

Emergency Repair Program

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Emergency Repair Statistics

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Average Cost of Repairs	\$9,090
30% LMI or Below	55%
60% LMI to 30%	45%

Emergency Repair Demographics

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# of Black Households	3
# of Asian Households	1
# of Black and White Households	1
# of Hispanic Households	2
# of Women Head of Household	16
# of Disabled Households	9
# of Seniors Households	15

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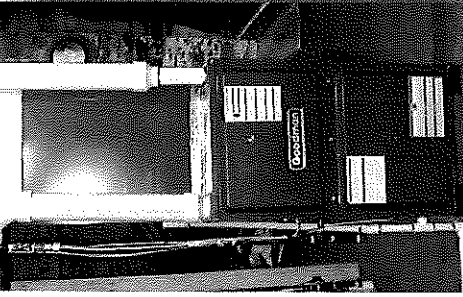


Completed Projects

Roof Replacement



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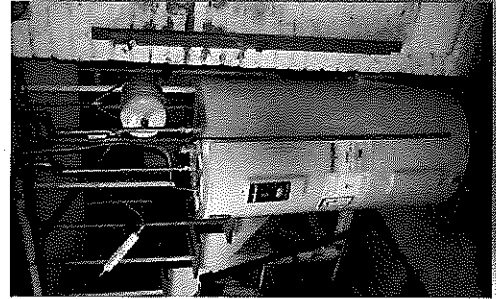
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Furnace Placement

Hot Water Heater Placement

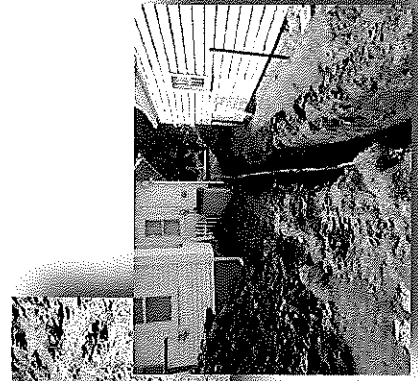
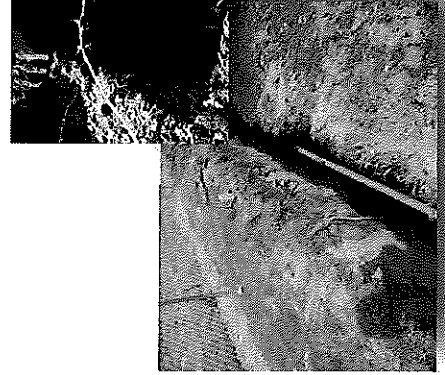


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Replacement of Collapsed Sewer Line



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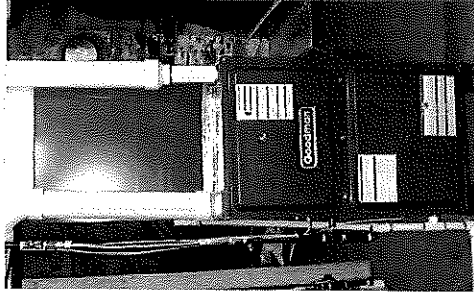
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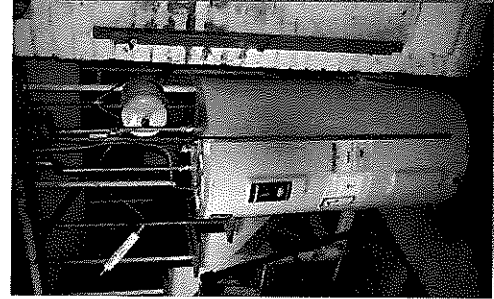
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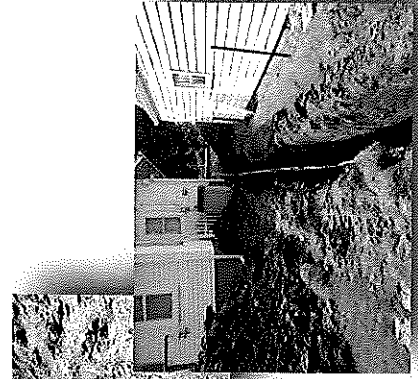
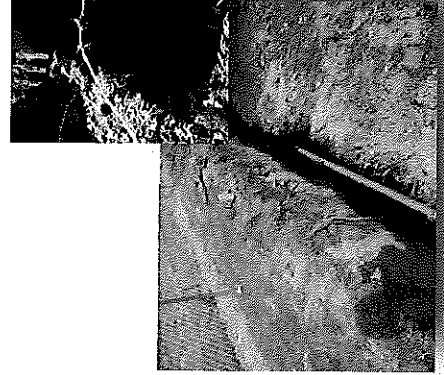


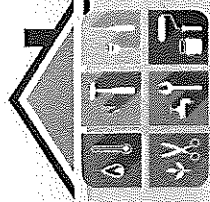
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Replacement of Collapsed Sewer Line





JANUARY 2019 - AUGUST 2021

Property Maintenance Rehabilitation



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About:

The Housing Services Division administers the **Property Maintenance Repair Program** which assists low-income homeowners who need repairs to bring their homes up to code and make the home safe, livable, and healthy. City of Topeka Property Maintenance staff refer homeowners into the program. All eligible households must have an active property maintenance code violation and be on the deed of the property. Housing code violations must be for the home the person is residing in. Detached garages, weed violations, tree and trash removal are not eligible. The program is funded through a grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Topeka. For assistance, contact Shane Wilson by phone (785-368-3711) or email (swilson@topeka.org).

