THE CAC'S 2023 ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES
5-Steps to Identifying The Events To Conduct This Term

1. Our Values
2. Public Assumptions of CAC/NIAs
3. Who Misunderstands the CAC/NIAs
4. How to Connect
5. Choose 1-2 Events
## Working the Process

**Prompts**

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<td>Why do we do this work?</td>
<td>Are we viewed as challenging?</td>
<td>Who has a strong understanding of the CAC/NIAs or our communities?</td>
<td>Educate?</td>
<td>Poverty Simulation</td>
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<td>Who do we do it for?</td>
<td>Are we catering to the neighbors we want over the neighbors we have?</td>
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<td>What do we wish to leave behind?</td>
<td>Are groups/entities seeking us out for partnership?</td>
<td>Where can we grow or improve understanding of the CAC/NIAs &amp; our communities?</td>
<td>Demonstrate?</td>
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<td>Who will lead after us?</td>
<td>Would our neighbors notice if the NIA ceased to exist?</td>
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<td>1 More Event?</td>
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WHAT EVENTS LIGHTS YOU UP?
WHAT IS A POVERTY SIMULATION?

A month in the life of an individual living in poverty.

The room is set up to reflect a typical community and interactions commonly experienced in low income households.

Participants are frequently reminded that though the simulation is not real, they must be prepared to behave authentically.

**Takeaway:** Participants experiencing life in poverty will, as part of the debrief, identify and commit to an actionable step to shift the material conditions of low-income Topekans.
WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF CAC?

Financial Investment of $500

7-10 Volunteers from either the CAC or NIAs

Help Us Bring On People Who Could Benefit From Education

Note: We need a minimum of 40 participants who will take on the experience of poverty.
NEK-CAP $250

Current Supporters
- Boys & Girls Club - Teen Center
- Youth Volunteers
- United Way of Kaw Valley
- Partnership As Needed

Location
- To be determined

Cost for Room
- Cost for Food/Beverages

Needs to be signed off by DEI Officer/CM

Earliest Potential Date
- June 28th or 29th
  2:00 PM-5:00 PM
WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?
BEFORE WE LEAVE TONIGHT...

What Events Are We Committed To Completing?

Can We Secure $500 To Each Event of Our Support Funds To Complete?

Can We Secure 7-10 Volunteers from either the CAC or NIAs, Tonight To Each Event?

Can Each NIA Secure 1-2 Participants For The Poverty Simulation?
The computer is not seeing what I can do.

It's an audio problem, not a video problem, and the audio is not connected to Zoom.

And we appreciate staff's responsiveness to questions/requests.

Improvements that have happened over the last few months, we have noted a big difference in NTW. Thank you for the comment.

Just a comment for property maintenance—thank you for the meeting.

Please unmute if you need to speak. Thanks!

Clerk David: I need everyone.

Attachments.

Yes, we will be sure to send out to the attendees. Since this was a change to the agenda, those on Zoom don't have the attachments.

Jim Edwards: Jim Edwards, Assistant Representative.
AB: 02:33:09  
That's great.

02:23:30  
Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023:  
If you are in favor for extending the meeting by

02:22:19  
Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023:  
In favor on zoom please enter in chat.

02:17:23  
Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023:  
OK. Good night Jaron.

02:16:52  
Jaron Baldeo (He/Him):  
I will have to drop soon. Apologies

02:16:40  
Jaron Baldeo (He/Him):  
Thank you!

CAC members:

02:16:25  
Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023:  
That's me CACmember Gwiz. Apologies

02:15:03  
Michael Bell:  
How far are we into this 24-minute presentation?

02:14:05  
Sylvia Ortiz:  
It's better but we can hear someone trying to figure it out.

02:13:42  
Jaron Baldeo (He/Him):  
I can hear you Blanca.

02:13:42  
Michael Bell:  
Presentation audio is still muddled.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
BY THE NUMBERS
APRIL 2023

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION SUPPORT FUNDS
BUDGET REPORTS

Support funds are provided by the City of Topeka Division of Community Engagement through the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Federal regulations permit the City of Topeka to enact policies in accordance with federal HUD guidelines. The following table includes items that are permissible and items that are restricted from federal funding use.

