Unified Government of Wyandotte County & Kansas City, KS

2023 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

Every five years, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS must prepare a strategic plan (known as the Consolidated Plan) which governs the use of federal housing and community development grant funds that it receives from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In 2022, the Unified Government developed the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. When preparing a Consolidated Plan, grantees must assess the needs and issues in their jurisdiction as a part of their preparation of these documents.

The grant funds received from HUD by the Unified Government that are covered in the Consolidated Plan include:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
- Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program

The Unified Government must also submit to HUD separate Annual Action Plans for each of the five years during the Consolidated Plan period. The 2023 Annual Action Plan is the second year in the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plans serve as the Unified Government's annual applications to HUD that are required for it to receive the annual allocations from the three grant programs. These grants from HUD are known as Entitlement Grant Programs because communities receive the funds every year if they meet program requirements and criteria associated with each of the three grants. Under HUD's grant program regulations, the Unified Government may use its CDBG, HOME and ESG grant funds in Kansas City, KS.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

When preparing a Consolidated Plan, grantees must assess the needs in their jurisdiction as a key part of the process. To inform the development of priorities and goals over the next five years, the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan’s Needs Assessment discusses housing, community development, and economic development needs in Kansas City, KS. The Needs Assessment relies on data from the US Census, 2013-2017 5-Year American Community Survey (ACS), and a special tabulation of ACS data known as Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data that estimates the number of households with one or more housing needs. Local data regarding homelessness and assisted living is included. Finally, public input gathered through interviews, focus groups, meetings, and the community survey are coupled with
data analysis to identify priority needs related to affordable housing, homelessness, assisted housing, community development, and economic development in Kansas City, KS.

Priority Objectives

Priorities identified during the development of the Unified Government’s 2022-2026 Five-Year Plan include:

- Improve housing opportunities by creating and preserving decent, safe, affordable rental and homeownership housing.
- Reduce homelessness by assisting individuals and families to remain in or transition to permanent housing.
- Create and sustain a suitable living environment through infrastructure and public facility improvements.
- Provide public services to expand economic opportunity, improve health and safety, enhance food access, and provide other assistance for low- and moderate-income households, seniors, people with disabilities, and other eligible groups.
- Promote economic development to expand economic opportunity.
- Expand fair access to housing through education and enforcement activities.
- Support administration of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grants programs.

3. Evaluation of past performance


Some highlights from the 2021 CAPER include:

- 93 households received critical housing rehabilitation such as plumbing/sewer, electrical, roofing, heating systems or updates to make the home accessible to those with limited mobility.
- 330 persons at-risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness received services under the Emergency Solutions Grants
- 3822 persons were served at the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center. Services include hot meals and case management.
One unit of affordable housing was completed and many housing development projects that were delayed due to COVID-19, inflation and labor shortages have resumed.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and Consultation Process

An important component of the research process for the Annual Action Plan involved gathering input regarding fair and affordable housing conditions and other community development needs in Kansas City, KS. The Unified Government used a variety of public engagement approaches with residents and other stakeholders in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan.

Consultation

The Department engaged numerous organizations in the development of the Annual Action Plan. A large list of organizations received an invitation to complete a consultation survey to provide input on funding priorities. Some subject matter experts were contacted directly by phone or email to provide specific input regarding their areas of expertise. The Department also reviewed many agency planning documents to gauge needs and alignment of the Annual Action Plan.

Public Hearings

There were two public hearings held prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan. The first hearing was held on April 13, 2023, prior to the development of the Annual Action Plan to accept general comments about priorities and needs within the community. Community members were able to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The meeting was recorded and broadcast on UGTV and YouTube. One community member participated in the first public hearing.

The second hearing was held during the public comment period to receive comments regarding the draft plan on June 8, 2023. Community members were able to attend in person or remotely via Zoom. The meeting was recorded and broadcast on UGTV and YouTube. No comments were received during the public hearing.

Livable Neighborhoods Meeting

The Department of Community Development made a presentation of the Draft Annual Action Plan to the Livable Neighborhoods Taskforce on May 25, 2023. The Livable Neighborhood Taskforce meeting is open to all members of the public, both virtually and in-person. Community members were able to ask questions during this meeting and give feedback on the plan.
Public Comment Period

Additionally, the Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan was published on May 25, 2023, and the public was encouraged to provide comments on the draft plan until June 25, 2023. The Draft Plan was published on the UG website and hard copies of the plan were available in the Community Development Office. Community members were encouraged to provide comments via an online comment form. Comments that were received via email and phone were also accepted and included in the record.

5. Summary of public comments

Consultation

Respondents to the consultation survey ranked community development needs from most to least important. The top three funding priorities were: Housing Conditions and Affordability, Homeless Needs, and Public Services. Other comments received throughout the consultation process included:

- Provide more assistance for housing rehabilitation and home repairs.
- Increase the affordable housing supply through homeownership assistance such as downpayment and homeowner education programs; alternative ownership models such as community land trusts; landlord engagement to accept rental assistance such as Section 8/CoC vouchers.
- Eliminate tax foreclosures on homes that are occupied to prevent displacement of vulnerable households.
- Restructure the Landbank to give more community control; ensure that developed housing is affordable and does not cause displacement.
- Increase connectivity services such as broadband improvements, technology peer support/learning programs and public computer/technology centers.
- Increase availability of food/nutrition assistance, rental assistance, health care and health care access such as transportation, behavioral health and other types of services for all low-income households but especially for vulnerable populations such as LGBT, youth, seniors and those living with disabilities.

First Public Hearing

One community member participated in the first public hearing. She shared concerns related to the availability of home repair assistance and access to the program. She also shared a need to target funding to neighborhood groups. She expressed a need for CDBG to be targeted to households with the most need and those with the lowest incomes.
Public Comment Period

Public comments were accepted from May 25, 2023 through June 25, 2023. The Department received three online comment forms. In summary, the comments received via the form included:

- A grievance about the Home Repair Program from a former client.
- A desire for more economic development activities targeted specifically to black-owned businesses.
- A desire for funding to be dedicated to revitalizing the Quindaro historic area.

Livable Neighborhoods Meeting

Livable Neighborhoods presentation was held on May 25, 2023. Two community members raised questions during the meeting.

1. An individual asked if it was possible to use CDBG to improve privately held community parks.

2. An individual asked if the Department could clarify where park investments would be made in the upcoming program year.

Staff responded to questions in the meeting and had follow up conversations regarding the eligibility of private park improvements.

Second Public Hearing

The second Public Hearing was held on June 8, 2023. No comments were received at this time.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

All comments and views shared during the development of the Annual Action Plan were accepted and considered.

7. Summary

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, a set of priority needs were identified. These priorities include affordable housing, homeless needs, public facilities and infrastructure, public services, economic development, fair housing, and program administration. The Consolidated Plan also contains goals, measurable objectives, and implementation actions for each of the plan's elements. The Annual Action Plan is an extension of the Consolidated Plan as it outlines the specific activities that the UG plans to undertake with the annual grants.
The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

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Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Kansas City, KS is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. The Consolidated Plan covers the period from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027. The plan identifies priority community development and housing needs in Kansas City, KS and provides a strategy to address them. The 2023 Annual Action Plan discusses specific projects to be funded during the 2023 program year, which begins October 1, 2023 and ends September 30, 2024. The 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Community-Development/Plans-Reports

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Introduction

In March and April of 2023, a large list of organizations received an invitation to complete a consultation survey to provide input on funding priorities. Some subject matter experts were contacted in person, by phone or by email to provide specific input regarding their areas of expertise. See chart below for details. The Department also reviewed many internal and external planning documents to gauge needs and alignment of the Annual Action Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The Unified Government’s Community Development Department maintains a communicative relationship with the Housing Authority of Kansas City, KS, providing advertisements of available services and upcoming activities for distribution to residents. Unified Government staff regularly host and attend meetings with community stakeholders. The Unified Government also has representation on the board of the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, which helps coordinate services between individuals experiencing homelessness, homeless services providers, and health and mental health organizations. Representatives from many of these organizations engaged in the development of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, as well as the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan which was submitted to HUD in February 2023.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

Kansas City, KS falls under the MO-604 Kansas City (MO&KS), Independence, Lee’s Summit/Jackson, Wyandotte Counties Continuum of Care, led by the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness. ESG funds are used toward housing and services for people experiencing homelessness, including activities such as Rapid-Rehousing, homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and street outreach. The Unified Government also participates annually or bi-annually in the CoC’s Point-in-Time count. Additional efforts to address the needs of individuals and households experiencing homelessness are made through the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness. The Coalition meets monthly to work on strategies to address homelessness in the region, in-line with its 2020 Needs Assessment.

As a result of the American Rescue Plan Act the Unified Government was awarded a one-time grant of HOME-ARP funds which will be utilized to expand shelter, housing and services for unhoused individuals and other HOME-ARP qualifying populations. The Unified Government will be working with local area non-profits to implement these activities including the local CoC.
Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS.

The Unified Government allocates ESG funds to nonprofit subrecipients within the Kansas City, KS area and relies on several data sources to develop priorities and performance standards for ESG funds and evaluating outcomes. These sources include the CoC’s needs assessments and other ongoing planning efforts; the Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count; and interviews and focus groups with housing and service providers.

ESG priorities include a low-barrier approach to homeless services, also known as the Housing First model and activities such as street outreach, emergency shelter, rental assistance, stabilization services and HMIS. The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness has identified racial equity, partnering with people experiencing homelessness to drive the work, and coordinating with health care as additional priorities.

The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness is the HMIS lead agency for the Continuum of Care. The Unified Government does not directly participate in the administration of HMIS.

Describe Agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction’s consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities.

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*Table 2 – Consultation- Agencies, groups, organizations*
Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting.

Efforts were made to consult a wide variety of community stakeholders throughout Kansas City and Wyandotte County. No agency types were excluded from outreach efforts. See the attached Citizen Participation Record.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan.

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<td>Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan (CEDS) for Metropolitan Kansas City (updated 2019)</td>
<td>Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)</td>
<td>Goals of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy include globally relevant traded clusters, innovation capacity, human capital, strong infrastructure systems, sound governance policies, and equitable social systems. Human capital, employment, infrastructure, and social systems goals, in particular, overlap with goals of the strategic plan.</td>
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<td>2017 Parks Master Plan</td>
<td>Unified Government Parks and Recreation Department</td>
<td>Priorities of the 2017 Parks Master Plan include the creation of additional recreational amenities and trails in the county, which support public facility, infrastructure, and transportation goals found in the Strategic Plan.</td>
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<td>Greater Kansas City Continuum of Care Needs Assessment (2020)</td>
<td>Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness</td>
<td>Key findings of the Needs Assessment include the need to increase affordable housing stock and enhance landlord engagement; expand permanent supportive housing solutions and wraparound services; decrease barriers to accessing emergency shelters across the Kansas City metropolitan area; structure Coordinated Entry to quickly connect individuals to housing and services; enhance youth-specific programs and services; increase funding for homelessness prevention; and examine and address racial disparities across system performance measures and beyond. These goals coincide with strategic plan goals related to supporting housing affordability, providing public services, and addressing homelessness.</td>
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<td>Wyandotte County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)</td>
<td>Unified Government Public Health Department</td>
<td>Goals of the Community Health improvement plan include addressing four community-identified health priorities - community-identified health priorities: 1) Jobs and education, 2) Health care access, 3) Safe and affordable housing, and 4) Violence</td>
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### Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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<td>Region L Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (2019-2024)</td>
<td>Wyandotte County, Johnson County, Leavenworth County, and Kansas Division of Emergency Management</td>
<td>The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan provides strategies to reduce or eliminate risk to the people and property of Kansas Region L from the impacts of identified hazards; protect all vulnerable populations, structures, and critical facilities from the impacts of identified hazards; improve public outreach initiatives to include education, awareness and partnerships with all entities in order to enhance understanding of the risk Kansas Region L faces due to the impacts of identified hazards; and enhance communication and coordination among all agencies and between agencies and the public. These goals align with housing, infrastructure, and public services goals of the Strategic Plan.</td>
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<td>goDotte Strategic Mobility Plan Foundations Report (2021)</td>
<td>Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC)</td>
<td>Key insights of the Foundations Report include the need for better integration of mobility infrastructure and land use investments; safe and convenient multimodal options and amenities; prioritization of transit frequency and reliability over system coverage; investment in transportation choice to make the community more equitable; improvement in access to jobs locally and throughout the region; and the use of green infrastructure investments as opportunities to improve mobility. These goals align with the infrastructure and housing goals of the Strategic Plan.</td>
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<td>Area Master Plans</td>
<td>Unified Government Planning + Urban Design Department</td>
<td>Area master plans provide urban planning, land use, and design recommendations for specific neighborhoods. The community-identified goals of these plans align with housing and infrastructure goals of the Strategic Plan.</td>
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**Narrative (optional)**

The Unified Government has made significant efforts to plan for improvements in neighborhoods through area master plans, community-based planning processes with high levels of resident engagement. In eligible LMI areas, the goals and strategies included in these plans may be advanced with CDBG or HOME Program funding. The Unified Government is currently undertaking a Comprehensive Plan process which will likely inform funding priorities for the final three years of the Consolidated Plan.
Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

There were two public hearings held prior to the adoption of the Annual Action Plan. The first hearing was held on April 13, 2023, prior to the development of the Annual Action Plan to accept general comments about priorities and needs within the community. The second hearing was held during the public comment period of the draft plan on June 8, 2023. Both public hearings were publicized in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan. One comment was received during the public hearings.

The Department of Community Development made a presentation of the Draft Annual Action Plan to the Livable Neighborhoods Taskforce on May 25, 2023. The Livable Neighborhood Taskforce meeting is open to all members of the public, both virtually and in-person. Approximately 30-40 community members regularly participate.

Additionally, the Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan was published on May 25, 2023, and the public was encouraged to provide comments on the draft plan through June 25, 2023. The Draft Plan was publicized in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan. Copies of the Draft Plan were viewable online, or a hard copy was available in the Department of Community Development offices. Comments were accepted by virtual feedback form, phone or email. Three public comment forms were received. See the attached Citizen Participation Record for details.

Public notices regarding citizen participation opportunities were published on the Community Development website, multiple newspapers and the Livable Neighborhoods Newsletter which is distributed digitally to a wide array of neighborhood organizations and leaders.

All comments received during consultation or citizen participation were considered during the planning process. Priorities identified throughout the process were used to guide the goals and projects for the Annual Action Plan.
Citizen Participation Outreach

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| 1          | Consultation Survey and Meetings       | Non-profit and Service Organizations         | 7                              | Respondents ranked community development needs from most to least important. The top three funding priorities were: Housing Conditions and Affordability, Homeless Needs, and Public Services. Other comments included:  
- Provide more assistance for housing rehabilitation and home repairs.  
- Increase the affordable housing supply through homeownership assistance such as downpayment and homeowner education programs; alternative ownership models such as community land trusts; landlord engagement to accept rental assistance such as Section 8/CoC vouchers.  
- Eliminate tax foreclosures on homes that are occupied to prevent displacement of vulnerable households.  
- Restructure the Landbank to give more community control; ensure that developed housing is affordable and does not cause displacement.  
- Increase connectivity services such as broadband improvements, technology peer support/learning programs and public computer/technology centers.  
- Increase availability of food/nutrition assistance, rental assistance, health care and health care access such as transportation, behavioral health and other types of assistance for low-income households but especially for vulnerable populations such as LGBT, youth, seniors and those living with disabilities. |
<p>| 2          | Public Hearing                         | Non-targeted/broad community                 | 1                              | One community member participated in the first public hearing. She shared concerns related to the availability of home repair assistance and access to the program. She also shared a need to target funding to neighborhood groups. She expressed a need for CDBG to be targeted to households with the most need and those with the lowest incomes. |</p>
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<th>Public Meeting: Livable Neighborhoods</th>
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<th>Many participants attended the Livable Neighborhoods meeting virtually or in person. Two individuals asked questions regarding park funding following the presentation.</th>
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| 4 | Public Comment Period                | Non-targeted/broad community  | 3     | Three comment forms were received; the comments included:  
|   |                                       |                               |       | • A grievance about the Home Repair Program from a former client.  
|   |                                       |                               |       | • A desire for more economic development activities targeted specifically to black-owned businesses.  
|   |                                       |                               |       | • A desire for funding to be dedicated to revitalizing the Quindaro historic area. |
| 5 | Public Hearing                       | Non-targeted/broad community  | 0     | No community members provided comments at the meeting.                                                                                                                                              |

*Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach*
Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The table below shows the Unified Government’s CDBG, HOME, and ESG allocations for the 2023-2024 program year, along with an estimate of anticipated grant funding for the remaining three years covered by the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan. This conservative estimate assumes that funding (annual allocations and program income) over those four years will be 90% of the 2022 allocation. The Unified Government seeks to use its CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds to serve the needs of low- to moderate-income persons and households in partnership with capable agencies to include public and private partners, developers, financial lending institutions, and nonprofits.

