

00:26:05 ShaMecha King Simms -- Historic Old Town NIA: ShaMecha King Simms, Historic Old Town NIA/Chair

00:26:09 ShaMecha King Simms -- Historic Old Town NIA: Hey Mike!

00:26:26 Michael Bell: Yo! Wutup?!

00:26:42 ShaMecha King Simms -- Historic Old Town NIA: Zooming from home. Long days and nights lately.

00:26:55 Michael Bell: I hear ya!

01:08:39 Michael Bell: What is the NIA health listed for the Valley Park proposal?

01:08:57 ShaMecha King Simms -- Historic Old Town NIA: I believe it said Healthy

01:09:08 ShaMecha King Simms -- Historic Old Town NIA: That affected their score

01:16:57 Michael Bell: Bianca, can you scroll down so we can see the NIA health for all of the applicants.

01:30:36 Michael Bell: The CAC ordinance reads that a quorum is those members present.



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NIA Support Funds - Budget Request Application

Request Cover Sheet

NIA MEETING MINUTES AND BUDGET FORM MUST BE SUMITTED WITH THIS REQUEST

Your NIA may request:

- a lesser amount than your current budget allotment
- up to an additional 30% of your current allotment (not to exceed \$500)

1. NIA Information

NIA

North Topeka West

Your Name

LaBonna Speakman

Your Title

president

Email

Address

labonna.speakman@gmail.com

Phone

Number

785 792 0400



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3. IF APPLYING FOR MORE - How much more is your NIA applying for?

\$500

4. What is the new total budget amount requested (current budget +/- additional or less funds) ?

old \$3,066.23 new \$3,566.23

5. IF APPLYING FOR MORE - Please tell us what additional funds will be used towards and how it will benefit your NIA and the neighborhood your NIA serves.

see attached paper

6. Attach NIA Meeting Minutes approving this funding request

see attached paper
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Hello everyone, I just found out at the CAC meeting Wednesday evening that all the NIA's need to turn in what they are going to do with the remainder of their NIA money for the year, by the 1st of November. We have already had our monthly meeting and the November meeting is November 6th, which is after the deadline of the 1st of November. So that's why I am emailing you, so that the majority of our main group of attendees can decide how this money should be spent.

All the NIA's can ask for an additional \$500 from the City to add to their NIA budget. I had planned on asking for that \$500 to pay for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the walking mural at McKinley Park that was originally supposed to happen at the end of this month, but the City put it off till next year. So I can still ask for the \$500.

So far this year, I have only gotten the budget reports for the first 2 quarters. The only thing that our NIA spent money on, has been the expenses for the NIA's quarterly meeting postcards and to piggyback on CRC's non-for-profit 501c3. The 1st quarter expenses for the NIA's quarterly meeting postcards was only \$450.66. The second quarter saw a major increase to mail out our NIA's quarterly meeting postcards. That cost went up to \$773.68 in the second quarter. We also paid a yearly charge of \$40 to piggyback on the CRC's non-for-profit 501c3 (this enables us to make grant requests); making the operating cost for the second quarter is \$813.68. When the City printed our budget report for the second quarter they never deducted the expenses of the first quarter from the starting budget.

Starting budget	\$3,066.23	Begin 2nd quarter	\$2,615.57	Begin 3rd quarter	\$1,801.89	Begin 4th quarter	\$1,028.21
1st quarter costs	\$ 450.66	2nd quarter costs	\$ 813.68	3rd quarter costs	\$ 773.68	4th quarter costs	\$ 773.68
End 1st quarter	\$2,615.57	End 2nd quarter	\$1,801.89	End 3rd quarter	\$1,028.21	End 4th quarter	\$ 254.53

What would you like for our NIA to do with the leftover money. If we do not do something with the money, then the City gets to keep it. I would prefer it, if that didn't happen. Whatever we decide to do, the \$754.53 we could have to spend; would have to be including the sales tax. I need replies from you all in the very near future. I am having surgery on November 8th. So I need to get everything that is entailed set-up before then; in addition to turning over what we are going to do with the last of our NIA money on November 1st. As of my surgery date, Paulette will be the temporary acting president will be in charge until I am able to return.

Last year, our NIA adopted a class at Logan Elementary for Christmas, with the leftover NIA money. NIA money cannot be used for food, beverages, gift cards or anything like that. I asked Monique how it would work if we adopted a class again this year. She told me that I would need to get a wish list from the school for the students we would be adopting, and that someone from her department would go out and purchase the items for our NIA. That way Paulette would be saved the time and trouble of shopping, if we decide to adopt a class again this year.

Sorry folks, but this is something that the NIA needs to make a decision on right away. I need your emails stating what you want done with the money so I can show that it was a majority decision; since we've already had our monthly meeting, and cannot have someone make motion with someone else seconding the motion. Thank you, Bonna

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Diana Swafford
drswaff@yahoo.com

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I copied this email onto a word document to print for a better print. I

had also called Pam Lewis and ^{emailed} Laura Petrozani but did not get a reply. These are the core members of North Topoka West NIA including the 3 emails.