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<td>Total NIA Support Annual Budget</td>
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https://www.topeka.org/citymanager/neighborhood-association-information/neighborhood-improvement-association-support-funds-budget-reports/

TSC GET DIGITAL

The Topeka and Shawnee County Get Digital program provides affordable and equitable access to computer and Internet equipment and services, along with technical support, training opportunities, and digital literacy services for low and moderate-income individuals and families. Through community collaboration and partnerships, the program focuses on strategies and investments to create opportunities that help to reduce barriers to technology access and use with the overall goal of ensuring that all Topeka and Shawnee County residents and neighborhoods have the equipment and services needed for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to other essential health and human services.

> 739 DISTRIBUTED COMPUTERS INTO THE COMMUNITY
> DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
RESOURCE BAGS

The Community Resource Bag is a printed version of local community resource information to give a quick view of helping agencies you are mostly likely to need when helping yourself or someone else. We probably haven’t captured everything, but our team is working hard to constantly improve the information by adding verified community programming on a weekly basis. If you are interested in obtaining resource bags for your agency/organization please contact Monique Glaude at mglaude@topeka.org or 785-368-4470.

> 1,132 BAGS DISTRIBUTED

CHANGING OUR CULTURE OF
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

2023 Mowing Initiative

- Tip Sheet
- Community Resource List – English
- Community Resource List – Spanish

bit.ly/TopekaCOCPM
785-368-9530

NEWSLETTERS

Community Engagement is utilizing a new mailing address verification system that confirms both the accuracy and occupancy of each property captured on our NIA mailing lists.

We will make any necessary adjustments. Please note that the adjustments will be reflected on your budget reports at the end of February.

If you find any discrepancies please feel free to contact me and we will make the appropriate changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2024 Topeka DREAMS 3 Program Workshop,
  Wednesday, May 17th, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Cyrus K. Holliday Building, 620 SE Madison Ave, Holliday Conference Room and via zoom. To ensure that we have enough materials, please RSVP by May 4th, 2023.

- National Night Out Planning Meetings
  June 15th @ 6:30 p.m.,
  Topeka Shawnee County Public Library
  1515 SW 10th Avenue
  785-266-8666/info@parstopkeka.org

For more information, please contact Monique Glaude at mglaude@topeka.org or 785-368-4470.
Long will it take?

5. What is the estimated budget needed to execute your idea?

Gap?

4. Name the top five resources that you believe could aid closing the gap?

b. How will your project impact your community?

Concern?

a. What are you currently doing to address the identified concern?

3. Please provide the following:

2. How long has this been a community concern?

1. Where do you see the needs or gaps in your community?

For NIAS
Social Entrepreneurship Project
Your proposal should be a minimum of 500 words and should include:

- A detailed project budget.

Nadia Arbele (785-249-3687).

Please feel free to contact Glenda Washington (785-706-7768) or your project and identify possible milestones. If you have questions, funding will be received by May 26. We will walk you through.

Proposal is May 15 @ 5PM. The proposal must include budget.

Environmental issues: Please note: The deadline to receive your entrepreneurial projects should address social, culture or or execute a Social Entrepreneurship Project (examples of social)

We will award three communities $3000 each (seed money) to start
## TOTAL IMPACT

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### DREAMS 3 PROGRAM

- **Construction**: 1
- **Design**: 5
- **Planning**: 9

### DREAMS PROGRAM

- **Construction**: N/A
- **Design**: 1
- **Planning**: 2

### DREAMS 2 PROGRAM

- **Construction**: N/A
- **Design**: N/A
- **Planning**: 0

### 2023 HISTORIC HOLIDAY PARK DREAMS 1

- **Demolition**: 0
- **Minor**: 1
- **Major**: 2

### 2021 VALLEY PARK SORT

- **Demolition**: 0
- **Minor**: 1
- **Major**: 3

### 2020 EAST TOPEKA NORTH SORTE

- **Demolition**: 0
- **Minor**: 1
- **Major**: 2

### PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

#### Neighborhood Improvement

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