Anticipated Resources

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Source of Funds</th>
<th>Uses of Funds</th>
<th>Expected Amount Available Year 1</th>
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<td>Annual Allocation: $</td>
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<td>CDBG</td>
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<td>Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services</td>
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The expected amount available for the remainder of the Con Plan is three times 90% of the 2023 annual allocation.
### Table 5 - Expected Resources

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<th>Program</th>
<th>Source</th>
<th>Type of Assistance</th>
<th>2023 Allocation</th>
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<td>HOME</td>
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<td>Acquisition Homebuyer assistance</td>
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<td>ESG</td>
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<td>Conversion and rehab for transitional housing</td>
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Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied.

Kansas City, KS meets HUD's 2021 severe fiscal distress criteria and qualifies for a 100% reduction in match requirements under the HOME program. This determination is based on the city's family poverty rate and per capita income in relation to federal standards. The city's family poverty rate is 20.72%, which is above the federal threshold for families in poverty (18.0%), and the
city’s PCI is below the $24,306 federal threshold at $20,915. As a result, the Unified Government qualifies for a 100% HOME Program match reduction under HUD’s “severe fiscal distress” criteria.

The 100% ESG match will be satisfied with a variety of sources. All ESG funds, less eligible administrative funds, will be distributed to subrecipients to carry-out eligible ESG activities. Each subrecipient will provide a 100% match for every sub-award. Sources of match may include eligible match contributions listed at 24 CFR 576.201. Each ESG subrecipient reimbursement request must contain documentation of the match requirement. The allowable ESG funding for “Administration” activities will be allocated to a UG program coordinator position; as the cost for a program coordinator position far exceeds the allowable ESG administrative costs, the remaining cost of this position will leverage CDBG funds.

If appropriate, describe publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The Wyandotte County Land Bank owns an estimated 3,500 parcels that could be leveraged to build affordable housing or meet needs related to infrastructure or public facilities. Subrecipients and CHDOs may use properties owned by the Wyandotte County Land Bank for development of affordable housing supported by the HOME program.
# Annual Goals and Objectives

## AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

### Goals Summary Information

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<td>Improve Housing Access and Quality</td>
<td>2022</td>
<td>2026</td>
<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>Citywide</td>
<td>Housing Affordability and Condition</td>
<td>CDBG: $1,149,778 HOME: $871,625</td>
<td>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated (80); Homeowner Housing Added</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Provide Housing and Services for People Experiencing or At-Risk of Homelessness</td>
<td>2022</td>
<td>2026</td>
<td>Homeless</td>
<td>Citywide</td>
<td>Homeless Needs</td>
<td>ESG: $192,463</td>
<td>Homelessness Prevention (100) Homeless Person overnight shelter (75) Tenant-based rental assistance/Rapid Rehousing (75)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure</td>
<td>2022</td>
<td>2026</td>
<td>Non-Housing Community Development</td>
<td>Citywide</td>
<td>Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements</td>
<td>CDBG: $330,000</td>
<td>Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit (500)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Provide Public Services</td>
<td>2022</td>
<td>2026</td>
<td>Non-Homeless Special Needs</td>
<td>Citywide</td>
<td>Public Services</td>
<td>CDBG: $338,000</td>
<td>Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit (1500 individuals)</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Planning and Administration</td>
<td>2022</td>
<td>2026</td>
<td>Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Affordable Housing Homeless</td>
<td>Citywide</td>
<td>Program Administration Fair Housing</td>
<td>CDBG: $454,444 HOME: $96,847</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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*Table 6 – Goals Summary*
Goal Descriptions

Goal 1: Improve Housing Access and Quality

Rehabilitation of rental and homeowner housing that benefits extremely low-, low-, and moderate-income households. Direct financial assistance to homebuyers to make homeownership affordable; tenant-based rental assistance, housing counseling, and CHDO funds to support development of new housing for homeownership.

Goal 2: Provide Housing and Services for People Experiencing or At-Risk of Homelessness

Provide housing and services for residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, including homelessness prevention, case management, wrap-around services, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.

Goal 3: Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements

Promote quality of life and neighborhood revitalization through improvements to current public infrastructure and facilities.

Goal 4: Public Services

Services provided by nonprofit organizations that benefit low-income residents such as homeless, youth, disabled, elderly, and other populations with special needs.

Goal 5: Program Administration

Plan and administer funding for community development and housing activities with transparency, community involvement, and full compliance with federal regulations. Provide services to residents and housing providers to advance fair housing.
AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed below represent the activities the Unified Government plans to undertake during the 2022 program year to address the goals developed in the Consolidated Plan.

Projects

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<td>2023 Willa Gill Multi-Service Center</td>
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<td>2023 Emergency Solutions Grant Activities</td>
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Table 7 - Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs.

Each year, the Unified Government strives to fund projects that serve areas with the greatest need as determined by factors such as percentage of low- and moderate-income population, substandard housing stock, and need for other improvements. Additionally, the Unified Government funds projects that address priority needs of income-eligible households and special needs populations living throughout the city. Each 2023 project is aligned with at least one priority need/goal as identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The greatest obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the lack of financial resources available to address those needs. As Federal resources have been reduced over the years by amount and inflationary factors, the Unified Government must work strategically to target Federal dollars to the greatest needs, think creatively to craft projects that create the greatest impacts, and find ways to leverage other funding sources.
## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

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<th>Needs Addressed</th>
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<th>Description</th>
<th>Target Date</th>
<th>Number of families who will benefit</th>
<th>Location Description</th>
<th>Planned Activities</th>
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<td>2023 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation</td>
<td>City Wide</td>
<td>Improve Housing Access and Quality</td>
<td>Housing Affordability and Condition</td>
<td>CDBG: $1,149,778</td>
<td>Emergency repairs and associated activity delivery costs for single-family owner-occupied homes. Rehabilitation may include electrical, furnace, plumbing and roof work. Rehabilitation may also include work to increase accessibility for those with disabilities.</td>
<td>9/30/2024</td>
<td>An estimated 80 low- to moderate-income families will be served during the 2023 program year.</td>
<td>City-wide</td>
<td>Low- to moderate-income families can apply for assistance at any time throughout the program year. Activities will be completed as eligible families apply and until funds are depleted.</td>
<td>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated (80 Households)</td>
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<td>2023 Livable Neighborhoods</td>
<td>City-wide</td>
<td>Provide Public Services</td>
<td>Public Services</td>
<td>CDBG $20,000</td>
<td>Livable Neighborhoods is a long-standing organization that works with neighborhood and community-based groups to address community-wide concerns through coalition building.</td>
<td>9/30/2023</td>
<td>Approximately 500 families will be served by Livable Neighborhoods throughout the program year.</td>
<td>City-wide</td>
<td>Public Services</td>
<td>Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit (500 Individuals)</td>
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<td>2023 Willa Gill Multi-Service Center</td>
<td>City-wide</td>
<td>Provide Public Services</td>
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<td>CDBG $148,000</td>
<td>Willa Gill Multi-Service Center provides multiple services including case management and hot meals to support families and individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.</td>
<td>9/30/2024</td>
<td>Approximately 1,000 families will be served through Willa Gill throughout the program year.</td>
<td>Services will be provided at the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center at 645 Nebraska Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101</td>
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<td>Number of families who will benefit</td>
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<td>Number of families who will benefit</td>
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*Table 8– Project Summary*
AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

The Kansas City, KS HUD entitlement jurisdiction includes block groups within the city of Kansas City, KS. One hundred percent (100%) of funds will be directed to projects with citywide target areas.

Geographic Distribution

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Table 9 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically.

Each year, the Unified Government strives to fund projects that serve areas with the greatest need as determined by factors such as percentage of low- and moderate-income population, substandard housing stock, and need for other improvements. Additionally, the Unified Government funds projects that address priority needs of income-eligible households and special needs populations living throughout the city.
Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Unified Government will use HOME funds and a portion of CDBG funds for new affordable housing and to rehabilitate existing housing units supporting a total of 89 households (80 served through the CDBG-funded housing rehabilitation and 6 through HOME-funded housing development activities).

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*Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement*

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*Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type*

Discussion

Homeless and at-risk populations may receive housing assistance through the ESG program subrecipients (Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention). Because the ESG program does not meet the definition of “affordable housing” under the HOME program, those projected outcomes are not listed here. See anticipated ESG outcomes in the projects table.

HOME funds are utilized for production of new units, rehab of existing units and acquisition (down payment assistance). CDBG funds are used for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation. All activities are anticipated to serve homeowners and no rental activities are anticipated under HOME or CDBG.

It is anticipated that CDBG programs will serve 75 households at or below 50% AMI and 5 households between 50% and 80% AMI. HOME will serve 6 households between 50% and 80% AMI.

HUD defines the “worst case needs” as low-income households that are severely cost burdened or living in housing with severe housing problems. The CDBG Home Repair...
Program is designed to address issues that are related to severe housing problems. Without the CDBG Home Repair Program many housing units would become inhabitable and very low-income households would become displaced.

**AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

**Introduction**

The Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority (KCKHA) provides publicly supported housing options for low-income residents living in Wyandotte County. According to the KCKHA 2022 Annual Plan, the housing authority provides 3,750 units countywide through conventional public housing developments, project-based Section 8 vouchers and tenant-based vouchers. The KCKHA acquired the Bonner Springs Housing Authority in July 2021 which added 50 additional public housing units.

**Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing**

The 2023 Capital Fund Program Plan indicates that the KCKHA will conduct several upgrades at its public housing developments, including:

- Interior modernization and retaining wall repair/replacement at its scattered sites
- Elevator modernization at Glanville Tower and Vaughn Dale
- Interior modernization and new appliances in Plaza Tower
- Relocation services at Juniper Gardens and Plaza Tower
- All developments will also receive parking lot repairs (including sealing and re-stripping), general site and building improvements, and 504 improvements (KCKHA. (2023) “Capital Fund Program Plan 2023”).

As part of its compliance with the Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement, the KCKHA will hire a full-time Section 504 Coordinator. The Section 504 Coordinator will respond to reasonable accommodation and modification requests, investigate complaints of discrimination based on disability, and ensure that the KCKHA remains compliant with meeting its federal accessibility requirements. The KCKHA is also required to complete a Section 504 Corrective Action Plan to describe its plans for increasing accessibility, including the provision of a range of unit sizes and amenities for persons with disabilities in its public housing units.

Lastly, in June 2022, public housing residents received additional supportive services funded through the Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grant. This grant will create a Resident Services staff position to help connect residents with local service agencies.
Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

KCKHA residents may be elected to the Resident Association serving their community. Resident Association officers voice the concerns of the residents and help plan educational or recreational events for the community. The Resident Association also sponsors each community’s Neighborhood Watch Program.

The KCKHA also partners with community agencies to provide the “KC Money Smart” program. This program offers educational advancement courses and homeownership courses to residents.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance.

Kansas City, KS Housing Authority is not considered a “troubled PHA”.

**AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)**

Introduction

The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness (GKCCEH) is the lead agency for the Kansas City/Wyandotte County and Kansas City/Independence/Lee’s Summit/Jackson County Continuums of Care (CoCs), with members that include service providers covering Wyandotte County, Kansas and Jackson County, Missouri. The GKCCEH brings together housing and service providers to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Over the next year, the Unified Government will continue to partner with GKCCEH to address homelessness and the priority needs of homeless individuals and families, including homeless subpopulations.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

1. Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

As lead agency for Kansas City/Wyandotte County CoC, GKCCEH manages the coordinated entry system that works to connect the highest need, most vulnerable people in the community to housing and supportive services. Through the 211 system and at other coordinated entry sites throughout the region, residents may begin the process of identifying and securing housing and service resources to meet their individual needs.

Within the greater Kansas City region, there are also several homeless housing/service providers (most located within Missouri) that conduct street outreach, including outreach to unsheltered persons and homeless youth.
A team of service providers and Kansas City, KS Community Policing partner to provide street outreach in Kansas City, KS.

During the 2023 program year, the Unified Government will provide about $148,000 in CDBG funds to the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center to provide hot meals, case management and other supportive services. This funding is anticipated to assist 1,000 individuals who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Additionally, $170,000 will be allocated to public service activities benefiting individuals experiencing homelessness.

In addition to outreach and assessment on an individual or family level, the Unified Government and GKCCEH also work to understand homeless needs throughout Kansas City. Each year, GKCCEH conducts a single-day Point-in-Time (PIT) count for sheltered and unsheltered persons and works to ensure the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) delivers data needed for HUD and local government reporting.

2. Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

ESG funds are awarded annually to eligible nonprofit agencies that provide emergency shelter and transitional housing. The Unified Government plans to provide 450 emergency shelter bed nights during the 2023 program year.

As a result of the American Rescue Plan Act, the Unified Government received a one-time grant of HOME-ARP funds to develop shelter units and provide supportive services. Activities under this grant should begin in the 2023 program year.

3. Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

The Continuum of Care’s permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs, which include wrap around services, are key to keeping formerly homeless persons in housing for at least six months prior to program exit. PSH grantees collaborate and share housing retention strategies to support each other in achieving the housing maintenance goal. A chief strategy in achieving the stated goal has been to relocate individuals who experience housing difficulties before a loss of housing occurs. Because 80% of the CoC’s PSH units are dedicated to serve households with severe mental illness or addictions, relocation is often a key strategy in giving someone a fresh start to be successful in housing.

4. Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections
programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Unified Government anticipates allocating its 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding to three categories focused specifically on housing. Specific activities may include financial assistance to help pay for housing or services designed to help people obtain or maintain housing. In both cases, assistance will be focused on housing stabilization, linking program participants to community resources and mainstream benefits, and helping participants develop a plan for preventing future housing instability. A summary of each category follows.

Emergency Shelter

👩‍⚕️ Funding for shelter operations such as maintenance, rent, utilities, and other costs.
👩‍⚕️ Funding for essential services such as case management, referrals to employment, healthcare, substance abuse services, and other related services available within the community.
👩‍⚕️ The Unified Government anticipates providing 75 emergency shelter nights during the 2023 program year.

Homelessness Prevention

👩‍⚕️ Funding for relocation and stabilization case management services.
👩‍⚕️ Financial assistance with lease payments or arrearages, security deposits, utility costs or arrearages, housing searches, and costs for obtaining identification to help program participants regain stability in their current permanent housing or move to other permanent housing that and achieve stability there.
👩‍⚕️ The Unified Government anticipates assisting about 100 individuals with homelessness prevention during the 2023 program year.

Rapid Rehousing

👩‍⚕️ Funding for relocation and stabilization case management services.
👩‍⚕️ Financial assistance with lease payments, security deposits, utility deposits and arrearages, housing searches, and costs for obtaining identification to help program participants living in shelters or in places not meant for habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability there.
👩‍⚕️ The Unified Government anticipates assisting about 75 individuals with rapid rehousing during the 2023 program year.
**AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)**

**Introduction:**

The 2014 Fair Housing and Equity Assessment for the Kansas City region identified several “drivers of inequitable investment.” These drivers included:

- Lack of public resources
- Continued expansion of suburban and exurban infrastructure
- Zoning ordinances and public attitude
- RCAP market conditions, and
- Housing development capacity (Mid-America Regional Council (March 2014) “Fair Housing and Equity Assessment for the Greater Kansas City Region.”)

Stakeholders during the Consolidated Plan process identified similar policies with negative effects on residential investment, such as restrictive single-family zoning throughout the county and the lack of a statewide LIHTC credit match to help expand the supply of affordable housing.

An additional barrier to maintaining the affordability of housing for homeowners and renters may include the county’s rising water costs. To cover the more than $900 million required to implement adequate Sewer System Control Measures, as described in the US EPA Consent Decree, the Unified Government plans to raise user rates for water. These rates will increase 5% annually from 2020-2023, between 3-4% annually from 2024 to 2029, and from 2.5-3.5% annually from 2030 to 2044 (US EPA (March 23, 2020). “Integrated Overflow Control Program”).

**Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment**

**Restrictive single-family zoning**

The Unified Government has published master plans covering several Kansas City neighborhoods. These master plans provide recommendations for increasing housing supply, such as increased infill in suburban areas, and upzoning in denser areas to create more multifamily housing. Through the UG’s use of internal reporting and tracking systems, the planning staff anticipates that it will be able to make steady progress on existing master plan goals which may reduce the effects of historically restrictive single-family zoning.

**State LIHTC match**

In January 2022, the Kansas State Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs introduced Senate Bill 369 to establish a Kansas Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act (Kansas State Senate,
Committee on Federal and State Affairs. (2022) “Senate Bill No. 369”). The state-level tax credit would be offered in equal amounts to the federal tax credit and would serve as a credit against tax liability for up to 11 years. The bill passed the Kansas House of Representatives 109-12 and the Kansas State Senate 34-3. The bill is currently awaiting approval by the governor. If approved, the state-level tax credits will become available in January 2023 (Novogradac. (May 4, 2022) “Bill to Create Kansas LIHTC, Increase HTC Percentage Reaches Governor’s Desk”).

Rising water costs

To assist households that have difficulty paying their water bills, the Board of Public Utilities offers “FlexPay,” which allows the user to pay their water bill in smaller amounts throughout the month. The BPU does not currently offer any subsidies or rebates for low-income users who are unable to afford these utility increases over time.