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Diana Swafford

drswaff@yahoo.com

Thu, Oct 12, 8:34 PM (21 hours ago)

I make a motion to adopt a class at Logan Elementary School with the NIA funds.

LaBonna Speakman <labonna.speakman@gmail.com>

to Diana

Thanks, Bonna

10:58 AM (hours ago)



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LaBonna Speakman

Hey Paulette, I realize that you're a busy person, but really need a response right away; so I have time to get everything set-up before I g



Paulette English

LaBonna, I make a motion for our NIA to adopt a class from the school as we did last year. Sincerely, Paulette English Sent from my iPho



LaBonna Speakman <labonna.speakman@gmail.com>

to Paulette

Hello Paulette, thanks for your email. I greatly appreciate your speedy response. I cannot find an email for Pam. I was going to call her argument and I forgot. Would you mind giving/telling the info I sent you to Pam and emailing me her response to use adopting a class. I

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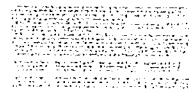


LaBonna Speakman <labonna.speakman@gmail.com>
to chris

Hey Chris, I realize that you're a busy person, but I really need a response right away; so I have time to get everything set-up before I c
next month. Meeting time has changed to 6:30 PM. Hope you can make it to the meeting even if you're late. Wishing you well. Bonna

see attachment below

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chris P
to me

I would like to see if the leftover money used to adopt another class as well so I'll second it if you need a motion.



LaBonna Speakman
to chris

Thanks, Bonna

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NIA Motion- \$500 extra for adopt a classroom

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Laura Pederzani <laurap@arcare.org>
to me

Hi Bonna and NIA members,

I'd like to formally make a motion to request an additional \$500 from the CAC to fund our "adopt a classroom" initiative at Logan Elementary.

Laura Pederzani
Executive Director | Arcare, Inc.
Offices in Topeka and Overland Park
Direct: 785-231-8669

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I vote yes.

Yes from me!

I agree!

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

OCTOBER 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.

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/>

CHANGING OUR CULTURE OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

2023 Mowing Initiative

The year end report will be released at the upcoming Public Safe and Health Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

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.

> **1,285 DISTRIBUTED COMPUTERS INTO THE COMMUNITY**
> **# DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING**

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14 participating NIAs

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As of 11/01/23

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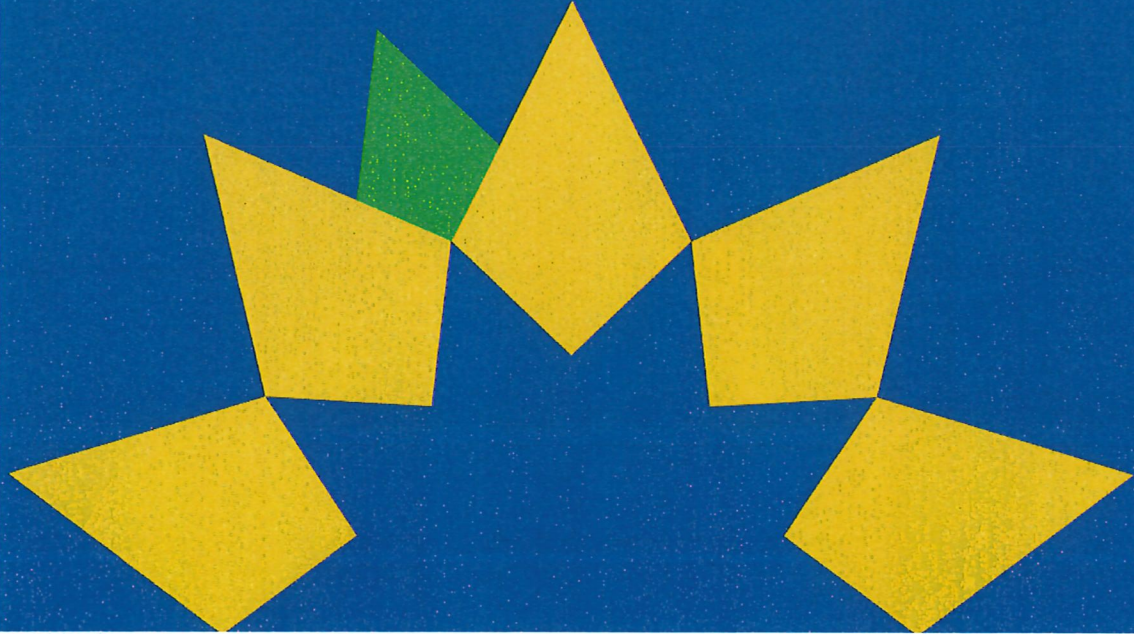
The Community Resource Bag is a printed version of local community resource information to give a quick view of helping agencies you are mostly likely to need when helping yourself or someone else. We probably haven't captured everything, but our team is working hard to constantly improve the information 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.