Property Maintenance Rehab Demographics

# of White Households	47
# of Black Households	8
# of Asian Households	3
# of Black and White Households	2
# of Hispanic Households	8
# of Non Hispanic Households	52
# of Women Head of Household	42
# of Disabled Households	31

before



after



Property Maintenance Rehab Grant Programs

Applications Received	105
Applications Declined	37
Incomplete Applications in Process	8
Applications in Reimbursement Process	27
Applications Complete	33

Property Maintenance Rehab Grant

Funds	Paid	Committed	Uncommitted	Grant Amount
TOTALS	\$575,523	\$97,227	\$77,250	\$750,000

Property Maintenance Rehab Statistics

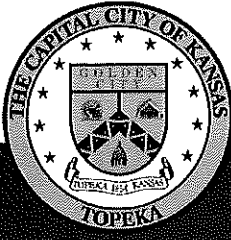
# of Households Approved	60
# of Persons Approved	114
# of Persons over 50 years old	68
# In Help Area	24
# in NRA Area	45

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Impact Avenues Success in First Two Years

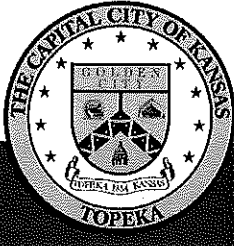
TOPEKA, KS – Public school student homelessness is a national crisis affecting more than 1 million children in grades K-12. The City of Topeka, Topeka Public Schools, and more than 35 community partner organizations are working to end student homelessness through the Impact Avenues program.

Impact Avenues reached 207 families with 525 children from its launch in August 2019 through July 2021, making it possible for 73 families with 186 children to reach a permanent housing solution. Moreover, 191 families received utility assistance that allowed them to remain stably housed, 108 individuals received mental health services, 61 families received transportation assistance, and 31 families received legal help during this period. 49% of the families in the program were not employed at entry and are now fully employed.

“Topeka is dedicated to ensuring that no student has to endure the burden and stigma that is associated with homelessness. Impact Avenues is a powerful force for good in Topeka and Shawnee County. Its skilled, innovative, and compassionate approach to student homelessness will continue to help families break the cycle of poverty through housing stability, educational attainment, and economic mobility for years to come.” said Corrie Wright, Division Director of Housing Services for the City of Topeka. “I am very proud that Impact Avenues has been able to help over five hundred children become housed, and continue to stay housed in its first two years. I’m excited to continue the important work and continue to help eradicate child homelessness in our community.”

Impact Avenues is a replication of the nationally recognized Impact KCK program in Wyandotte County, Kansas. The program combines the skillful application of the Collective Impact Model for Community Change with a number of social service innovations to effectively serve homeless students and their families.

Impact Avenues uses a two-generation approach to addressing student homelessness and a wide array of wraparound services to achieve its goals. Innovative social service practices include (1) a single point of service; (2) intensive case management provided by an Impact Navigator; and (3) connection with a permanent housing solution. In addition, effective management and continuous improvement are supported by developmental evaluation, a method that provides real time assessment of program outcomes, challenges, and opportunities that further strengthens program effectiveness.



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A student is considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (i.e., living in cars, parks, public spaces, house sharing, couch surfing, living in motels or campgrounds due to the lack of adequate accommodations, living in emergency shelters, etc.). To qualify for Impact Avenues, a student has to be referred through a school liaison. Children and their families will get the support they need to obtain stable housing and assistance with overcoming barriers to success like transportation, employment, financial literacy, healthcare and others.

The community infrastructure organized by Impact Avenues made it possible to quickly respond to the emergency needs of children and families when the COVID-19 pandemic reached Kansas. This response has included services ranging from care calls to determine family needs to connections with financial resources to delivery of food and other necessities. Emergency relief has been extended to all families, not just those who are designated Impact Avenues families.

How to help:

For more information, please go to <https://www.topeka.org/impact-avenues/>.

If your organization is willing to assist us in this crucial effort, please contact Impact Avenues program lead, Corrie Wright at cwright@topeka.org.

To contribute to ongoing expenses for the program, you can donate online at <https://www.topekacommunityfoundation.org/Donate/> and select the "Impact Avenues Fund", or send a check directly to the Topeka Community Foundation with "Impact Avenues Fund" in the memo line.

