

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

|  Our Values |  Assumptions of CAC/NIAs |  Who We Need to Reach |  How to Connect |  Choosing Events |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| Why do we do this work? | Are we viewed as challenging? | Who has a strong understanding of the CAC/NIAs or our communities? | Educate? | Poverty Simulation |
| Who do we do it for? | Are we catering to the neighbors we want over the neighbors we have? | | | |
| What do we wish to leave behind? | Are groups/entities seeking us out for partnership? | Where can we grow or improve understanding of the CAC/NIAs & our communities? | Demonstrate? | 1 More Event? |
| Who will lead after us? | Would our neighbors notice if the NIA ceased to exist? | | | |

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.

Poverty Simulation

NEK-CAP
\$250

Needs to be
signed off by DEI
Officer/CM

Current
Supporters

Location

Earliest
Potential Date

Boys & Girls Club -
Teen Center
Youth Volunteers

United Way of Kaw
Valley
Partnership As
Needed

To be
determined

June 28th or 29th
2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Cost for Room
Cost for
Food/Beverages

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?

00:45:53 Jim Edwards: Jim Edwards, At-Large Representative

00:50:14 Laura Pederzani: Can the outline and information be emailed out after the meeting? Since this was a change to the agenda, those of us on zoom don't have the attachments. Thanks!

00:51:02 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: Yes. We will be sure to send out to attachments.

01:00:36 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): Thanks so much! Great info

01:00:48 Michael Bell: Thanks!

01:13:34 Michael Bell: That background noise is not me.

01:14:49 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): Do we have a proposed matrix of some kind to target certain areas/properties first?

01:14:52 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: I muted everyone.

01:15:18 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: Please unmute if you need to speak. Thanks!

01:26:55 Michael Bell: Zoom for the June 7th meeting?

01:46:12 Laura Pederzani: Just a comment for property maintenance- thank you for the improvements that have happened over the last few months. We have noticed a big difference in NTW, and we also appreciate staff's responsiveness to questions/inquiries.

01:57:16 Michael Bell: 24 minutes. Yikes!

01:57:36 Michael Bell: No audio.

01:58:25 Kevin Cox: No audio for me as well.

02:00:04 Sylvia Ortiz: We can't hear

02:00:49 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: It's on a video and the audio is not connected to the computer. I will see what I can do

02:10:23 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: Can anyone hear the video now?

02:10:57 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): I can hear something really muddled

02:11:07 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): Like, it's coming from a room speaker

02:11:39 Michael Bell: What Jaron said, although I can hear Bianca, too.

02:11:44 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: Can you hear it now?

02:11:57 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): No change here

02:13:01 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: Now?

02:13:32 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): No change

02:13:42 Michael Bell: Presentation audio is still muddled.

02:13:54 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): I can hear you Bianca 😊

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

02:15:01 Michael Bell: How far are we into this 24-minute presentation?

02:16:25 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: That's me Councilmember Ortiz. I apologize everyone. We did not realize that broadcasting the meeting over the speakers in the room would impact the video audio on zoom. I will share this video on the CAC webpage and in the follow up e-mail to the CAC members.

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

02:16:52 Jaron Balderes (He/Him): I will have to drop soon, apologies

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

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

02:23:30 Citizen Advisory Council 05-03-2023: If you are in favor for extending the meeting by 30 minutes please put a Y in the chat

02:33:09 AB: That's great



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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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| NIA Support | \$57,500.00 |
| Contingency | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Citizen Advisory Council | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Total NIA Support Annual Budget | \$ 65,000.00 |

<https://www.topeka.org/citymanager/neighborhood-association-information/neighborhood-improvement-association-support-fund-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 partnership, 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@parstopeka.org



Social Entrepreneurship Project for NIAs

1. Where do you see the needs or gaps in your community?
2. How long has this been a community concern?
3. Please provide the following:
 - a. What are you currently doing to address the identified concern?
 - b. How will your project impact your community?
4. Name the top five resources that you believe could aid closing the gaps?
5. What is the estimated budget needed to execute your idea? How long will it take?

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We will award three communities \$3000 each (seed money) to start or execute a Social Entrepreneurship Project (examples of social entrepreneurship projects should address social, culture or environmental issues). Please note: The deadline to receive your proposal is May 15 @ 5PM. The proposal must include budget. Funding will be received by May 26. We will walk through your project and identify possible milestones. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Glenda Washington (785-506-7768) or Nadia Arbelo (785-249-3687).

Your proposal should be a minimum of 500 words and should include a project budget.



★ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

SUPPORT PROGRAM

Total Budget – \$65,000

2023 Spent to Date – \$4,510.52*

2022 – \$63,567.95*

2021 - \$47,281.72

2020 EAST TOPEKA NORTH SORT

Infrastructure

Budget – \$2.49M

Spent to Date – \$288,000

Streets – 10

Sidewalks – 8

Alleys – N/A

Utilities/Other – 4

Housing

Budget – \$330,000

Spent to Date – \$84,850

Applications – 2*

Major – 2

Minor – N/A

Demolition – 0

Infill – 1 Cornerstone

*Denotes – pending updates

2021 VALLEY PARK SORT

Infrastructure

Budget – \$2 M

Spent to Date – \$62,831.90*

Streets – 15 / Design

Sidewalks – 3 / Design

Alleys – N/A

Utilities/Other – 0

Housing

Budget – \$330,000

Spent to Date – \$122,000

Applications – 20

Major – 3

Minor – 1

Demolition – 0

Infill – 0

2023 HISTORIC HOLIDAY PARK DREAMS 1

Infrastructure & Utilities

Budget – \$1.55

Spent to Date – N/A

Streets – N/A

Sidewalks – N/A

Alleys – N/A

Utilities/Other – N/A

Housing

Budget – \$330,000

Spent to Date – N/A

Applications – N/A

Major – N/A

Minor – N/A

Demolition – N/A

Infill – N/A

DREAMS 2 PROGRAM

Total Budget – \$1.7 M

Spent to Date – \$1,435.46

Total Projects – 7

Status of Projects:

Planning – 2

Design – 4

Construction – N/A

DREAMS 2 HOUSING PROGRAM

Hi-Crest N/A Housing

Budget – \$330,000

Spent to Date – N/A

Applications – N/A*

Major – N/A

Minor – N/A

Demolition – N/A

Infill – N/A

DREAMS 3 PROGRAM

Total Budget – \$387,880

Spent to Date – \$13,203.05*

Total Projects – 15

Status of Projects:

Planning – 9

Design – 5

Construction – 1

TOTAL IMPACT

Neighborhoods

N/A Support – 21 (15 active neighborhoods)

Programs – 4 (4 neighborhoods)

Projects – 22 (9 neighborhoods)

Funding

Total Budgeted – \$9,512,880

Total Spent to Date - \$576,830.93