Unified Government Comprehensive Plan

In the 2023 program year, the Unified Government Planning and Urban Design Department intends to undertake a robust planning process to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the entire county. This plan will address/inform policies related to housing/housing access, transit, public health, infrastructure and many other community needs. It is intended to be a wholistic plan to guide the next ten to twenty years of planning in the County.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section details the Unified Government’s plans to ensure safe and affordable housing for its residents, meet underserved needs, reduce poverty, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination between public and private sector housing and community development agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

The UG continually works to build community capacity to meet underserved needs through partner agencies within the community, however, limited staff capacity and financial resources among these agencies remains a primary obstacle. Given these limitations, the careful analysis and detailed community engagement represented by the Consolidated Plan process is key to allocating the UG’s federal funding to the highest-priority needs. The UG will continue to use its resources carefully and strategically with a focus on serving the community’s priority needs. Additionally, some organizations are reluctant to administer federally funded programs using CDBG, HOME, or ESG funds due to the complex requirements attached to the grant funds. The UG will continue to periodically offer training and technical assistance to current and prospective subrecipient organizations to build their capacity for responsibly managing federal funding.
Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

A lack of affordable housing is a primary obstacle to addressing unmet needs. The UG will continue to support its goal of improving housing opportunities by creating and preserving decent, safe, affordable rental and homeownership housing. Through its annual CDBG allocation, the UG will continue to operate its successful home repair program that provides for emergency repairs for single-family owner-occupied homes, maintaining this important component of the affordable housing supply. To further foster development of affordable housing, the UG’s annual HOME allocation will be directed to developers and subrecipients, including Community Housing Development Organizations, proposing to rehabilitate or build new housing that meets HUD affordability guidelines.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

An important initiative emanating from HUD in the last decade is the reduction of lead-based paint hazards, and many jurisdictions around the country have focused on reaching this goal. The federal Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992 (Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992) amends the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1971, which is the law covering lead-based paint in federally funded housing. These laws and subsequent regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (24 CFR part 35) protect young children from lead-based paint hazards in housing that is financially assisted or being sold by the federal government.

Should the Unified Government undertake any property rehabilitation projects, it will assess whether lead-based paint might be present and, if so, follow the guidelines set forth in the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. The Unified Government is committed to testing and abating lead in all pre-1978 housing units assisted with federal grant funds in any of the housing programs it implements.

Community Development also distributes Lead Hazard brochures to all federally assisted home buyers upon application to the program. As appropriate, public service and housing rehab subrecipient agencies are required to provide information concerning lead hazards to their beneficiaries. The UG’s CDBG and HOME program staff are trained regarding the implementation of the Lead Based Paint Rule and implementation of the rule in conjunction with all CDBG and HOME funded rehabilitation projects, as required.

The Unified Government Public Health Department successfully applied for a 2022 Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Supplemental Funding Grant totaling 3.9 million dollars. Using this HUD funding, the UGPHD will identify homes built before 1978 where children under 6 years old live and provide lead-based paint testing, cost-effective lead hazard control and Healthy Homes inspections and remediation of other identified safety hazards. The UGPHD will prioritize homes with young children or pregnant women who have had a confirmed Elevated Blood Lead Level. Program development is underway and anticipated to begin work soon.
Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding is integrated into existing programs that address poverty and homelessness by participating agencies and subrecipients. For example, the UG provides CDBG funding to the Willa Gill Multi-Service Center to support multiple services including case management and hot lunches for families and individuals who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. ESG funding is directed toward agencies participating in the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness and funds vital services to assist residents living in poverty. Further programs such as job training, childcare, and transportation assistance reduce the impact of poverty and provide for income growth for families living in poverty.

Community Development staff participate in the UG Public Health Department’s 2018-2023 Community Health Improvement Plan, particularly in the work of the Safe and Affordable Housing Subcommittee. The subcommittee is comprised of representatives from the Unified Government, private and public housing agencies, landlords, and social service agencies. For 2023, the subcommittee is pursuing the twin goals of 1) reducing the cost of accessing safe housing and the associated costs of living in the home, and 2) increasing the quantity of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income people. To date, the Community Health Improvement Plan is credited with having coordinated the following poverty-reducing achievements:

- Launched three Business ESL programs supporting 30 employees in completing coursework during their workday
- Created 344 new childcare spaces for children aged 1-5 years old
- Led an insurance enrollment campaign reaching over 4,000 homes in targeted low-coverage areas and resulting in 269 new Medicaid, Marketplace, and SNAP applications
- Provided a pilot fare-free non-emergency medical transportation program to local safety-net clinic patients
- Developed a Tenant’s Rights & Responsibilities Toolkit for resource navigators

Actions planned to develop institutional structure.

The Unified Government's Community Development Department works in conjunction with community stakeholders, local and regional public service agencies, neighborhood revitalization organizations and area housing partners who have a mutual interest in CDBG and HOME program goals and objectives. Community Development partners with these stakeholders on a wide range of programs including the Consolidated Planning process, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing actions, and the annual budget process.

These community partnerships are part of an effort to assess community and regional needs and to enhance coordination of community projects and programs. Community Development continually seeks to broaden these partnerships and identify opportunities to
partner with new organizations that further deepen the UG’s community reach and strengthen the community's social service network. In addition, the UG has established the Stabilization, Occupation, And Revitalization (SOAR) Committee to address blight in the community and outreaches to these stakeholders.

**Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.**

Public agencies, for-profit and non-profit private organizations all play a part in the provision of affordable housing, social services, capital improvements, and economic development. However, the lack of financial resources for development, operations, and support services is a significant gap to overcome. By coordinating between agencies and local organizations, the UG helps to create a more comprehensive network of services and programs for its residents while reducing duplication and making efficient use of limited financial resources.

The Unified Government's Community Development Department will continue to coordinate closely with the Housing Authority of Kansas City, KS, by providing advertisements of available services and upcoming activities for distribution to residents. Unified Government staff will regularly host and attend meetings with community stakeholders. The Unified Government plans to continue to attend monthly membership meetings with the Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, which helps coordinate services between homeless individuals, homeless providers, and health and mental health organizations. The Unified Government also participates annually or bi-annually in the Kansas City (MO&KS), Independence, Lee’s Summit/Jackson, Wyandotte Counties Continuum of Care's Point-in-Time count.

The Mid-America Regional Council is a key partner for coordination on several critical plans, including the goDotte Strategic Mobility Plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Partnerships with the Continuum of Care and the United Way of Greater Kansas City, both of which collaborate with partners across the region, are vital in planning for and implementing strategies to address homelessness. Ongoing coordination with these partners will continue to highlight shared goals and opportunities for collaboration throughout the region. Finally, the internal coordination between the UG's Community Development and Planning & Urban Design departments will enable CDBG and HOME Program funding to advance goals and strategies outlined in existing area master plans for eligible LMI areas.

**Discussion:**

In addition to the goals listed previously in the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the UG will pursue the strategies described within this section to further improve community conditions for Kansas City, KS residents by increasing the capacity of service providers, reducing poverty conditions, addressing lead-based paint hazards, and generally strengthening the structure within which these actions are administered.
Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

This section describes program specific requirements for the CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds received by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas. The responses within this section satisfy regulatory and programmatic obligations that the Unified Government will undertake in the 2023 program year. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income over the 2023 program year period is 100%.

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the “Projects Table”. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

HOME projects are funded on an ongoing basis until all funds are committed. Eligible applicants include designated CHDO's and non-profit housing developers with the capacity to be a subrecipient. Given the limited amount of HOME funding available to the UG, proposals from designated CHDO's will be given priority for funding based on the organization's capacity to carry-out proposed projects. Other non-profit developers with the demonstrated capacity to carry-out HOME projects in the jurisdiction will be given second priority. Other eligible developers may receive detailed information or apply to be a CHDO by contacting the UG Department of Community Development at 701 N. 7th Street, Suite 823, Kansas City, KS 66101 or (913) 573-5100. If funds remain uncommitted, the UG may issue a formal RFP to gain a broader scope of proposals from eligible developers to meet commitment and expenditure deadlines for funding.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) (24 CFR 91.220(l)(l))

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2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.  

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3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements

4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan

5. The amount of income from float-funded activities

Table 13 - Other CDBG Requirements

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HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) (24 CFR 91.220(l)(2))

A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

No other forms of investment are contemplated for the use in the HOME Program beyond those identified in 92.205.

A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

When the PJ, CHDO or Housing Partner sells a HOME Assisted housing unit to an income eligible household, the HOME Agreement with the homebuyer is executed along with the executed and recorded Second Mortgage. These documents state the recapture provision will be used; below is the language from the agreement.

**Sale to a New Homebuyer:** Full recapture of HOME subsidy will occur upon sale, transfer, or conveyance of the property to a new homebuyer prior to the expiration of the prescribed affordability period. The HOME-assisted buyer must repay the full amount of the entire HOME subsidy less any owner-paid closing costs and owner equity included therein; provided, that if the property is sold for market value and net proceeds from the sale is insufficient to pay the full subsidy amount, the difference between the net proceeds and the HOME subsidy amount may be forgiven.
Conversion to Business or Rental Use: Full Recapture of HOME subsidy will occur upon sale or conversion of the property for rental or business purposes prior to the expiration of the prescribed affordability period. The HOME-assisted buyer must repay the full amount of the HOME subsidy. No pro-rata reduction may be made.

“Net proceeds” as defined in 24 CFR 92.254 is calculated by taking the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. A "direct subsidy" is an amount of HOME funds paid on behalf of the homeowner to make homeownership affordable, such as a second mortgage or down payment assistance. This includes any HOME assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price but excludes the amount between the cost of producing the unit and the market value of the property (i.e., the development subsidy) per 24 CFR 92.254.

A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The UG will hold a lien on property for the amount of the HOME subsidy to assure that the assisted household continues to meet program guidelines throughout the affordability period. The minimum affordability period required is based on the amount of HOME assistance and is as follows:

Each property assisted with HOME funds must also have deed restrictions that run with the land, in addition to the applicable affordability period. These restrictions ensure the property remains affordable to a low to moderate income household for the applicable period and stipulate that: 1) The property must be the principal and primary residence of the purchaser; 2) All or any portion of the property may not be used as rental property or as investment property; and 3) Any portion of the property assisted with HOME funds may not be used as a business. If a household would like to sale the home, the household must comply with the resale/recapture procedure outlined above to ensure that the subsidy can be used to support another HOME eligible household.

Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The UG does not use HOME funds for this purpose.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (Reference 91.220(l)(4))

Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment).

Refer to the Grantee Unique Appendices for the ESG Policy and Procedures.
If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness operates the regional Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System (CES). CES facilitates the coordination and management of resources and services through CoC’s crisis response system. CES works to connect the highest need, most vulnerable persons in the community to available housing and supportive services equitably.

The steps for the CES are as follows:

3. Participant calls 211 to complete an initial screening over the phone, visits a drop-in center or is engaged through street outreach.

4. If eligible, the participant will be contacted to schedule a housing intake.

5. Households still in need of help after the intake will receive a full CE assessment and be placed on the community housing list.

6. When a housing option is available, the participant is referred to a provider to begin the housing process.

Eligible participants are:

- **HUD’s Category 1: Literally homeless**: Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
  - Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or
  - Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or
  - Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

- **HUD’s Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence**: Any individual or family who:
  - Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence;
  - Has no other residence; and
  - Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

*Note: “Domestic Violence” includes dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence.
against the individual or family member that either takes place in, or him or
her afraid to return to, their primary nighttime residence (including human
trafficking).

In addition to the primary eligibility requirements, due to the disproportionate inflow
versus outflow into the CES, only households who meet one or more of the following
criteria are able to be enrolled into CE at this time:

- Chronically homeless (an individual with a disability who has been “literally
homeless” for at least 12 months OR at least 4 episodes of homelessness
totaling 12 months of time “literally homeless” over the past 3 years).
- Veteran
- Youth
- Family
- HIV/AIDS diagnosis
- Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, or
human trafficking

Households who do not meet these eligibility criteria should be assisted through diversion.

The entire CES manual can be viewed at https://gkcceh.org/wp-

Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation
available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based
organizations).

The Unified Government publishes a Request for Proposal in local newspapers and
announces ESG funding allocations to the Continuum of Care membership. Eligible
applicants are non-profit organizations and Continuum of Care participants; an ESG
application must be submitted to the Program Coordinator of the grant program. The Unified
Government coordinates with the Continuum of Care to evaluate applications and fund
subrecipients. A ranking and reviewing committee (consist of 3-4 persons) will meet to score
applicants based on the attached ranking and review scoring.

If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24
CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and
consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies
and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

Sub-recipients are required to have participation of not less than one homeless individual or
formerly homeless individual on the board of directors; this is verified through annual
monitoring reviews and required documentation of board of directors and recent board
minutes.
Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

There are two primary data sources CoC's and ESG recipients will use to collect system-level performance measures:

- Sheltered and unsheltered PIT count data reported through HUD’s Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX)
- Client-level outcome information is based on data collected in HMIS and unduplicated across all continuum and ESG projects that contribute data to HMIS with the CoC.

System Performance Measurement Parameters also include the following:

- Project Type
- Reporting Period
- Client Universe (adults, leavers, stayers)
- Setting Local Performance Targets
- HMIS Bed Coverage and Data Quality

Please refer to the Grantee Unique Appendices for the complete ESG Policy and Procedures.
Appendix 1: Grant Resolution, Certifications and Forms
RESOLUTION NO. R-47-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PLAN

WHEREAS, The City of Kansas City, Kansas is a “metropolitan city” as described in The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, and as such is entitled to direct block grant allocations from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”); and

WHEREAS, The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 requires the Unified Government to develop and submit an annual action plan to HUD as a condition for receipt of direct block grant allocations through the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, and in which plan the Unified Government is required to set forth its priorities and goals for each of the three said block grant programs; and

WHEREAS, An authorized representative of the Unified Government is required to execute certain certifications for entitlement grantees as part of the submission process to HUD in accordance with 24 CFR Part 91.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

Section 1. The Unified Government Department of Community Development is hereby authorized to complete and submit the 2023 Annual Action Plan to HUD.

Section 2. The Mayor/Chief Executive Officer of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas is hereby authorized and directed to execute in the name of the Unified Government the 2023 Annual Action Plan and any related certifications and agreements on behalf of the City of Kansas City, KS.
Section 3. All other employees and agents of the Unified Government are hereby authorized to implement the 2023 Annual Action Plan upon approval.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS THIS 13th DAY OF JULY 2023.

[Signature]
Mayor/CEO
Tyrone Garner

Attest:
[Signature]
Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to Form:
[Signature]
Unified Government Assistant Counsel
CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

**Affirmatively Further Fair Housing** -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

**Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan** -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

**Anti-Lobbying** -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

**Authority of Jurisdiction** -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

**Consistency with plan** -- The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

**Section 3** -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

Signature of Authorized Official

[Signature]

Date

1-19-23

Mayor/CEO

Title
Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

**Citizen Participation** -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

**Community Development Plan** -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

**Following a Plan** -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

**Use of Funds** -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2021, 2022, 2023 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

**Excessive Force** -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.
Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

[Signature]
Signature of Authorized Official

[Date]
7/19/23

Mayor/CEO
Title
OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

[Signature]
Signature of Authorized Official

[Date]
Date

Mayor/CEO
Title
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

**Tenant Based Rental Assistance** -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

**Eligible Activities and Costs** -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

**Subsidy layering** -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

[Signature]
Signature of Authorized Official

[Date]
Date

[Title]
Mayor/CEO
Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.
Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

[Signature]

Date: 7/9/23

Mayor/CEO

Title
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,

2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

[Signature]  7-19-23
Signature of Authorized Official  Date

Mayor/CEO
Title
APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification
This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.
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**d. Address:**

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| Street2:                                         |
| City: Kansas City                              |
| County/Parish:                                 |
| State: KS, Kansas                             |
| Country: USA, UNITED STATES                   |
| Zip / Postal Code: 66101-3035                 |

**e. Organizational Unit:**

| Department Name: Community Development |
| Division Name:                           |

**f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:**

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| Title: Interim Director, Community Development |
| Organizational Affiliation:                   |

| * Telephone Number: 913-573-6100 |
| Fax Number: 913-573-6115        |

| * Email: jmonslow@wycokck.org |
Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:
C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

10. Name of Federal Agency:
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
14.218
CFDA Title:
Community Development Block Grant

12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
Community Development Block Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.
Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:
   * a. Applicant: KS-002
   * b. Program/Project: KS-002

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:
   * a. Start Date: 10/01/2023
   * b. End Date: 09/30/2024

18. Estimated Funding ($) :
   * a. Federal
   * b. Applicant
   * c. State
   * d. Local
   * e. Other
   * f. Program Income
   * g. TOTAL

2,272,222.00

19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?
   □ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
   □ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
   □ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)
   □ Yes  □ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1901)
   □ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr.  * First Name: Tyrone
Middle Name:
* Last Name: Garner
Suffix:
* Title: Mayor/CEO
* Telephone Number: 913-573-5080  Fax Number:
* Email: tgarner@wycokck.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: [Signature]
* Date Signed: 7-19-23
NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.

2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.

3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.

