

2025 TOPEKA DREAMS NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

PROGRAM SUMMARY & GUIDELINES

Preliminary Application Due: Friday, September 13, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Final Application Due: Friday, October 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Application Questions / Technical Assistance: Bianca Burnett, Senior Community Engagement Coordinator, lburnett@topeka.org or 785-368-3663

TENTATIVE APPLICATION PROCESS SCHEDULE

***NOTE: ALL TIMELINES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

PRE-APPLICATION

January – April 2024 (various dates) DREAMS Consult Meetings (NIAs & City Departments)

March 27, 2024 Informational Workshop

May 17, 2024 Community Engagement provides DREAMS Consult Summary Reports to NIAs that participated in the January-April 2024 DREAMS Consult meetings City of Topeka Planning, Public Works, and Utilities Departments personnel)

July 8, 2024 Applications Available Online

APPLICATION

September 13, 2024 Preliminary Applications Due

September 2024

- **Pre-screening of Applications:** Community Engagement will screen applications to ensure that threshold criteria is met.
- **Internal COT Review Committee:** comprised of city employees and the selected CAC Review Committee (3 members). All applications will be reviewed by the internal review committee for further recommendations and approvals. Applications will be reviewed on the basis of meeting federal, state and local regulations, standards and requirements. Neighborhoods will have an opportunity to update applications if needed.

September 27, 2024 COT Review Committee Recommendations provided to applying NIAs

October 11, 2024 Final DREAMS Applications Due (Only revised applications)

POST APPLICATION

October 19, 2024 CAC Review Committee Workshop (Saturday event)- the CAC will review applications and the recommendations of the Internal COT Review Committee and score applications in order of funding priority.

October 31, 2024 CAC Scoring forms due to Community Engagement

November 6, 2024 CAC vote to approve priority funding recommendations based on scoring outcomes.

November 19, 2024 Community Engagement present recommendations to City Council (CAC Chair & Vice Chair attend)

December 3, 2024 City Council approves final recommendations

POST AWARD

January 2025 Pending final approval by HUD for all CDBG projects, project planning process begins (DREAMS 1- Planning Year, DREAMS 2 – Design Year, DREAMS 2 Housing – Application Year)

March 2025 Projects move into design (if applicable DREAMS 2 & 3)

Summer 2025 Projects move into construction (if applicable DREAMS 3)

Fall 2025 Project complete (if applicable DREAMS 3)

2026 DREAMS 1 – Design Year, DREAMS 2 – Construction, DREAMS 1 Housing – Application Year

2027 DREAMS 1 – Construction Year, DREAMS 1 Housing Construction Year