Metrics for Impact Avenues – August 2021

Participation	Year 1 2019-20	Year 2 2020-21	Year 3 2021-22	Total Reached
Number of households referred	103	104	33	240
Number of children referred	260	265	75	600
Number of students participating in the program	168	157	59	384
Number of households participating in the program	72	75	31	178
Number of Adults (18 +) participating in the program	90	86	40	216
Number of Children (17 -) participating in the program	195	187	74	456
Number of Adults (18 +) graduating from the program	<i>Report at graduation</i>			
Number of Children (17 -) graduating from the program	<i>Report at graduation</i>			
Number of households that completed Housing 101 class	51	49	6	106
Number of households that completed Healthcare 101 class	56	48	5	109
Number of households that completed Employment 101 class	52	41	8	101
Number of households that completed Personal Finance 101 class	51	50	6	107
Housing Status				
Number of households in temporary housing	33	43	19	95
Number of Adults (18+) in temporary housing	40	53	23	116
Number of Children (17-) in temporary housing	103	109	43	255
Number of households in permanent housing	41	32	9	82
Number of Adults (18+) in permanent housing	52	38	7	97
Number of Children (17-) in permanent housing	99	87	15	201
Number of households dismissed from the program (Include reasons for dismissal)	7 – all moved out of area	8 – all moved out of area	2	17 - all moved out of area
Services Received				
Number of households receiving utility assistance (gas, water, electric)	98	93	31	222
Number of individuals receiving mental health services	61	47	24	132
Number of households receiving public assistance (e.g., TANF, Medicaid, Childcare Vouchers, etc.)	73	74	31	178
Number of households receiving transportation assistance (e.g., bus passes)	54	8	3	65
Number of households receiving legal assistance	19	12	1	32
Number of households gaining employment	-	-	14	14
Agency Involvement				
Topeka Public School District	84	63	25	172
City of Topeka – Neighborhood Relations	88	104	33	225
Kansas Department for Children and Families	73	74	31	178
Heartland RADAC	8	3	0	11

Metrics for Impact Avenues – August 2021

Valeo	42	27	14	83
GraceMed	47	28	14	89
Health Access	17	11	6	34
Family Service and Guidance Center	19	20	10	49
Let's Help	13	1	0	14
Doorstep	35	31	17	83
Housing and Credit Counseling	53	50	16	119
Cornerstone	51	49	23	123
Topeka Housing Authority	64	60	29	153
Topeka Rescue Mission	27	18	7	52
Topeka City ID	4	0	0	4
KDOR Mobile	8	0	0	8
Mirror – Work for Success	15	1	1	17
Kansas Children's Service League	7	2	3	12
IBSA	29	24	8	61
Washburn Tech	16	6	3	25
Evergy	52	49	17	118
Kansas Gas	46	44	14	104
Adecco	40	6	3	49
Express Professional Services	48	19	9	76
Kwik Staff	19	7	3	29
Boys and Girls Club	13	5	3	21
City of Topeka – Impact Avenues	90	104	33	227
CRC	19	6	1	26
Azura	14	14	10	38
Café Barnabas/Faith Based	8	0	5	13
El Centro	3	3	1	7
Orion	11	5	2	18
Kansas Family Advisory Network	6	0	0	6
Communities in Schools	1	1	0	2
Topeka Workforce Center	3	8	4	15
KVC	2	4	1	7
Slumberland Furniture	27	27	4	58
Parks and Rec	76	0	9	85
Household Barriers				
Housing score	<i>Report at graduation</i>			
Food score	<i>Report at graduation</i>			
Employment score	<i>Report at graduation</i>			
Transportation (Yes = 1 - has vehicle or dependable form of transportation; No = 0)	Yes, has transportation = 22 No, does not = 50	Yes, has transportation = 30 does not = 45	Yes, has Transportation =16 Does not= 15	Yes, has Transportation =68 Does not= 110
Number of households in crisis when starting the program (include context where possible)	72	75	31	178
Number of households in crisis when ending the program (include context where possible)	<i>Report at graduation</i>			

Metrics for Impact Avenues – August 2021

Number of households experiencing domestic violence	17	27	10	54
Demographics				
Education level of Head of Household (No high school, some high school, GED or HS Diploma, some college, Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Graduate or Professional Degree)	No GED or HS dipl = 26 GED or HS Dipl. = 18 Some college = 23 Associates degree = 1 Bachelor's degree = 3 Graduate degree = 0	NO GED or HS dip= 20 GED or HS dip.= 28 Some college = 24 Associates degree = 3 Bachelor's degree = 0 Graduate degree = 0	NO GED or HS dip= 6 GED or HS dip.= 11 Some college = 12 Associates degree =2 Bachelor's degree = 0 Graduate degree = 0	NO GED or HS dip= 52 GED or HS dip.= 57 Some college = 59 Associates degree = 6 Bachelor's degree = 3 Graduate degree = 0
Average Household income at intake	According to HUD's guidelines: Extremely low 30% or less = 72	According to HUD's guidelines: Extremely low 30% or less = 73 Very Low 50% or less = 2	According to HUD's guidelines: Extremely low 30% or less = 30 Very Low 50% or less = 1	According to HUD's guidelines: Extremely low 30% or less = 175 Very Low 50% or less = 3
Average Household income at graduation	<i>Report at graduation</i>			
Comments				
<p>Month 1 Highlights: This is the first month's report for Year 3, 2021-22. Impact Avenues is live and in person on Thursdays with full, active support by partnering agencies. There were 74 children (under the age of 17) served in month one of Year 3, with 9 families being placed in permanent housing.</p>				