4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.

5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.

6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

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   * City:  
     Kansas City

   * State:  
     KS: Kansas

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     USA: UNITED STATES

   * Zip / Postal Code:  
     66101-3035

e. Organizational Unit:

   Department Name:  
   Community Development

   Division Name:  
   

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

   Prefix:  
   Mr.

   * First Name:  
   Joseph

   Middle Name:  
   

   Last Name:  
   Monslow

   Suffix:  
   

   Title:  
   Interim Director, Community Development

   Organizational Affiliation:  
   

   * Telephone Number:  
   913-573-5100

   Fax Number:  
   913-573-5115

   * Email:  
   jm Monslow@wycokc. org
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   14.239

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr.  * First Name: Tyrone
Middle Name: 
* Last Name: Garner
Suffix: 
* Title: Mayor/CFO
* Telephone Number: 913-573-5080
Fax Number: 
* Email: tgarner@wyco.kck.org

* Signature of Authorized Representative: [Signature]
* Date Signed: 7/25/23
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City of Kansas City, MO

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION
Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS

DATE SUBMITTED
7-19-23
Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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Prefix: Mr.

* First Name: Joseph

Middle Name: 

* Last Name: Monslow

Suffix: 

Title: Interim Director, Community Development

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* Telephone Number: 913-573-5100

Fax Number: 913-573-5115

* Email: jmonslow@wycokck.org
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DATE SUBMITTED
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TITLE
Mayor/CBO
Appendix 2: Citizen Participation Record
First Public Hearing Notices and Outreach
PIPER SCHOOL DISTRICT #203
3130 NORTH 122ND STREET, SUITE A
KANSAS CITY, KS 66109

BID FORM
COMMONS, HALLWAY TOE OUT GRIND AND POLISH AT MIDDLE SCHOOL (NEW CREEK)

Scope of Work:
- Contractor to Grind concrete to high speed burnisher
- Contractor to priming with stain repellent, and finish with a high gloss floor finish

Conditions
- Contractor shall have minimum qualifications as described in the Request for Proposal.
- Contractor shall submit all bids online by 3/29/2023.
- Bids shall be submitted to the Booker T. Washington Center, 300 North 65th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66102 or via MS Teams.
- Proposals will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis.

Notice of Hearing
- All persons having an interest in the above-captioned matter are hereby notified that a Hearing will be held to determine the Paternity of the above-captioned minor child.

Legal Notice
- The Wyandotte Echo-3-23-23
- The Wyandotte Echo-4-6-23

Public Hearing
- Attorneys for Petitioner
- Requests the Court to enter an Order awarding the custody to the above-captioned minor child.
- Notice is hereby given to all persons having an interest in the above-captioned matter that a hearing will be held.
- Any person interested in the above-captioned matter may appear and be heard at the hearing.

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- The Wyandotte Echo-4-6-23

Termination of Parental Rights
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Public Hearing
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PUBLIC HEARING
ATTENTION
ALL RESIDENTS OF WyANDOTTE COUNTY, KS

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!
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In Loving Memory
ALFRED “PULIDO” GONZALES
Alfred Gonzales Sr. 90 of Kansas City, Missouri, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Northland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.
Alfred, also known as “Pulido” was born August 8th, 1932, to Trinidad and Virginia (Temes) Gonzales. He was married to the beloved Hope Gonzales. He worked for Kansas City Terminal Warehouse for most of his life. When he wasn’t working, he and his wife loved to gamble. Pulido was preceded in death by his parents Trinidad & Virginia; his wife, Hope; his brothers: Gilbert, Luis T., Trinidad, Chula & Tito Gonzales, & sister Josephine Pennington.
He is survived by his brother Salvador “Chick” Gonzales; his two sons: Alfred Gonzales Jr, 67 (wife Gloria Gomez Gonzalez) & James Gonzales, 65; and his 7 grandchildren who will forever cherish his memory.
Alfred will be cremated by his wishes. A mass service will be held at a later date.
To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Alfred “Pulido” Gonzales, please visit our flower store.

Comparta sus opiniones sobre una enmienda al Programa de Mejoramiento del Transporte de corto alcance que agrega 24 proyectos y ajusta otros 14.
El Mid-America Regional Council sirve como la organización de planificación metropolitana para ocho condados en la región de Kansas City. Muchos de nuestros programas se financian a través de impuestos y pueden afectar el transporte en su comunidad.

¡Ayude a dar forma al futuro de su sistema regional de transporte! Comparta sus opiniones sobre una enmienda al Programa de Mejoramiento del Transporte de corto alcance que agrega 24 proyectos y ajusta otros 14.

Visit marc.org/transportationinput to envíe un correo electrónico a tip@marc.org para más detalles.
Help shape the future of your regional transportation system!

Share your thoughts on an amendment to the short-range Transportation Improvement Program that adds 24 projects and adjusts 14 others. The Mid-America Regional Council serves as the metropolitan planning organization for eight counties in the Kansas City region. Many of our programs are funded with your tax dollars and may affect transportation in your community.

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INVITATION TO BID

Bid for Replacement Highway PVB Signs at Key Trail South Park, Project No. X2227-01, will be received by FMDC, State of MO, UNTIL 1:30 PM, April 18, 2023 via MissouriBUYs. Bidders must be registered to bid. Project information available at http://cmr.mo.gov/bid

INVITATION TO BID

Bid for Retrofit Interior & Exterior at Mohrly Roadways Center, Project No. T2349, will be received by FMDC, State of MO, UNTIL 1:30 PM, April 26, 2023 via MissouriBUYs. Bidders must be registered to bid. Project information available at http://cmr.mo.gov/bid

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ALL RESIDENTS OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KS

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First official pre-launch committee sign-up and registration fundraiser. Join the Movement leading up to World Cup 2023.

**Havana Nights Wedding Fashion Show and OPEN HOUSE**—Wed, Apr 12, 2023, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 214 W 75th St, KC MO. You don't want to miss this evening of palms, bright colors, music, food, drinks and an amazing Wedding Fashion Show with Stephanie's Bridal Boutique. Stephanie’s Bridal will showcase gowns and men’s suits.

**Brunch and Learn #Thankyouformomsharing!**—Sat, Apr 15, 2023, starts at 10a.m By KC Care Health Center: Prevention2800 Cherry St, Kansas City, MoKCP Prevention is glad to announce it’s STI Awareness Brunch & Paint. We’ll explore the world of safe sex and STIs through an open discussion presentation while you paint and eat. Experts from KC care will be providing information and answering the questions or doubts that you may have. Expand your knowledge in a safe and welcoming environment. We will include a variety of activities and services: Free HIV/ Hep C I Syphilis testingFree Food and non-alcoholic drinksGift bags that include a variety of items (At home HIV test, Condoms/lube, Swag items, etc.)

“Living In Variety” Book Signing—Sun, Apr 16, 2023, 11:30am - 1:30p.m Kansas City Public Library: Plaza Branch Large Meeting Room 4801 Main St, Kansas City, Mo

This event is not just a celebration of Autism Awareness month, it is a celebration of the release of our first project, “Living In Variety”! “Living In Variety” is a children’s book written by Mariah Turner and illustrated by Laila Johnston. It follows our hero, Emmanuel Parker, on his journey of understanding and showing love to people with different abilities. The FIRST 25 PEOPLE to purchase a book at the event will be receiving a “Living In Variety” swag bag!! Join us for a celebration of the things that make us unique and let’s have a great time!

**Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**—(The Musical) Various dates & times The Coterie Theater 2450 Grand Blvd #144, Kansas City, Mo

Whatever you do, don’t let the Pigeon star in his own musical production! Featuring an innovative mix of actors, puppets, songs, and feathers—plus a script written by Mo Willems, the creator of the #1 New York Times best-selling, Caldecott Honor “Pigeon” picture books.

**Flights of Fancy**—Mon, Apr 16, 2023, noon - 5:00p.m Mcc-Longview SW Longview Rd, Lee’s Summit, Mo

The kites of Great American Kites & Events will take flight over the lawn of the picturesque Mcc-Longview campus in the heart of national kite month, with awe-inspiring mega kites, power kites, stunt kites, and more including the world’s largest windsock – three stories high and 200 feet long! This is a must see event and legendary family friendly festival in the Kansas City area. Additional information can be found at: https://kitefest.mccokc.edu

**18th and Vine Jazz Festival**—Thu, Apr 20, 2023 - Sat, Apr 22, 2023 8:00pm Gemin’s Theater 1615 East 18th Street, Kansas City, Mo

Don’t miss the 21st annual 18th and Vine Jazz Festival! No tickets required—stop by any time during festival hours! Nearly 50 middle school and high school jazz ensembles from the Kansas City area and beyond will perform over the three-day festival. Drop in and listen to a few performances, or stay all day! After spending some time at this festival, you’ll know that the future of jazz is in good hands. The festival is co-sponsored by Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley Campus, and the American Jazz Museum. Please note that there are no performances each day between noon-1pm.
The Department of Community Development has kicked off its annual planning process for the three HUD block grant programs, which total $3.4 million for the 2023 grant cycle. In order to receive these grants, the department must undertake a number of community engagement activities to inform its planning, which include direct outreach to nonprofits and other subject matter experts and two public hearings.

The first public hearing will be held during the Full Commission meeting on April 13th. We encourage community members to attend and share their feedback on the housing and community development needs in their neighborhoods.

#communitydevelopment #housing
Hello Stephanie,

A friendly reminder that tomorrow the Unified Government offices will be closed for a Spring Holiday. In the meantime, we hope you will join us at a number of upcoming events, including a awesome Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, and so much more.

Updates from Mayor Garner

Statement from Mayor Garner on Yesterday’s Shooting

I would like to start by asking the entire community to join me in keeping the injured Kansas City, Kansas Police Officers, their families, loved ones, and friends in prayer.

It is times like these that we pause and hold our breath in faith and prayer for the best possible outcome of recovery and healing to occur for the officers and families affected by any misguided persons of interest that may have unjustifiably sought to bring harm.

I know firsthand the dangers and challenges of law enforcement professionals that are dedicated to doing all the right things to keep our great community safe.

The awesome professionals of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department have families and loved ones that need them to come home safely at the end of their tour of duty. As a community, our law enforcement professionals need us to stand with them in this moment to reinforce our love and support for the sacrifice, service, and dedication so many in law enforcement consistently put above themselves.

We are just coming off a peace walk with our fine men and women in blue, and the criminal element should know that the great people of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas will not be deterred, that we are united, and will we not succumb to any violent criminal acts that seek to wreak havoc or destroy the Kansas City, Kansas that we love.

To the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department family, please know that the good people of Wyandotte County support you. To the families of the injured officers, please know that we stand with you in support and prayer as we navigate as a unified community through this horrendous incident with you.
some ideas and opportunities to spread a little kindness across Wyandotte.

2023 Fitness Challenge Presented by Parks & Recreation

Looking for reasons and ways to be healthier? Well, you're in luck! The UG Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Fitness Challenge kicking off April 15 through June 3 for individuals 16 years old and up. Each week, registered challenge members will have the chance to win weekly prizes. Learn more about this challenge and ways to get fit at the informational meeting on April 15th at 9AM at the Joe Amayo Community Center.

Register for the Challenge

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2023
7:00PM

Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing
This plan encompasses $3.4 million in annual grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These grants can be used for a variety of activities such as home repair, housing construction, park and infrastructure improvements, and services for low-income individuals. Everyone is invited to share housing and community development related needs that should be prioritized for grant funding.
Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7PM at Full Commission

Public Works & Safety Standing Committee
Monday, April 24, 2023
5:00PM Virtual or In-Person

Administration & Human Services Standing Committee
Monday, April 24, 2023
Immediately following preceding meeting. Virtual or In-Person.

Participate in Our Meetings

Members of the public may attend meetings virtually via Zoom or in-person at the Municipal Building (701 N 7th Street, KCK, 66101). Our Commission meetings are held in the Chambers on the first floor and Standing Committee and Special Sessions are held in the 5th Floor Conference Room. The public may also stream the meeting on YouTube or by tuning into UGTVA. Zoom login and meeting location information available on meeting agendas and in our calendar.
Hello Stephanie,

Tonight our Commission will be meeting and there are several opportunities for you to weigh in on priorities for federal housing and community development funds as well as general ideas and recommendations for the Unified Government. Then, celebrate Seven Days of Kindness with us as we kick-off our second annual recognition of the importance of spreading kindness, understanding and compassion to each other. Keep reading for some great ways to show kindness to yourself and others this April.

Updates from Mayor Garner

You’re Invited: Community Input and Recommendations Session Tonight

Join us at our Commission meeting this evening, starting at 7PM, for our monthly public forum for your ideas and recommendations. Check out our full meeting agenda for more details on what to expect but each member of the public will have up to three minutes of public comment as time allows. We hope to see you this evening!
TONIGHT: Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

Please join the Department of Community Development at this evening’s Commission meeting for a public hearing on housing and community development needs. Each year, the Unified Government prioritizes community needs for $3.4 million in federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These grants can be used for a variety of activities such as home repair, housing construction, park and infrastructure improvements, and services for low-income individuals. Please join us to voice your needs, concerns, and priorities during this evening’s 7PM Commission meeting.

Residential Open Burning Season

The Residential Open Burn Season is open from April 1 - April 30, 2023. Apply for permits and, with the recent windy weather, be sure to double-check before you get started all on the KCKFD website.

Hollywood Casino Grant Applications Now Available

Nonprofits working in Wyandotte County to improve community health are invited to apply for grants from the Hollywood Casino fund. These grants are intended to help our community achieve public health goals as prioritized by our Board of Commissioners. Previously funded initiatives include improving food access, supporting recreation and healthy living, and promoting physical activity. Register for the April 18 information session here.

Seven Days of Kindness
Do Something Good in Your Neighborhood 3/31/2023!

Livable Neighborhoods E-Newsletter
Community and Government In Partnership
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Stauffer, Stephanie

From: Livable Neighborhoods <livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org>
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 4:00 PM
To: Stauffer, Stephanie
Subject: Do Something Good in Your Neighborhood 04/07/2023!

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Livable Neighborhoods TASK FORCE

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Good morning!
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Please feel free to share broadly with those within your organization and those you serve. Let me know what questions you have.
Warm regards,
Stephanie

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Program Coordinator, Community Development Dept.
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Good afternoon CHIP Safe and Affordable Housing Action Team Members:

This month's meeting has been cancelled. However, I would like to take a moment to share a couple of strategy updates and additional housing-related updates.

CHIP SAH Action Team Updates:

- **Community Land Trust**: In collaboration with CHWC, we will be hosting an open house on Thursday April 27th from 11:30-1pm at a CLT home that will soon be on the market. This is an opportunity to view a home in the CLT and members of the CHWC team will give a brief presentation about the homebuyer/realtor processes. Lunch provided. RSVP by Monday April 24th: [https://openhouseCLT.eventbrite.com](https://openhouseCLT.eventbrite.com)

- **WyCo Homeless Response Plan: Community Conversations** - During the month of May, we will be hosting community sessions around the county-wide homeless response plan. If your organization has a space that would accommodate up to 50 people and would be willing to co-host, let me know. More information and details to be provided. Special thanks to United Way-GKC for providing funding for these conversations.

Community housing-related updates:

- On March 31st, DeWayne Bright, UG Fuse Fellow, along with Planning and Urban Design provided an update to the Mayor and Commissioners on the county's housing strategy. View the presentation here: [https://www.youtube.com/live/fiatxoj64lw?feature=share](https://www.youtube.com/live/fiatxoj64lw?feature=share)

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- LISC Greater Kansas City, on behalf of the RHP, is working to identify barriers facing community development corporations (CDCs) and for-profit developers in building new affordable housing in the Kansas City region. This effort includes assessing current housing production challenges, exploring ways to engage developers and selecting pilot projects that address issues inhibiting affordable housing
development. If you are an affordable housing developer, including CDCs, multifamily, single-family, nonprofit, for-profit and/or incremental developer/rehabber, please contact Andrea Generaux at ageneraux@lisc.org on how to get involved.

Our next action team meeting will be Wednesday May 17th at 2pm via zoom. Reach out if you have any questions or additional thoughts about the items mentioned above.

Best,
Rachel
Rachel Russell
Director of Community Engagement
Pronouns: She, Her, Hers

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736 Shawnee Avenue
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Cross-Lines provides people in the Kansas City area affected by poverty with services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence, meet the needs of today, and provide tools for future self-sufficiency.
Draft Annual Action Plan and Second Public Hearing
Notices and Outreach
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are hereby notified that on or before June 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the City of Kansas City, Kansas, the Personal Representative of the Estate of Linda L. Jeter, deceased, has been appointed to file an inventory and appraisement of the estate and to give bond for the same. Notice is hereby given that the estate of Linda L. Jeter, deceased, will be conducted on the June 20th, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., as set forth in K.S.A. 38-2306 (3), and that all persons having claims against said decedent, or any part thereof, whether evidenced by suit or demand, will be heard. Your claim or any part thereof must be presented in writing, accompanied by any necessary papers, to the Personal Representative of the estate of Linda L. Jeter, deceased, at 415 E. 105th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64134.

