



CITY OF TOPEKA

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

NOVEMBER 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.

> 1,296 DISTRIBUTED COMPUTERS INTO THE COMMUNITY
> 23 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 mglaudef@topeka.org or 785-368-4470.

> 4,900 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. If you would like assistance applying for the program, the City of Topeka is here to help. Call us at 785-368-3098 and we'll be glad to walk you through the application.

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

GUN LOCK DISTRIBUTION EVENT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 11:00 AM – 1:00 P.M.

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.

City Hall, 1st floor conference room
215 SE 7th Street

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED/ONE PER PARTICIPANT

Question? Contact Monique Glaude
mglaudef@topeka.org or 785-368-4470

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DREAMS 2021-2023 Program Debrief Meeting

January 17, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Holiday Building, 600 SE Madison,
1st 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?

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