> **4,218 BAGS DISTRIBUTED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NIA support Funds Deadline is Friday, November 17th, 2023.
- Special DREAMS Debrief Meeting, January 10th
- DREAMS Recommendation to City Council, November 21st
- DREAMS Recommendation – City Council Approval, December 5th

For more information, please contact Monique Glaude ' at mglaude@topeka.org or 785-368-4470.



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Thriving Communities Program

Alleigh Weems, Public Works

What is the Thriving Communities Program?

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- Three-year technical assistance grant
- Transportation and community revitalization
- No cost to City if selected to receive support
- Approximately 45-60 communities awarded



**THRIVING
COMMUNITIES**
PROGRAM



How does the program work?

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- Selected communities will be matched with national Capacity Builder teams based on needs and defined scope of work

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Targeted, individualized technical and planning support from Capacity Builders		
Access to Community of Practice – peer learning support among organizations working to advance similar projects and goals		



TCP and The DREAMS Program



Anticipated Benefits if Selected

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- Streamlined project development process
- Established strategies for project delivery
- Improved data collection/performance measurement
- Sustainable program framework
- Opportunity to forecast future needs of NIAs
- Increased local capacity and technical expertise
- Continued access to peer network support



For more information,
please visit:

[Thriving Communities Program | US Department of
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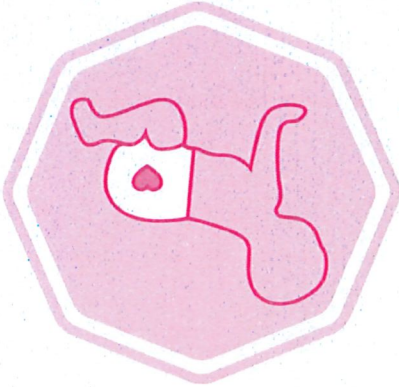


2024 Topeka Dreams 3 Applications Received

Fund Year	Neighborhood	Project	Location	Description	Amount Requested
2024	Hi-Crest	Community Events	Various throughout Hi-Crest neighborhood	Teacher Resource Fair, Summer Fireworks Extravaganza, Community Service Day program, Halloween Block Party, Pictures with Santa	\$5,800.00
2024	Hi-Crest	Nellie Hogan Park Improvements	1230 SE Pinecrest Dr.	The NIA will partner with Shawnee County Parks and Recs to update the Playground area to add a play structure, connecting sidewalk, park bench, and a bike rack. This park is close to Ross Elementary, which has a playground appropriate for elementary-age children. The play structure that will be added to Nellie Hogan Park will focus on servicing preschool-aged children.	\$46,920.00
2024	Historic North Topeka East	Micro Prairies	North KS Ave; Norris-Gordon	Plant pollinator-friendly micro prairies in Historic North Topeka East. This project will replace the weeds and sparse, poorly performing non-native plants currently in the streetside flower beds along Kansas Avenue in the NOTO business district; focusing on the intersections of North Kansas at Norris, Laurent, and Gordon, respectively. City cannot fund \$2,400 supplemental watering as this is considered maintenance	\$23,025.00

2024	Tennessee Town	Kings Court Park Improvements	SW Lincoln and Munson	Renovations and new amenities to improve Community First, Inc.'s King's Court basketball complex and play structure area. a sign to mark the King's Court basketball and playground complex and Community First's acquisition of the former Colored Women's Clubhouse and its conversion to the Heritage House Black History Museum and the Tennessee Town neighborhood generally	\$12,087.71
2024	Historic Old Town	Washburn Lane Lighting Ph 2	Washburn Lane Parkway, Historic Old Town, Warde Meade and Potwin	Garner \$100,000 in matching funds to KDOT (or other applicable programs) grant programs for completion of the pedestrian lighting portions between Willow Ave and 10th Ave. These matching funds will assist in meeting Transportation Alternatives and other KDOT grant requirements of providing a minimum of 25% on total cost. Project is currently in design and will require a 15% match for construction. Total construction is tentatively estimated at \$2-\$2.5 million with an estimated match of \$300,000-\$375,000.	Denied
2024	North Topeka West	National Night Out	McKinley Park, 943 NW Western (event location)	Annual National Night Out event to increase community engagement, provide public information on safety, provide fun activities	\$4,151.78
2024	North Topeka West	NIA Participation Strategy	N/A	Create a communication and membership participation strategy that will boost NIA visibility and neighborhood participation through various marketing materials	\$1,800.00
2024	Valley Park	Infrastructure Improvements	various throughout Valley Park neighborhood	Install 6 neighborhood signs, complete neighborhood plan's unfunded project 13 (remove pork chop island at SW Plass), and 17 (seal and microsurface SW 23rd Park between SW Washburn and SW College, addition of mid-block lighting at SW Wayne and SW High to provide more visibility at night	\$50,000.00

TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED \$143,784.49



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