Notice is hereby given that creditors or any interested persons may file a petition requesting accommodation, contact Human Relations 48 hours in advance at 913-577-3440.

In the Matter of

The Estate of Linda L. Jeter, deceased

The following abandoned property of Marlon Todd and all Other Occupants will be sold or disposed of at 10:00 a.m. on May 24, 2023. The sale or disposal of the abandoned property of Marlon Todd and all Other Occupants contained in the premises at 3923 Adams Street #5, Kansas City, KS 66103, will be held at 3924 Adams Street #1, Kansas City, KS 66103.

The following abandoned property will be sold or disposed of at the sale or disposal:

- 1 Qeen mattress and bed frame
- 2 wooden night stands
- 1 toy fire truck
- 1 wooden kitchen table with chairs
- 1 box of miscellaneous house decor and watches
- 1 box of miscellaneous CDs, DVDs and books
- 1 refrigerator or freezer
- 1 love seat
- 1 wooden kitchen table with 3 chairs
- 8 Large trash bags containing miscellaneous items and toys
- 1 fire toy truck
- 1 broken grandfather clock
- 2 boxes of kitchen item, such as pots and pans, containers, etc.

The property described above is located in the following city or town: Kansas City, Kansas. The property description is as follows: 3924 Adams Street #1, Kansas City, Kansas 66103.

The property will be sold to the highest bidder or acceptor or, in the discretion of the Personal Representative, will be disposed of in any manner that the court may direct.

Jaco N. Leter, Petitioner.

DRAFT 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, Community Development Block Grant (HUD), Housing and Community Development Division, 701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Suite 223, Kansas City, KS 66101 (at (913) 573-5123. Hard copies of documents can also be viewed at https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Community-Development/Community-Development-Housing-Block-Grant-Program/

The Draft Plan can be reviewed, and comments can be submitted at: https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Community-Development/Housing-and-Community-Development/CSDP-Programs/2023-Annual-Action-Plan/

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HELP WANTED
Manager, Budget- Sheriff's Office
This position oversees the planning, budgeting, recording, analysis, and oversight of the financial assets of the Sheriff's Office. The position reports directly to the Sheriff and is responsible for ensuring that financial/budgetary transactions are in compliance with applicable laws, budgetary restrictions and Unified Government policy. Acts as the primary liaison for all other internal departments for all business operations. Manages the internal budget distribution of all expenses incurred and advises alternative action as needed for all requests to spend department funding and supervises Sheriff Office fiscal staff. Act as the point of contact for the Workday system with regards to expenditures. Consistently review budgetary restrictions, market changes, engage in contract/vendor negotiations and facilitate conversation with senior management regarding future financial opportunities and/or obstacles. Oversees contract compliance with vendor/ service agreements. Prepare all procurement, budgetary, vendor compliance, grant reporting required documents. Analyzes, reviews, and ensures compliance of proposals and grant budgets with policies, regulations, funding agency requirements, and accounting protocols and procedures; facilitates documentation requirements. Assist in the preparation of requests for proposals (RFP) and Capital Project initiatives.
Bachelor’s Degree in a related field and five years of progressively responsible analytical experience in a public agency; or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. Ability to accurately respond to the Sheriff, Unified Government Administration, elected Commissioners, Senior Managers, etc. with regards to current and forecasted financial/ business concerns and day to day financial transactions/forecasts. Experience with Workday preferred. Requires effective oral and written communication skills, financial, analytical, and problem-solving abilities. Previous experience in local government operations and grants writing and management preferred.
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Schedule:
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- Monday to Friday

Experience:
- Administrative experience: 5 years (Preferred)

Work Location: In person

INVITATION TO BID
Bids for Rebuild In/Av/Canals at Main School State School, Project No. EM01-01, will be received by FMDC, State of MO, c/o Straub Construction at 913-449-4167, phone 573-893-5977, fax 573-893-5509.  If you are a supplier or seek information confirming that subcontractor's information is correct, please contact SIRCAL Contracting, Inc. 1131 Monroe, Jefferson City, MO 65101, Phone 573-893-5977.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Straub Construction will be taking formal bids for the Bridgeport Apartments Rehabilitation project located at 8426 East 108th Street, KCMO. The project entails interior renovations to 232 units which consists of apartment and duplex units. Certification (9%), MBE (10%), Workforce 10/2 jobs apply. This project is TAXABLE and BOND WAGE rates apply. A prebid conference will be held at the clubhouse located at 8426 East 108th Street, KCMO on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 2:30pm. Attendance is highly encouraged, Straub Construction is the General Contractor. Plans will be available to view at Straub Construction's office located at 7775 Meadow View Dr, Shawnee, KS between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm, Monday thru Friday. To access our online plan room at https://www.straubconstruction.com/trade-partners/sra-2/ Straub Construction Company, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Employment verification confirming that subcontractor's employees are legal residents will be required. Please contact Straub Construction at 913-451-8828 should you have any questions pertaining to the bid documents.

BID DATES ARE DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023 by 2:30PM. BIDS CAN BE EMAILED TO BIDS@STRAUBCONSTRUCTION.COM OR FAXED TO 913-451-9617.
PUBLIC NOTICE

MENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS
3RD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND PUBLIC HEARING

Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas will accept public comments on its 3rd Annual Action Plan and Public Hearing from May 25, 2023 through June 25, 2023. The annual Action Plan and associated programs have been submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Community Development Block Grant Partnership Program ($968,472), and the Emergency Solutions Grant ($33,157).

Public comments can be submitted at comments/Community-Development/Plans-Reports. Those needing viewing the plan or submitting comments may contact Community Afficeway, Suite 823, Kansas City, KS 66101 or (913) 573-5123. Hard received at the address above. A summary of the proposed activities and subject to change:

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Thursday, June 1, 2023 thru Wednesday, July 7, 2023

Electric Park Garden Bar
2710 Guintette Ave., Kansas City, Mo Enjoy live music, cold drinks, good food, and cool vibes every Wednesday. Local bands play from 5 pm-8 pm at the best patio bar in town, the Electric Park Garden Bar, on the grounds of the historic J. Rieger & Co. Distillery. Free entry. No reservation or ticket is required.

PRICE BROTHERS, WE TREAT OUR PETS LIKE ROYALTY!
Sat Jun 10, 2023, Noon-6:00pm
Swope Park-Meyer Blvd. and Swope Pkwy, Kansas City, Mo
Join us for the first in-person KC Pet Project 5K on 6/10! This is your chance to run or walk and support the care of 15,000 pets who will come through their shelter this year. By registering for the event, your fees will go towards supporting KC Pet Project. All participants will receive a KC Pet Project 5K t-shirt, a custom finisher's medal, and awards in various age groups. But that's not all! Check out the fun things happening on race day: *Adoptable dogs will cheer you on, and hope to get adopted along the race route!* Tours will be offered at the main campus to showcase their fantastic shelter. *PUPPIES will be at the finish line for puppy snuggles!* *Snacks will be provided for all racers.* The shelter will be open for adoptions from approximately 12-6, so if you’re looking for a new furry friend, you may find your new best friend! Please note while this event supports pets in our community, they ask that you leave your four-legged friends at home (except for service dogs). Ready to join us? Register here: runsignup.com/racegroups/66821/groups/1293665
And did we mention there will be puppies?! Join us and help support our furry friends!

Then Sings My Soul!
Sat, Jun 10, 2023, 3:00pm - 4:30pm Community of Christ Temple
1001 W. Walnut St, Independence, Mo
The Liberty Community Chorus and Community of Christ Temple Community Chorus celebrates its 20th anniversary with a special choral invitational festival. Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Liberty Community Chorus with a remarkable line-up of special guests during a stunning offering of traditional choral music! The concert will feature guest conductor Dr. Craig Jessop, Grammy-nominated organist Dr. Jan Kraybill, pianist Nanette Kraus, and more. In addition, the performance will be the world premiere of a special commission by Mack Wilberg. The concert is free and open to the public (donations will be accepted).
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**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS**

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Meeting notes from presentation given on May 25, 2023 at the Livable Neighborhoods Task Force Meeting.

Stauffer, Stephanie

From: Livable Neighborhoods <wycokck@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Stauffer, Stephanie
Subject: Extra! Extra! Read All About May's Meeting Minutes!
Presentations:

I. Unified Government Public Health Department

    Hannah Conner, Social Epidemiologist, hconner@wycokck.org

The public health department presents their findings from the Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA was a 15-month process that surveyed 1,150 Wyandotte County residents who were representative of various zip codes, age groups, income level, education, race, and ethnicity. Amongst these respondents, the top three "health concerns" were (1) community violence, (2) drug misuse, and (3) mental health. The respondents identified the top three "health barriers" as (1) health care access, (2) employment & income, and (3) affordable housing or homelessness. Additionally, the CHA includes breakdowns of the top causes of death, life expectancy rates & variance, and racial disparities in health outcomes and factors. Access the full CHA report here. Hannah also speaks on heat islands as a public health issue. “Heat Islands” are hotspots in the city where temperatures are higher due to lack of tree cover or impervious surfaces (e.g. buildings). Heat islands can cause heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and have other negative health impacts. The Public Health Department plans to gather “community scientists” who’d like to volunteer their time and drive through Wyandotte County neighborhoods to collect data on these heat islands. You can register to volunteer as a “community scientist” here.

II. Department of Community Development

    Stephanie Stauffer, Program Coordinator, sstauffer@wycokck.org

The Department of Community Development’s role is to administer three grants federally funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These three grants total over $3.4 million and are administered to fund projects pertaining to housing rehabilitation & construction, public services for low-income homeowners, public infrastructure, and fair housing education. Examples of projects funded through HUD grants are the planned projects happening in Clifton Park, Boston Daniels Park, and City Park, as well as home repair programs throughout the Unified
Government. The Annual Action Plan outlines how the Department of Community Development intends to continue using money from the previously mentioned HUD grants. Wyandotte County community members and stakeholders are encouraged to submit public comments on the upcoming Annual Action Plan from May 25th, 2023 until June 25th, 2023. A public hearing on the plan will be held on June 8th, 2023 at 7 PM during the Board of Commissioners meeting. Click here for more information about the Annual Action Plan or how to become involved in this planning process.

Question: Can HUD funding be used to improve non-public parks in Wyandotte County?
Answer: HUD funding can be quite restrictive. It’s most likely that this funding only extends to the improvement of public parks. Reach out to Stephanie if you have any doubts about whether a park in your area qualifies for federal funding.

Question: Will the finalized Annual Action Plan include a more detailed breakdown of how the Department of Parks & Recreation will use their allocated funds?
Answer: The Annual Action Plan typically provides a general overview of where and how much funding goes to various UG departments and other subrecipients. Detailed breakdowns of how different UG departments use their allocated funds can be found in the “Total Budget Expenditures”. However, Stephanie notes that it would be useful for similar breakdowns to be included in Community Development’s action plan.

Regular Updates:
III. Mayor’s Office

Mayor Tyrone Garner, mayorgarner@wycokck.org

The Mayor’s Office emphasizes the importance of the public’s participation in the budget process. Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS elected officials urge residents to voice their interests, questions, and concerns regarding the county’s fiscal responsibilities. Mayor
Looking Forward: Summer 2023 Outreach

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our final Pizza + Planning for the spring. As we discussed, our team is shifting our outreach strategy for the summer and hope to visit you in your neighborhood! We are looking for events, meetings, and other neighborhood convenings where we can attend to engage you and your neighbors on establishing our shared vision for the future.

Interested in helping us with engagement? Submit a request here and we will be in touch!

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for upcoming events, roundtable discussions, and other opportunities to engage in PlanKCK. We will be publishing a calendar of events on our website and will let you know as soon as it is available.
UG Seeks Input on Proposed Use of Federal Funds

Every year the Unified Government must develop an Annual Action Plan to receive three federal grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

This year's proposed action plan includes funding to improve housing access and quality; providing housing and services for the unhoused or those at-risk; improving infrastructure or public facilities, and more. Check out the draft plan and submit your comments by June 25. You are also encouraged to attend the public hearing on the draft plan on Thursday, June 8, 7PM.

How To Request Infrastructure Projects

As mentioned during this week’s Pizza + Planning, each year, the Unified Government reviews its multi-year Capital Maintenance and Improvement Plan (CMIP) with the Commission as part of our budgeting process. The Public Works Department has created an online request form to empower you and your neighborhoods to request the infrastructure projects that matter most to you. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Explore the map of projects and check out the form to submit.

Explore the CMIP Map

Stay Informed

We'll continue to send out periodic updates on the comprehensive plan process but you are encouraged to follow our website http://www.wycokck.org/PlanKCK for the latest information and updates.
Stephanie

Tonight, the Commission will be hosting a special session budget workshop where they will discuss the impacts of reducing the BPU PILOT and increased revenue from property taxes following another year of rising valuations and market demand. We hope you will tune in and then join us for one of our three remaining DotteTalks where we will continue the discussion and attempt to balance the 2024 budget simulator. Can you balance the budget?
KC Monarchs Opening Weekend

The KC Monarchs baseball team has their home opener this weekend at Legends Field. The Kansas City Monarchs play in the American Association of Professional Baseball, an MLB Partner League. Explore their full calendar of upcoming family-friendly events, including the Los Monarchs Festival Latino on Saturday, May 27. Check out the video below and let’s root-root-root for the home team!

Community Development: Plans for Federal Funds

Every year the Unified Government must develop an Annual Action Plan to receive three grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants are known as Entitlement Grant Programs because communities receive the funds every year if they meet program requirements and criteria associated with each of the three grants. Annual goals including improving housing access and quality; providing housing and services for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness; infrastructure and public facility improvements; and other providing public services for youth, seniors, and others populations with special needs. Please join us at Monday’s Administration & Human Services Standing Committee meeting for a preview of the draft plan as the public comment period opens May 25.
Stauffer, Stephanie

From: Unified Government <wycokck@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 10:02 AM
To: Stauffer, Stephanie
Subject: DotteNews May 25: Balancing Our Budget, Summer Camp and Activities and More

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DotteNews
Weekly Updates from the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS.

Stephanie

Last weekend, the new owners of the Sauer Castle introduced themselves to Wyandotte County with exciting news about the future restoration of the historic home.

This week (May 21-27) is designated "National Public Works Week." We celebrate our UG Public Works employees for the immense contribution city and county public works departments add to our communities.

Summer is coming and school is out! For the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, Parkwood Pool and the WyCo Spray Parks will be open to the public.

Remember, all Unified Government offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023 for Memorial Day. Residential trash and recycling pickup in KCK by Waste Management will be delayed by one day next week as well.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend! Drive safe and have fun!

Update from Mayor Garner

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!
Every year, the UG must craft a balanced budget that provides a wide array of services to our community. This year, we are doing more to engage the community in the budget process to receive feedback on government spending. This budget simulator puts the task of balancing the budget into the community's hands so that we can see how you would balance the budget and what changes you might make.

The budget simulator allows you to adjust funding to service areas that address our strategic goals: Reduce Blight; Increase Economic Prosperity of the Community and Opportunity for our Residents; Increase Safety and Perception of Safety; Improve Community Health; and Improve Infrastructure. The simulator also allows you to adjust revenue streams in the form of sales tax, property tax, and the BPU PILOT. As you change funding levels for these categories, you will be able to see the direct impact on services and the budget balance.

Join us for our final DotteTalk on Wednesday, May 31, 5:30PM at Beatrice L. Lee Community Center.

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A draft of the [2023 Annual Action Plan](#) is now available for public comment through **June 25, 2023**. You can submit feedback through our online comment form or attend a public hearing at our full Commission meeting on June 8, 2023 at 7PM.

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**Apply to Serve on Ethics Commission by June 12**
Stephanie

We hope you had a great Memorial Day holiday and are looking forward to June!

Earlier this week, the Unified Government hosted its fourth and final DotteTalk meeting to get your opinion on how the UG should balance its annual budget. The Parkwood Pool and WYCO spray parks opened to the public over the Memorial Day weekend and we celebrated our UG Public Works Department during the National Public Works Week.

Today, the Kansas City Kansas Fire Department will swear in Interim Fire Chief Dennis L. Rubin in Commission Chambers at City Hall. This Friday, UG Parks & Recreation will open a new 18-hole disc golf course at City Park and on Sunday, June 4, the Wyandotte County Historical Society and Museum will sponsor the program, “Fiestas in Kansas City, Kansas,” presented by Rose Marie Mendez, the KCK Mexican folkloric dance group, at Wyandotte County Park.

This is just the start of an exciting summer. Keep informed of upcoming events through our new weekly DotteNews e-news and invite your friends to subscribe!

Updates from Mayor Garner

Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council Appointed

Congratulations to the newly appointed members of the Unified Government’s newly formed Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council! These amazing young people, along with several others who were unable to attend, were announced as selectees at [DATE] Commission meeting.

These young people had to have a clear desire to serve as a voice for Dotte youth, a willingness to learn, a respectable GPA, excellent school
Area Agency on Aging Sock Hop Gathers Over 250 Area Older Adults

On Thursday, May 25, 2023, the Wyandotte/Leavenworth Area Agency on Aging hosted its annual Sock Hop celebration and resource fair at the George Meyn Community Center in observance of Older Americans Month.

