



# CITY OF TOPEKA

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

DECEMBER 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/>

## 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.

**> 1,230 DISTRIBUTED COMPUTERS INTO THE COMMUNITY**  
**> 27 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 liked 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 [mglaudef@topeka.org](mailto:mglaudef@topeka.org) or 785-368-4470.

**> 5,200 BAGS DISTRIBUTED**

## Affordable Connectivity Program ACP

The ACP Program provides qualifying households with a discount on their monthly internet bill, and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a device like a laptop, desktop computer or a tablet.

If you participate in programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, etc. you are eligible for the ACP.

Apply today at [getinternet.gov/apply](http://getinternet.gov/apply). If you would like assistance applying for the program, the City of Topeka is her to help. Call us at 785-368-3098 and we'll be glad to walk you thorough the application.

<https://vimeo.com/880774759/fd0bb9b956>

## GUN LOCK DISTRIBUTION 2024 EVENTS

### A SMART GUN OWNER IS A SAFE GUN OWNER

The City of Topeka and the Topeka Police Department are partnering to distribute free gun locks to community members. Monthly distribution events will take place thoroughout the community.

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED/ONE PER PARTICIPANT**  
**Question? Contact Monique Glaude'**  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DREAMS 2021-2023 Program Debrief Meeting

January 17, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Holliday Building , 600 SE Madison, floor conference room

Community Engagement will host a meeting with neighborhood leaders to discuss both the staff and NIAs perspectives on the DREAM program process over the last three years. The agenda will cover:

- What's working?
- What's not working? AND
- What changes can be made to improve the program going forward?

**Please check your email for more information pertaining to the upcoming DREAMS consults.**

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