increase implementation of creative community led projects, events, and programs.
Details
<u>Eligibility</u> - All LMI neighborhoods would be eligible to apply for this opportunity annually. <u>Selection process</u> - Neighborhood Relations would develop a Community Partnership Committee to score and select neighborhood projects for this award. <u>Financial award</u> - Up to \$2,000 for per neighborhood <u>Timeline</u> - 1 year
Eligible Activities
Community Block Parties, Festivals, Social Awareness Events, Community Interest Club/group projects, Neighborhood Clean-ups
Why It's Needed
Expand opportunities that promote neighborhood empowerment, cohesion, stability, and sustainable development.
Budget
\$10,000.00

Eligible Activity Type

Public Facilities and Improvements (2-11)/ Objective - L/M Income Area Benefit

Program

Neighborhood Impact Program

Description

This program would assist the neighborhood with interim initiatives outlined in their neighborhood's Comprehensive Plan. Projects must be in line with the neighborhood's long term vision and goals related to a public improvements, public accessibility, or neighborhood beautification within the selected primary target area.

Details

Eligibility – Neighborhoods who have completed the SORT Program within the last 5 years would be eligible to apply for this opportunity annually.

Selection process –The CAC would score and select neighborhood projects for this award each year.

Financial award- Up to \$10,000 for neighborhood improvement grant or matching funds grant

Timeline: 1-2 years to design and execute the project

Eligible Activities

Public infrastructure or facility improvements, Public accessibility, Neighborhood Beautification

Why It's Needed

Placemaking projects present opportunities to highlight unique aspects of a neighborhood's history and culture. These projects make people feel established in the places they live, which leads to greater civic participation and wealth within communities.

Budget

\$30,000.00

Eligible Activity Type

Interim Assistance (2-29)/ Objective - Slum or Blighted Area

Program

Love Topeka Program

Description

This program would provide mini-grants, technical assistance and other support, to neighborhood groups wanting to take action on a local public problem. Neighborhoods would need to identify a target block in the neighborhood and show need in the application. As part of this program, through partnership with Habitat for Humanity, HCCI and United Way, residents, living in the identified blocks would be eligible to earn funding for their neighborhood's project by meeting a combined volunteer service requirement of 30 volunteer hours per \$500 (aprox. \$16+ per hour) up to \$2500 or 150 total combined service hours. Volunteer hours may include work on other community block projects, organizing community engagement events/activities that engage or assist other residents, Habitat for Humanity projects, or United Way's Topeka Volunteers opportunities. Volunteers may also receive 10 hours of volunteer credit for attending Financial Literacy or property maintenance education courses provided by HCCI or Habitat for Humanity. Eligible volunteers must also attend at least three neighborhood sponsored events or meetings in their neighborhood during the previous year. This program would be designed to connect city leaders, community residents, and corporate partners in projects of service to help revitalize the neighborhood.

Details

Eligibility -All LMI neighborhoods would be eligible to apply for this opportunity annually. Selection process – The CAC would score and select neighborhoods for this award each year.

Financial award - Up to \$2500 per neighborhood

Timeline - 1 year

Eligible Activities**Volunteer Projects**

Graffiti Removal on public infrastructure and facilities, Community/Neighborhood Clean-up Community Gardens, Community Murals, Park clean-up, Public Facility/Amenity Painting
Partnership Projects: Assistance with Habitat Projects, Public Literacy, Food Stability, Attending financial literacy/ home ownership classes (HCCI), Attending home improvement courses (HCCI or Habitat), other approved anti-blight or LMI benefit projects.

Why It's Needs

Engaged communities are far less likely to let their neighborhoods fall into blighted conditions and can act as a powerful force in preventing crime and other negative behaviors. These projects also empower participants and instill community ownership of public spaces. This further motivates citizens to pursue new neighborhood revitalization projects, even after the project has ended. Moreover, participation in this program would forge relationships and builds trust between city officials and neighborhood leaders, leading to greater resilience and better long-term economic and social outcomes for city residents.

Budget

\$20,000.00