The much-anticipated event had been on pause for the past couple years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the excitement of guests and lines stretched outside the doors, this event gathered attendance of over 250 older adults.

While partying to best classic hits, the older adults were able to receive many free community resources, games, door prizes, lunch, and an overall feeling that the celebration was designed especially with them in mind. Through an awarded grant from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability guests were also able to receive a variety of free health screenings courtesy of the HyVee mobile health unit. Watch the short video we created to celebrate!

Your Input Needed: Federal Aid for Housing Services and More
A friendly reminder that the Unified Government seeks community input on the allocation of federal funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Each year, we receive federal funds from three different grants and are required to create an action plan for how these funds will be put to use in our community. Please take a look at the draft plan and submit your comments by June 25, 2023. You are also invited to join us for a public hearing on the draft action plan on Thursday, June 8 during the 7PM Commission meeting.

Launch the First Disc with Us! New 18-Hole Disc Golf Course Opens Tomorrow at Noon at City Park

The Unified Government will be officially opening a new 18-hole disc golf course at City Park on Friday, June 2 at noon. The community is invited to join us as we kick off the summer season with the new community amenity. Funded by Community Development Block Grants, this course will provide free recreational fun for Wyandotte residents and guests of our City Park.

Disc golf is played in a manner that is very similar to golf. During a round of disc golf, the objective is to get the disc in the baskets at the end of each hole in the least number of throws possible. This is a rapidly growing sport with more than 254,700 registered Professional Disc Golf Association members across the world and there are more than 9,000 disc golf courses in the United States (USA Today, April 14, 2023). While not yet an Olympic sport, the new, free course at City Park will open up the world of disc golf for the next generation.

The public and media are invited to join us on Friday, June 2 at Noon at the Large Pavilion at City Park to throw out the first disc and celebrate the opening of these facilities. Hope to see you there!

BPU Releases 2023 Water Quality Report

The Kansas City Board of Public Utilities (BPU) has released its annual Water Quality Report. The 2023 report, which can be found online, is also being mailed to all customers via hard copy as part of the 2023 Spring/Summer BPU Connection Newsletter.

BPU is pleased to report that its water once again meets or surpasses all standards for safe and high-quality water. BPU delivers safe and reliable drinking water through more than 1,000 miles of lines to its customers. BPU proudly serves over 53,000 residential and commercial customers in a service area of over 152 square miles. The service area includes Kansas City, Kansas, Edwardsville, southern Leavenworth County, parts of Bonner Springs and a small section of northern Johnson County.
Good morning—
The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS, Department of Community Development has released its Draft 2023 Annual Action Plan, which describes how the UG will use $3.4 million in grant funding in the 2023 program year (Oct. 2023-Sept. 2024). Please let us know what you think by reviewing the plan and submitting comments prior to June 25th, 2023! In addition, we will be holding a public hearing with the Board of Commissioners on June 8th, 2023 during the regularly scheduled meeting at 7pm. The Draft Plan, summary and comment form can all be found at https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Community-Development/Plans-Reports.
Please let me know if you have any questions.
Warm regards,
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Good morning CHIP: Safe and Affordable Housing Action Team Members! Below are your May Action Team Updates and opportunities to get involved.

**Priority Updates:**

**Community Land Trust (CLT):**

- Thank you to everyone that attended the CLT Open House. We had 15 attendees including our new County Administrator, David Johnston. This was a great opportunity to see a home in Wyandote County's first community land trust. Thank you to our partners at CHWC for collaborating and partnering on this event.

Tenants and Homeowner Education: No updates at this time.

**Wyandotte County Homeless Response Plan:**

- Community Conversations: Addressing Homelessness in Wyandotte County - taking place June 1st through 10th. Thank you to our community partners that have agreed to host a conversation. Following this email, I will send an additional email with information about the conversations to be shared with your networks and community members to register and attend these conversations.

**Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund:**

- A resolution proposed for adoption to create the fund will be heard in the Commissions' Neighborhood and Community Development Committee on June 5th. Wesley McKain (Mayor's TF) and Rachel Russell (CHIP: SAH) will present this item. As a follow up to prior communications, this fund will be accessible to both Section 8 AND housing program landlords. If you have any questions or have feedback, please reach out to Rachel or Wes prior to the June 5th committee meeting.

Housing Policy: No updates at this time.

**Opportunities to be engaged and share:**

**Community Development: Plans for Federal Funds (Public Comment Period Opens TODAY May 25)** Every year the Unified Government must develop an Annual Action Plan to receive three grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants are known as Entitlement Grant Programs because communities receive the funds every year if they meet program requirements and criteria associated with each of the three grants. Annual goals including improving housing access and quality; providing housing and services for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness; infrastructure and public...
facility improvements; and other providing public services for youth, seniors, and others populations with special needs. A draft of the plan can be found here: https://www.wycokck.org/Engage-With-Us/News-articles/2023-Community-Development-Action-Plan-for-
Review?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Kansas Housing Resource Conference registration is NOW OPEN August 22-24, happening in Overland Park this year. More information can be found here: https://events.kshousingconference.org/event/762b7723-aedc-4657-9df4-31b276c77a11/regProcessStep1:6fa42426-7986-4caa-b6d3-0fe2ddb9d015

Participate in the Kansas Housing Corp Online Stakeholder Consultations Your participation is important in identifying the housing and community development needs for Kansas for the next five years: https://kshousingcorp.org/events/online-stakeholder-consultations-2024-2028-consolidated-plan-2024-annual-plan-assessment-of-fair-housing-update/

Our next CHIP: Safe and Affordable Housing Meeting will take place on June 21st from 2-3pm. This will be a hybrid meeting. For those meeting in person, we will meet at Vibrant Health, 21 North 12th Street Suite 300 Kansas City KS in the Community Room on the 3rd Floor. Agenda: Katie Killen and Andrea Genereaux will provide an update on the Regional Housing Partnership. Additionally, Blake and the UGPHD will provide an update on the CHA/CHIP.

Looking forward to seeing you then!
Best,
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Plans & Reports

The Community Development Department is responsible for developing many plans, reports, and notices to submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. A hard copy of each document can be viewed by visiting our office.

DRAFT 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

A draft of the 2023 Annual Action Plan will be available for public comment from May 25, 2023-June 25, 2023. There are two ways to let us know what you think! Submit a comment form below or join us for a public hearing during the Board of Commissioners meeting at 7PM on June 8, 2023.

- Review a summary of the plan (PDF, 198KB)
- Review the entire plan (PDF, 736KB)

SUBMIT A COMMENT FORM

LEARN ABOUT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS
Good morning,

The Department of Community Development at the Unified Government (UG) is seeking feedback from area agencies on the use of grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order to receive these three annual grants, the UG must develop an Annual Action Plan which describes activities and grant allocations in alignment with the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan.

You can submit a feedback form here. Feel free to share the feedback form with other individuals in your organization. Please email or call if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

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Emergency Solutions Grant Funds

Policy and Procedures

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I. Program Description
ESG funds are awarded by HUD under the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act). The HEARTH Act improves administrative efficiency and enhances response coordination and effectiveness in addressing the needs of homeless persons. The Act adds short- and medium-term rental assistance and services to rapidly re-house homeless people, and places greater emphasis on helping people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness. In addition, the HEARTH Act provides grantees with the programmatic framework to maximize communitywide planning and strategic use of resources, and to improve coordination and integrate with mainstream services to increase efficiency, including services funded by other programs targeted to homeless people.

HUD drew from its recent program experience with the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), a temporary program, to establish the regulations for the ESG program, a permanent program. These funds must exclusively be used for Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention Assistance, Rapid Re-housing Assistance, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and Administration.

II. Grant Terms
Grants will begin on October 1st and end on September 30th. It is required that 100% of the funds be expended by September 30th.

III. Target Population
This program is targeted to individuals and families who “but for” this assistance will become or remain homeless. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS is requiring file documentation to verify need, as defined on the Homeless Certification, Form No. 2, and At Risk of Homeless Certification, Form No. 3. The amount of funds that will be available to recipients will likely not be enough to serve all persons at risk of homelessness; communities must prioritize funding as follows:

Rapid Re-housing: Target
1. Homeless Individual with a Disability, as defined by HUD. (See ESG Form No. 4)
2. Chronically Homeless (See ESG Form No. 2)
3. General Homeless (See ESG Form No. 2)
   • Zero income individuals and families can and should be assisted with ESG for rapid re-housing.
Prevention:
Target
1. Those closest to going to a shelter, car, or the street.
   • Risk factors for those most in need would include:
     o Extremely low incomes;
     o Criminal histories;
     o Behavioral health issues;
     o Poor employment histories.

Risk factors that make finding and maintaining housing more challenging should be used to screen people into assistance rather than screening them out.

IV. Use of the Funds:
There are six categories of eligible activities for these funds:
1. Street Outreach
2. Emergency Shelter
3. Homelessness Prevention Assistance
4. Rapid Re-housing Assistance
5. HMIS
6. Administrative

These eligible activities are intentionally focused on housing—either financial assistance to help pay for housing or services designed to keep people in housing or to obtain housing. This assistance is not intended to provide long-term support for program participants, nor will it be able to address all of the financial and supportive services needs of households that affect housing stability. Rather, assistance should be focused on housing stabilization, linking program participants to community resources and mainstream benefits, and helping participants develop a plan for preventing future housing instability.

Street Outreach

- Essential Services: services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care. Eligible costs include engagement, case management, and transportation for outreach staff.

Emergency Shelter

- Essential Services: Case management related to emergency shelter, referrals to employment, healthcare, substance abuse and related services within the community. (Note that referrals can be provided, however, direct case management for employment, health, substance abuse and other related services cannot be provided with these funds).
- Shelter Operations: including maintenance, rent, repair, security, fuel, insurance, and utilities.

Homelessness Prevention Assistance

- ** Housing relocation and stabilization services (case management).
- Leasing assistance, as necessary, to prevent the individual or family from becoming homeless when the assistance is necessary to help program participants regain stability in their current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Eligible costs include housing search and placement, housing stability case management, rental arrearages, leasing assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility arrearages, mediation, and cost for obtaining identification.

Rapid Re-housing Assistance

- ** Housing relocation and stabilization services (case management).
Leasing assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation to move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Eligible costs include housing search and placement, housing stability case management, leasing assistance, security deposits, utility deposits, utility arrearages, mediation, and cost for obtaining identification.

Both Prevention & Rapid Re-housing funds can be utilized for short-term and medium term assistance.

1. Short-term rental assistance is assistance for up to 3 months of rent.
2. Medium-term rental assistance is assistance for more than 3 months but not more than 24 months of rent.
3. Payment of rental arrearages consists of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

Rent restrictions. (1) Rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD, as provided under 24 CFR part 888, and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness, as established under 24 CFR 982.507.
**Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services** - Funds must be used to create and implement a comprehensive, easily accessible service and housing response system that addresses the needs of those who are homeless or at serious risk of homelessness.

**Eligible activities include:**
- Housing stabilization services include arranging, coordinating, linking and monitoring the delivery services that assist participants to obtain and sustain housing stability; this includes the salary of the Housing Resource Specialist(s)/Case Manager;
- Transportation/travel for supportive housing stabilization services, i.e. visit a participant;
- Costs associated with cell phones to support housing stabilization services.

**HMIS/Data Collection and Evaluation** will be conducted via HMIS. Cost associated with data collection is limited to one percent (1%) of the total grant amount. The HEARTH Act requires that data collection and reporting for ESG be conducted via HMIS.
- When providing utility assistance only, a utility service entry must be made in HMIS. If providing case management along with the utility assistance, an entry/exit must be entered in HMIS.
- Children residing in the household must be entered into HMIS.
- Eligible costs. (1) The recipient or sub recipient may use ESG funds to pay the costs of contributing data to the HMIS designated by the Continuum of Care for the area, including the costs of:
  a. Purchasing or leasing computer hardware;
  b. Purchasing software or software licenses;
  c. Purchasing or leasing equipment, including telephones, fax machines, and furniture;
  d. Obtaining technical support;
  e. Leasing office space;
  f. Paying charges for electricity, gas, water, phone service, and high-speed data transmission necessary to operate or contribute data to the HMIS;
  g. Paying salaries for operating HMIS, including:
     1) Completing data entry;
     2) Monitoring and reviewing data quality;
     3) Completing data analysis;
     4) Reporting to the HMIS Lead;
     5) Training staff on using the HMIS or comparable database; and
     6) Implementing and complying with HMIS requirements;
  h. Paying costs of staff to travel to and attend HUD-sponsored and HUD-approved training on HMIS and programs authorized by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
  i. Paying staff travel costs to conduct intake

**Administrative Costs** are limited to seven percent (7.5%) of the total grant amount. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS retain all administrative funds. Eligible expenses include:

- Space costs (office space, utilities);
- Communication costs (printing, telephone, copying, postage);
- Supplies (paper, files, office supplies);
- Staff training for ESG related activities;
- Supervisor’s pay only if directly relates to supervision of ESG staff;

Documentation for administrative costs includes timesheets or a log of hours spent working on ESG administrative activities, invoices for supplies/materials, phone bills, utilities etc.
Financial Assistance is available for persons who are income eligible, have a demonstrated housing crisis, and lack necessary resources. Funds must be targeted based upon individual assessments of personal need. Each program participant must have a Housing Plan developed that identifies defined goals, outcomes, and timelines that provides a framework for achieving housing stability. Financial assistance includes: rental assistance, rental arrearages, security deposits, utility deposits and utility arrearages.

The following criteria must be met for people who are homeless or those who are at risk of homelessness to qualify for resources and/or support under this program:

- An initial consultation with a Housing Resource Specialist/Case Manager to determine need must be held and entered in HMIS and in the participant’s file. The households must meet the following circumstances:
  - a) No appropriate, subsequent housing options have been identified; **AND**
  - b) Lacks the financial resources and support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in their existing housing; **AND**
  - c) Have income below 30% AMI for prevention assistance.

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS will grant ESG funds for Domestic Violence (DV) shelters to be used for shelter operations and case management services. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS will determine agency funding and amounts. **DV service providers receiving these funds must be a participating member in the CoC Planning Body.**

V. Roles and Responsibilities of CoC and Sub-grantees

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Body:** The CoC will:

- Develop a CoC culture that teaches and makes decisions based upon outcomes.
- Analyze your CoC’s portfolio of grants to determine if you have the right mix of housing and services to meet the needs of the homeless households that present for assistance. Determine whether funding for some projects, in whole or in part, should be reallocated to make resources available for new efforts.
- Prioritize the use of ESG funds for proven strategies, especially rapid re-housing for those experiencing chronic homelessness. Note: people cannot be denied rapid re-housing because of zero income.
- Explore partnerships with mental health or substance abuse providers to provide the “support” for permanent supportive housing.
- Partner with programs that serve veterans in your community; link them to VA services and supports.
- Require ESG grantees to embrace strength-based case management.
- Community develops a system of care plan that specifically addresses assisting individuals and families living in chronic homelessness, how the plan will be monitored, and what the outcomes are.
- Provide Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS with annual Point in Time (PIT) Chart.
- Provide meeting minutes and e-mail minutes, notices, and agendas to the CoC membership body.
- DV agencies funded through Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS ESG funds must participate in CoC meetings.
- Develop a Coordinated Entry System wide policy

**Sub-grantees will be responsible for:**

- Administering all financial assistance dollars for prevention and rehousing.
- Practicing shelter diversion.
- Embracing rapid re-housing; (Note: people with zero income cannot be denied rapid re-housing);
- Employing staff to function as a Housing Resource Specialist/Case Manager (see Definitions)
- Practicing strength-based case management (see Definitions);
- Working with the CoC Body to ensure quality service delivery.
- Entering client information on HMIS.
- Use of the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT);
• Routinely review and correct HMIS data quality issues and monitor outcome performance.
• Providing services and/or make referrals to other service agencies as needed.
• Submitting Annual Performance Reports (APR) that address specific performance outcomes supported by HMIS data to the ESG Program Coordinator.
• Establishing office hours in the counties that are served.
• Work with the CoC and Program Coordinator to realign program dollars, where possible, to fill gaps to end homelessness.
• Embrace strength-based case management.
• Providing allowable services as defined within this NOFA and as specified in their contract;
• Entering client information on HMIS (Domestic Violence Agencies use alternative system);
• Routinely review and correct HMIS data quality issues and monitor outcome performance.
• Maintain financial and client level records to support billings. Retain records for six years.
• Request payment and provide necessary supportive documentation to the grant Program Coordinator.
• Ensure compliance with grant terms and provide the grant Program Coordinator access to financial and programmatic records.
• Confidentiality - Must develop & implement written procedures to ensure:
  o All records containing personally identifying information (as defined in HUD's standards for participation, data collection, and reporting in a local HMIS) of any individual or family who applies for and/or receives ESG assistance will be kept secure and confidential.
  o The address or location of any domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shelter project assisted under the ESG will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of the shelter; and
  o The address or location of any housing of a program participant will not be made public, except as provided under a preexisting privacy policy of the recipient or subrecipient and consistent with state and local laws regarding privacy and obligations of confidentiality.
  o The confidentiality procedures of the recipient and its subrecipients must be in writing and must be maintained in accordance with this section 24 CFR 576.500(x)

Housing Resource Specialist/Case Manager Duties
• Must meet with the program participant monthly. If the participant does not attend, the agency may terminate assistance. Federal policy states: this should be done only in extreme cases, and the termination process must include: 1) written notice; 2) review of decision in which the participant can document any objections; 3) final notice.
• Provide housing stabilization services that include arranging, coordinating, linking and monitoring the delivery of services that assist participants to obtain and sustain housing stability.
• Monitoring program participant progress.
• Assuring that the rights of participants are protected.
• Development of individualized housing plans for each program participant.
• Assist participants in locating and obtaining housing.
• Credit counseling, when needed;
• If leasing assistance is provided, costs associated with completing Housing Habitability Standards and Lead-Based Paint inspections and determining FMR’s;
• File documentation of three rent comparables if providing financial assistance (rental assistance, rental arrearages, security deposits, utility deposits and utility arrearages).
• Mediation and legal services (court eviction fees) combined cannot exceed $100 per household. Legal fees must be used to help people stay in their homes.
Access, Assessment, Prioritization, & Referral Process

ESG funded agencies must adhere to the CoC, Greater Kansas City Coalition on Ending Homelessness (GKCCEH), Coordinated Entry System policy. You may find the updated policy at [http://www.endkchomelessness.org/index.html](http://www.endkchomelessness.org/index.html)

1. Access refers to how people experiencing a housing crisis learn that coordinated entry exists and access crisis response services. It is comprised of all entry points to a local housing and service system, which includes physical front doors, outreach teams, hotlines, virtual access, after-hours access, etc.

2. Assessment is the process of gathering information about the person presenting to the crisis response system. It includes documenting information about the barriers a person faces to being rapidly rehoused and any characteristics that might make the person more vulnerable while homeless. The assessment process must also appropriately triage the person by asking about immediate needs, accurately evaluating the person’s vulnerability and barriers to housing, and providing information to support accurate referrals.

3. Prioritization refers to the process that takes place after a person experiencing a housing crisis has been assessed. Prioritization is used to determine the person’s priority for housing and supportive services; the person’s prioritization status then drives the referral process.

The GKCCEH CoC utilizes a prioritization process that aligns with existing CoC Program and ESG Program written standards established under HUD regulations 24 CFR 578(a)(9) and 24 CFR 576.400(e).

4. Referral describes the process of referring persons experiencing homelessness to housing and/or service openings, utilizing the CoC prioritization policy. Essentially, it is a match that coordinated entry makes between the needs and prioritization level of the person experiencing a housing crisis and the housing and supportive services projects that are available in the crisis response system.

Housing Plan

A Housing Plan must be completed for all individuals that receive a housing assessment and are determined eligible for services. (If the household does not meet program eligibility, e.g. over income, a housing plan does not need to be done). The Housing Plan is intended to be a guide for both the household and the service agencies. Housing Plans must be framed to include:

- A focus on obtaining or maintaining housing;
- Defined goals, outcomes and timelines, as well as documentation of frequency of meetings for follow-up;
- An identification of needed community resources;
- Referrals to mainstream services, as needed;
- An attached copy of the housing assessment.

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS has not prescribed a time limit for households to find housing. These funds are targeted as shown in Section III: Target Population and then utilized on a first-come/first-serve basis until exhausted. The expectation is that housing resource specialists/case managers will work closely with households to secure housing.

Individual(s) receiving rental assistance may receive housing stabilization services (such as credit repair/mediation and housing search/placement) if they meet ESG eligibility criteria and without stabilization services would become homeless.

Homeowners and renters living in condemned property are at risk of homelessness and may be eligible for Prevention assistance if the unit meets Habitation Standards Inspections, if not, they are eligible for Rapid Rehousing services.

Ineligible Activities

These funds cannot be used to expand the number of beds in an existing shelter, to supplant existing mainstream resources or for mortgage payments. Payments can only be made to third parties, such as landlords; payments cannot be made to
program participants. In addition, an assisted property may not be owned by the grantee, sub-grantee or the parent, subsidiary or affiliated organization of the sub-grantee.

**ESG funds cannot be used for:**
- Pay for foreclosure prevention;
- Pay rental assistance for rent to own/lease to purchase;
- Set aside money for individual(s) who may be at risk of losing their job;
- Assist the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless to expunge and/or pardon their criminal records or for re-entry advocacy to help ex-offenders get jobs;
- Pay utilities and/or rent for tenants renting a unit owned by a family member.
- Mortgage payments or mortgage refinancing costs to make housing affordable;
- Rental assistance payments cannot be made on behalf of eligible individuals or families for the same period of time and for the same cost types that are being provided through another federal, state or local housing subsidy program.
- Furniture (sub-grantees are encouraged to use existing community sources);
- Pet Care.
- Credit card bills or other consumer debt.
- Car repair for program participants.
- Food (Emergency Shelter is eligible)
- Medical or dental care and medicines.
- Clothing and grooming.
- Entertainment activities.
- Work or education related materials.
- Cash assistance to program participants.
- Development of discharge planning programs in mainstream institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, jails, or prisons. However, persons who are being imminently discharged into homelessness from such public funded institutions are eligible to receive financial assistance through ESG;
- Payment of licenses, certifications, and general classes (classes not specifically related to these funds);

**VI. Eligibility Determination and File Documentation**

**Participant Files** - The agency is required to maintain all Financial Records of their ESG participants; partnering agencies may retain the participant's file information. All participant files must be documented using the forms provided by the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ City, KS as outlined on the Participant File Checklist. The Intake, Assessment, and Housing Plan must be completed in HMIS. These documents can be stored electronically or a copy in the participant’s file. Electronic copies must be made available upon demand. Files must also contain case management notes.

In accordance to 24 CFR 576.500(B) -Homeless status. The subrecipient must maintain and follow written intake procedures to ensure compliance with the homelessness definition in § 576.2. The procedures must require documentation at intake of the evidence relied upon to establish and verify homeless status. The procedures must establish the order of priority for obtaining evidence as third-party documentation first, intake worker observations second, and certification from the person seeking assistance third. However, lack of third-party documentation must not prevent an individual or family from being immediately admitted to emergency shelter, receiving street outreach services, or being immediately admitted to shelter or receiving services provided by a victim service provider. Records
contained in an HMIS or comparable database used by victim service or legal service providers are acceptable evidence of third-party documentation and intake worker observations if the HMIS retains an auditable history of all entries, including the person who entered the data, the date of entry, and the change made; and if the HMIS prevents overrides or changes of the dates on which entries are made.

**Identification Documentation**
There must be identification documentation for all household members whether receiving case management and/or financial assistance. Documentation must be a copy of one of the following:
- Driver’s License
- Social Security Card
- Medicaid Card (as a last resort for children only)
- Birth Certificate
- Passport

**Release of Information Form – HMIS**
A Release of Information form must be signed by each household member age 18 or older with a copy in file.

**214 Status – ESG Form No. 1 (Prevention and Re-housing)**
ESG assistance is available only to individuals who are US citizens, US nationals, or noncitizens that have eligible immigration status. At least one family member must be a citizen, national, or noncitizen with eligible immigration status in order for the family to qualify for assistance. All household members must be listed on the form. Parent or guardian must sign their own name for family member(s) under 18 years of age.

**Homeless Certification – ESG Form No. 2**
Must complete the Homeless Certification indicating current living situation and provide the appropriate documentation as indicated on the form. Category 1 is eligible for Re-housing assistance; Category 2 is considered “homeless” but receive Prevention assistance; Category 3 is eligible for both Prevention and Rapid Rehousing services; Category 4 is eligible for both Prevention and Rapid Re-housing assistance.

**At Risk of Homelessness – ESG Form No. 3**
Must complete the At Risk of Homelessness Certification indicating current living situation, and provide the appropriate documentation as indicated on the form. Participants at “risk of homelessness” are eligible for Prevention assistance.

**Disability Certification – ESG Form No. 4 (Re-housing and Prevention)**
Must complete the Disability Certification to prioritize those receiving Re-housing assistance.

**Self-Certification – ESG Form No. 5 (Prevention and Re-housing)**
Must be completed if required verifications/documents cannot be provided and self-certification is the only way to verify information to determine program eligibility.

**Staff Affidavit – ESG Form No. 6 (Prevention and Re-housing)**
ESG staff and supervisor must sign the Staff Affidavit certifying the person/household meets all requirements to receive ESG assistance and all of the information provided is true and complete to the best of their knowledge. It further certifies that the person(s)/household receiving assistant has not resulted, nor will result, in a personal or financial interest or benefit for Agency Staff or for anyone with whom they have family or business ties.

**Verification of Income**
All sources of household income (including zero income households) for each household member age 18 or older, must be verified and documented at intake and every three (3) months to determine program eligibility. To be eligible for
assistance, gross household income must be below 30% area median income (AMI) for the county in which the household resides (Prevention Assistance). For earned income, household must provide two (2) pay stubs, dated within 60 days of receiving assistance.

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**Verification Tracking of Income – ESG Form No. 7 (Prevention and Re-housing)**
Income must be verified for all household members age 18 or older. Agencies must record all attempts (phone logs, email correspondence, copies of certified letters etc.) to obtain required verifications in the order specified on the form. Staff must provide an explanation on the form if utilizing verification out of the hierarchy sequence. Household member(s) age 18 or older with zero income must complete Step 5 of the form.

**Verification of Income – ESG Form No. 8 (Prevention and Re-housing)**
If household income cannot be verified with third-party source documents (provided by the participant), the Agency must request the income information from income source (i.e. employer/bank etc.).

**Calculation Worksheet - ESG Form No. 9 – (Prevention and Re-housing)**
The Calculation Worksheet must be completed at intake and every three (3) months to determine eligibility for ESG assistance. To be eligible for ESG assistance the gross annual household income must be below 30% AMI (Prevention Assistance). Income is annualized to project gross annual income; there are no allowances/deductions from the household’s gross income. The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS and HUD are not requiring the household to pay any part of their income towards rent. However, a CoC can decide what percent of the household’s income is paid toward rent. If the participant is required to pay any portion of their rent, it must be approved by Homeless Assistance Specialist/Case Manager and included in the community’s financial assistance guidelines. **Remember, zero income must be served.**
**Income Inclusions and Examples of Acceptable Documentation:**

- **Earned Income (Wages and Salary)**
  - Payment statement
  - Statement of income from employer/source of income
- **Self-Employment/Business Income**
  - Most recent Financial Statement
- **Interest and Dividend Income**
  - Most recent interest or dividend income statement
- **Pension/Retirement Income**
  - Most recent benefit notice, pension statement or other payment statement from pension provider
- **Armed Forces Income**
  - Payment statement
  - Statement of income from government official/agency
- **Unemployment and Disability Income**
  - Most recent benefit or disability income notice from SSI
  - Statement from SSI
- **Public Assistance, including TANF**
  - Most recent benefit or income notice from public assistance administrator
  - Statement from public assistance administrator
- **Alimony and Child Support**
  - Court Order
  - Most recent payment statement
- **No Income Report**
  - Self-certification

**Income Exclusions:**

- Food stamps;
- Foster children and foster adult care payments;
- Scholarships and Grants;
- Resident Service Stipend—not to exceed $200/month (if more than $200/month the entire stipend (including the $200) is included as income.

**Calculating Income:**
The requirements for determining whether a family is eligible for assistance requires intake staff to project or estimate the annual income the household expects to receive. Generally, current circumstances must be used to estimate income, and annual income is projected by annualizing current income.

**Convert all income to an annual figure by multiplying the pay rate by the frequency of payment:**

- Multiply hourly wages by the number of hours worked per year. Full-time employment (40 hours a week and no overtime) is 2,080 hours (40 hrs. X 52 weeks = 2080 hours). (10 hours a week X 52 weeks = 520 hrs. per year).
- Multiply weekly wages by 52.
- Multiply bi-weekly wages by 26.
- Multiply semi-monthly wages by 24.
- Multiply monthly wages by 12.
- Multiply daily wages by 260 (full time/no overtime).
- To convert monthly amount to weekly, divide by 4.3.
- Round up to the nearest dollar at .50 and above (except SS payments, which are always rounded down).
- Unemployment compensation should be calculated assuming current circumstances will last a full 12 months. If changes occur later in the year, an interim recertification can be conducted to change the family’s rent.

**Calculating Income from Assets:**
When calculating income from assets, include assets of all household members *including assets of minor children*. **Income earned from assets is included in the gross income calculation (not the actual value of the asset).** If a program participant has a savings account with a $500.00 balance, earning 1% interest, $5.00 would be added as household income.

**Assets Include:**
- Bank Accounts
- Life Insurance policies
  - Lump sum additions
  - Personal Property held as Investments
  - Retirement/Pension funds
  - Trusts
  - Assets disposed of for less than Fair Market Value
  - Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, etc.
  - IRA, Keogh, Annuities and Similar Retirement Accounts

**Assets Exclude:**
- Necessary Personal Property
- Assets not Accessible to Family
- Business or Farming Operation Assets
- Interest in Indian Land trusts
- Equity in Cooperatives & Manufactured Homes
- Vehicles/Special Equipment for Disabled

The calculation to determine the amount of income from assets to include in annual income considers both of the following:
- The total cash value of the family’s assets; and
- The amount of income those assets are earning or could earn.

The rule for calculating income from assets differs depending on whether the total cash value of family assets is $5,000 or less, or is more than $5,000.

If the total cash value of the family assets are:
- Less than or equal to $5,000:  
  - Use the actual income earned from assets (i.e., interest and dividends); or
- Greater than $5,000, use the greater of:
  - Actual income earned from assets, or
  - Imputed income from assets based upon passbook rate approved by HUD (0.06%). (Imputed Income is HUD’s approved passbook rate multiplied by the total cash value of assets).

**Checking/Savings Accounts**
- The cash value of a checking and savings account is the current balance.
VII. Housing Documents

Lease
A lease is required for households receiving financial assistance. Financial assistance includes: rental assistance, rental arrearages, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility arrearages. All household members must be listed on the lease and a copy of the lease must be maintained in the participant file. For individuals moving into a new unit, the unit must meet habitability standards before the lease is signed and the household moves in. For households already residing in a unit, the unit must meet habitability standards before financial assistance can be provided.

If rental and utility arrearages are paid, the participant must have had a valid lease in place covering the arrearage period. The rental arrearage amount paid each month cannot exceed the FMR.

If the Landlord agrees to lower the rent to comply with the FMR, a new lease or lease addendum must be signed stating the new rental amount and a copy placed in the file. The rent amount charged after the household's leasing assistance has ended is between the landlord and the tenant.

Utility Arrearages from a Previous Address for Re-housing Participants
Utility arrearages for a previous address may be made, regardless if it was not the household's last address.

- **Before making payment for utility arrearages**, the case manager must document in the participant's file with either verbal or written documentation from the utility company that by paying a specified amount, the utilities will be turned on for the household by the utility company at the new address.

- A copy of the disconnection notice must be in the participant file.

- ESG funds may pay for up to 24 months of utility payments per program participant, per service, including up to 6 months of utility payments in arrears, per service. A partial payment of a utility bill counts as one month. This assistance may only be provided if the program participant or a member of the same household has an account in his or her name with a utility company or proof of responsibility to make utility payments. Eligible utility services are gas, electric, water, and sewage. No program participant shall receive more than 24 months of utility assistance within any 3-year period.

Rent Reasonableness - ESG Form No. 10 (Prevention and Rehousing)
Rent comparables are required for all households receiving financial assistance (i.e. rental assistance, rental arrearages, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility arrearages). ESG assisted units must rent for a reasonable amount, compared to rents charged for comparable, unassisted units. Sub-grantees must document the basis for their rent reasonableness determinations. The prescribed form provides a rent analysis for three (3) comparable unassisted units. Although it is acceptable to use three (3) unassisted units in the same apartment complex, it is recommended that two comparable units be located in other complexes/locations. Kansas Housing Locator (www.kshousingsearch.org or www.kcmetrohousing.org) may also be used to determine rent reasonableness.

Prevention and Re-housing
All units must be inspected before financial assistance can be provided (i.e. rental assistance, rental arrearages, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility arrearages). Landlords and tenants must be notified of the date and time of the inspection and the tenant or the landlord or an adult representative must be present at the housing unit during the inspection.

Habitability Standards Inspection Form – ESG Form No. 12 (Prevention and Re-housing)
All units must meet Habitability Standards before financial assistance (i.e. rental assistance, rental arrearages, security deposits, utility deposits, and utility arrearages) can be provided. For individuals moving into a new unit, the unit must meet Habitability Standards before a lease is signed and the household moves into the unit. If water/Utilities are not on at the time of initial inspection, a follow-up inspection must be done within 10 days of the water/utilities being turned on. If sub-grantees do not have the staff available to conduct inspections Form No. 11 must be completed.
Lead-Based Paint Inspection - ESG Form Nos. 11 and 12 (Prevention and Re-housing)
Lead-Based Paint Inspection is required for properties built before 1978 and if a child age 6 or younger or a pregnant woman will be residing in the unit. The inspection may be visual; however, if the child age 6 or younger has been identified with an Identified Environmental Intervention Blood Lead Level, the inspection must be done by a Certified Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessor (ESG Form No. 11). All households must be provided with the HUD pamphlet, Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home (Form 14). Receipt of this pamphlet must be documented utilizing ESG Form No. 13. If sub-grantees do not have the staff available to conduct Habitability Inspections or Lead-Based Paint Inspections, Form No. 11 must be completed.

Rental Assistance Agreement – ESG Form No. 15 (Prevention and Re-housing)
This Agreement covers ESG “Tenant-Based” Rental Assistance and must be completed by the case manager and Landlord when providing rental assistance under both the homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing components of the ESG Program. When paying rental arrears only a Rental Assistance Agreement is required as arrears are considered rental assistance. The Rental Assistance Agreement does not take the place of the lease between the program participant and landlord.

VIII. Program Support Information

Occupancy Standards
The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS has developed occupancy standards that comply with HQS requirements and outline how the number of bedrooms required by the household will be determined. The following basic standards can be modified to take into consideration specific household composition and circumstances (i.e., pending child custody cases, chronic illnesses, family member who is absent most of the time).
- No more than two persons are required to occupy a bedroom.
- Persons of different generations (i.e., grandparents, parents, children), persons of the opposite sex (other than spouses/couples) and unrelated adults are not required to share a bedroom.
- Children of the same sex (regardless of age) and couples co-habiting (whether or not legally married) must share the same bedroom for purpose of assigning the number of bedrooms.
- A live-in care attendant who is not a member of the family is not required to share a bedroom with another household member.
- Individual medical problems (i.e., chronic illness) sometimes require either separate bedrooms for household members who would otherwise be required to share a bedroom or an extra bedroom to store medical equipment;
- In most instances, a bedroom is not provided for a family member who will be absent most of the time, such as a member who is away in the military.

Occupancy standards are used to provide consistent criteria for determining the unit size for which the household is eligible and thus, the amount of assistance to be provided. Fair housing rules permit a household to select smaller units that do not create seriously overcrowded conditions. A tenant may select a larger unit if it meets the FMR for the actual number of bedrooms for which they are eligible according to the eligibility guidelines. Tenants are not allowed to give the landlord additional funds for larger units.

- **Undersized Units:** If a family elects to occupy a unit with fewer bedrooms than specified in the Occupancy Guidelines, the FMR is based on the actual number of bedrooms;
- **Oversized Units:** If a family elects to occupy a unit with more bedrooms than specified in the Occupancy Guidelines, the FMR is based on the number of bedrooms specified in the Occupancy Guidelines.

If an additional bedroom is required for an individual who would normally be required to share a room, the reason must be documented in the file. For example: If an additional room is needed because of a medical condition, documentation may be a note from their doctor; otherwise, if the case manager determines an additional room is needed (medical condition, care-giver, medical equipment etc.) the case manager must document the reason in the case management notes.
In cases where college students and children staying only for weekends etc., the amount of time spent in the unit should be taken into consideration before assigning additional bedroom(s). ESG assistance is short-term and a smaller unit is acceptable if it does not create serious overcrowding; a living room can be counted as a sleeping room. If student/children will be in the unit the majority of the time and future rent will not be a burden, then an additional bedroom can be assigned.
A separate bedroom cannot be issued for an unborn child. Once the baby is born a second bedroom can be issued unless the baby has an older, same sex sibling who has already been issued a bedroom.

**Single Room Occupancy, Efficiency or Studio Units, Mobile Home or Trailers, Manufactured Housing**

**Single Room Occupancy**
Single room occupancy (SRO) unit provides living and sleeping space for the exclusive use of the occupant but requires the occupant to share sanitary and/or food preparation facilities with others. No more than one person may occupy an SRO unit.

- ESG assistance may be provided using SRO Fair Market Rent + utilities.
- When providing ESG assistance in an SRO unit, there *must* be a lease in place.
- Because *no children live in SRO housing*, the Housing Quality Standards applicable to lead based paint do not apply.

- **However, additional Habitability Standards do apply:**

  **Access:** Access doors to the SRO unit must have working locks for privacy. The occupant must be able to access the unit without going through any other unit. Each unit must have immediate access to two or more approved means of exit from the building, appropriately marked and leading to safe and open space at ground level. The SRO unit must also have other means of exit required by State or local law.

  **Fire Safety:** All SRO facilities must have a sprinkler system that protects major spaces. Major spaces are defined as hallways, common areas, and any other areas specified in local fire, building or safety codes. SROs must also have hard-wired smoke detectors, and any other fire and safety requirement required by state or local law. Sanitary facilities and space and security standards must meet local code requirements for SRO housing. In the absence of local code standards the requirements discussed below apply [24 CFR 982.605]:

  **Sanitary Facilities:** At least one flush toilet that can be used in privacy, a lavatory basin and a bathtub or shower in proper operating condition must be provided for each six persons (or fewer) residing in the SRO facility. If the SRO units are leased only to men, flush urinals may be substituted for up to one half of the required number of toilets. Sanitary facilities must be reasonably accessible from a common hall or passageway, and may not be located more than one floor above or below the SRO unit. They may not be located below grade unless the SRO units are located on that level.

  **Space and Security:** An SRO unit must contain at least 110 square feet of floor space, and at least four square feet of closet space with an unobstructed height of at least five feet for use by the occupant. If the closet space is less than four square feet, the habitable floor space in the SRO unit must be increased by the amount of the deficiency. Exterior doors and windows accessible from outside the SRO must be lockable.

- All other ESG eligibility requirements apply.

**Efficiency or Studio Units**
Definition: A small apartment unit which combines living room, bedroom, and kitchenette into a single room. Efficiency apartments are sometimes smaller than studio apartments.

- ESG assistance may be provided based on 0-bedroom size at Fair Market Rent + utilities.
- All other ESG eligibility requirements apply.
Mobile Home or Trailers: a structure that is transportable in one piece and can be moved from one place to another. The term ‘mobile home’ or ‘trailer’ is often used interchangeably.

ESG funds may assist with these recognized housing units as long as they are securely attached to a stationary pad, i.e. tied down. The pad may be either a poured basement, concrete slab on grade or, must be securely anchored to the site; the unit may or may not have a ‘tongue’ removed; the unit may or may not be ‘skirted’. Many of these conditions are dependent upon local code requirements.

- ESG will not pay for any unit that can be attached to a vehicle and readily moved from location-to-location.
- ESG will not pay for units that are intended for recreational purposes such as campers or tents.

Housing Resource Specialists/Case Managers shall use discretion when committing ESG funds for the use of these units and documentation must be in the file.

- In order to provide ESG assistance a lease must be in place.
- ESG assistance may be made for the unit size FMR amount and may include the lot rent if it is written in the lease as such.

**FMR amount + lot rent amount should NOT be added together to obtain FMR.** It is one or the other, not both. (Utilities would also need to be considered as part of the FMR.)

- Persons receiving ESG assistance may not pay the ‘difference’ in order to ‘qualify’ under FMR amounts.
- ESG may assist those who own units but cannot afford to pay lot rent.
- All other ESG eligibility requirements apply.
- Rent Reasonableness is based on comparable units taking into consideration location and size of unit.
- Units may be in a community setting or on private property.
- **Additional Habitability Standards do apply:**

**Security:** A mobile home or trailer must be placed on the site in a stable manner and must be free from hazards such as sliding or wind damage. The home must be securely anchored by a tie-down devise that distributes and transfers the loads imposed by the unit to appropriate ground anchors to resist overturning and sliding.

**Manufactured Housing** - A manufactured home is a manufactured structure transportable in one or more parts that is built on a permanent chassis and designed for use as a principal place of residence.

**Fair Market Rent and Rent Reasonableness**

To provide rental assistance with ESG funds, the rental rate plus utilities cannot exceed both HUD’s published FMR and/or the rent reasonableness standards, i.e. the three rent comparables. Otherwise stated, Contact Rent + Utilities = Gross Rent. The Gross Rent cannot exceed the FMR or the three (3) rent comparables provided in the file. Grantees must:

- Calculate the utility allowance for tenants paying their own rent using KCK Section 8 Utility Allowance Schedule. Add the rental rate and utilities together to determine the gross rent. The rent + utilities cannot exceed FMR. Again, contract rent + utilities = gross rent, which cannot exceed the FMR.
- Complete the revised Rent Reasonableness Checklist and Certification. The rents shown as comparable must be equal to or less than the gross rent of the proposed rental.

**Calculating Gross Rent**

- **If tenants are responsible for paying their own utilities, the monthly utility allowance must be added to the contract rent amount to calculate gross rent,** to determine whether the unit meets the FMR and rent reasonableness standards. Utility costs may include gas, electric, water, sewer, and trash. Telephone, cable or satellite television service and internet service are not included in FMRs and are not allowable costs under ESG. The Utility Allowance Schedule is posted on the KCK Housing Authority Section 8 Website at [KCK Section 8 Utility Allowance Schedule](#).
To determine whether rent is acceptable for ESG rental assistance, the *gross rent* (rent + utilities) for the current or new unit **must first be compared with FMR limits**. If the unit’s gross rent is at or below FMR limits, then the gross rent must be used to determine rent reasonableness.

- If the gross rent for the unit is below both the FMR and the rent reasonableness standard, then ESG funds may be used to pay rent for the unit.
- If the gross rent for the unit exceeds either FMR or rent reasonableness standard, ESG funds **cannot be used to pay any portion of the rent**.
- If the reasonable rent for a specific unit in a community is lower than the FMR, then the rent for the unit assisted with ESG funds must not exceed the **lesser** of the FMR or the rent reasonableness standard.
- If the gross rent for the unit exceeds either the rent reasonableness standard or FMR, ESG recipients are prohibited from using ESG funds for **any** portion of the rent, even if the household is willing and/or able to pay the difference.

**Deposits**

Security deposits. ESG funds may pay for a security deposit that is equal to no more than 2 months' rent; utility deposits are an eligible activity if needed. Deposits will remain with the household.

**Participation in Support Services**

Support services cannot be mandated for individual(s) receiving ESG assistance. Households who are income eligible but fail to make an effort to find employment, secure income, apply for other rental assistance programs etc. although they demonstrated the ability to sustain housing at the time of entry cannot have their assistance terminated based on this criterion. Participants enter as eligible for three (3) months; they cannot be promised any certain length of assistance (i.e., assistance will be offered/paid month-by-month within the qualifying limits).

**CFDA Number**

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for ESG is 14.231.

**Insurance Coverage**

All recipients of ESG funds must carry General Liability Insurance. The Grantee must maintain documentation of insurance coverage from sub-grantees.

**Grant Management**

**Eligible expenses incurred prior to October 1st will not be paid.** The billing start date must not be prior to HUD’s fiscal start date.

**Grant Amendments:** Changes to the budget must be submitted by August 31<sup>st</sup> for Grants ending September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Recaptured funds:** If funds are recaptured, next year’s Grant will be reduced by 50% of the recaptured amount (if $10,000 is recaptured, next year’s Grant will be reduced by $5,000).

**Budget Deviations:**

- For changes within a budget component (ex: Re-housing Financial Assistance – moving funds from leasing assistance to security deposit) and changes between budget components (ex: moving funds from Prevention Financial Assistance to Re-housing Financial Assistance)- a letter of request must be submitted to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS ESG Program Coordinator; a review of the request will be approved by the Director of Community Development.

*Note: Review ESG Recapture and Reallocation Policy can be found at [http://www.wycokck.org/CommDev/Programs.aspx](http://www.wycokck.org/CommDev/Programs.aspx)*
Records Management

- **File Retention**: ESG client files, financial records to support billings, and homeless preference documentation must be retained for six (6) years after the grant has been closed.

**Monitoring Protocol**
Unified Government sub-recipient monitoring guide can be requested.

**Program Participant Termination – Formal Due Process**
Sub-grantees terminating a program participants’ ESG assistance for violating program requirements must provide a formal termination process that recognizes the rights of individual(s) to due process of law. **The formal process is only required after a participant has received assistance and is then terminated from receiving continued assistance.** This process, at a minimum, must consist of the following:

- Written notice to the program participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination;
- A review of the decision, in which the program participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the termination; and,
- Prompt written notice of the final decision to the program participant.

If a participant is deemed ineligible to receive ESG assistance, Sub-grantees must document the reasons for denial and inform the applicant(s) in writing of the denial. Assistance to a program participant who has been terminated from the program may resume at a later date. ESG assistance will be determined on a case-by-case basis for individual(s) who have lost their Section 8, TBRA, or Shelter Plus Care vouchers due to program violations, eviction, or misconduct eligibility. Housing resource specialists/case managers may contact their Homeless Assistance Specialist, CoC or ESG Program Coordinator for guidance.

**Fraud Procedures**
When an agency finds or hears of fraudulent use of ESG funds, they are required to report the situation via e-mail or letter form to the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS ESG Program Coordinator.

**Annual Performance Reports**

- **The Project Annual Performance Matrix Report is due annually.**

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The Grantee must also submit a final Cumulative Report covering period October 1\(^{st}\) – September 30\(^{th}\). This report is due by October 31\(^{st}\) via IDIS.

**IX. Other Federal Requirements**
Recipients must comply with the following other federal requirements: Fair Housing Act; Uniform Administrative Requirements; Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs; Age Discrimination Act; American’s with Disabilities Act; Equal Employment Opportunity Programs; Monthly Business Enterprises; Women’s Business Enterprise; Drug Free Workplace; Debarred, Suspended, Ineligible Contractors; Affirmative Outreach; Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.
X. Definitions

**Area Median Income**: The area median divides the household income distribution into two equal parts: one-half of the cases falling below the median household income and one-half above the median.

**By-Name List (BNL)** – The BNL is a list of households experiencing homelessness, who have been prioritized based on assessed need. The BNL comprises the entire geography of the CoC, and serves as the primary referral and placement source for CoC and ESG funded PH programs.

**Case Management** - Case management refers to a collaborative and planned approach to ensuring that a person who experiences homelessness gets the services and support that they need to maintain a better quality of life. Case management is strengths based & trauma informed. A client-centered case management approach ensures that the person who has experienced homelessness has significant input in identifying goals and service needs, and that there is shared accountability. The goal of case management is to empower people, draw on their own strengths and capabilities, and promote an improved quality of life by facilitating timely access to the necessary supports and thus reduce the risk of homelessness and/or help them achieve housing stability.

**Chronic Homelessness** – An individual orfamily is defined as chronically homeless when the following conditions have been met: 1) Head of household or minor head of household has a documented disabling condition, AND 2) The household has either been continuously homeless for a period of 12 or more months (1 year or more) OR has had at least four distinct & documented episodes of homelessness (each 30 days or longer) in the previous 3 year period and where each break is 7 days or longer, which cumulatively equal 365 days or more.

**Client Choice** – Client choice means clients are actively making their own decisions in regard to receipt of services, treatment options, types of programs to participate in, and where they choose to live.

**Continuum of Care (CoC)** – A CoC is a regional or local planning body comprised of agencies, organizations & individuals who have an interest in ending & reducing homelessness, that coordinates policies, strategies, targeted funding processes, and activities toward ending homelessness for a defined geographic area set by the department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Its work includes gathering and analyzing information in order to determine the local needs of people experiencing homelessness, implementing strategic responses, educating the community on homeless issues, providing advice and input on the operations of homeless services, and measuring project and system level CoC performance.

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency** – The Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead is the agency that is designated to carry out the activities of the CoC or CoC planning grant including fiscal and compliance activities. Regular administrative tasks include, but are not limited to: management of the annual HUD application process, coordination of other funding opportunities, project and system monitoring, meeting management, etc.

**Coordinated Entry (CE)** – Mandated by the 2009 HEARTH Act, Coordinated Entry is a centralized process through which people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness can access the crisis response system in a streamlined way. Once entered into the C.E. system, clients will have their strengths and needs quickly assessed, so they may be more efficiently and effectively connected to appropriate housing and supportive services within the community. Centralization of this process enables households to more readily access the best options to address their needs, and emphasizes participants’ choice over evaluation for a single program within a complex matrix of systems. Through the Coordinated Entry process, the most intensive and readily accessible interventions are prioritized for those with the highest vulnerability and severity of need.

**Coordinated Entry processes help:**

- communities prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs
• provide information about service needs and gaps to help communities plan strategies that more effectively target the distinct needs of their population

Individuals in the CoC’s geographic area can expect fair and equal access to the Coordinated Entry process, regardless of where or how they present for services. The commitment to fair and equal access means the process for accessing help is well-known and understood to both homeless service providers and those experiencing homelessness. Individuals may obtain access to the Coordinated Entry system in person, by phone, or through identifying themselves as homeless when speaking with a homeless service provider.

CoCs may have different processes for assessing clients for Coordinated Entry, including different access points and assessment tools for the following populations: (1) adults without children, (2) adults accompanied by children, (3) unaccompanied youth, or (4) households fleeing domestic violence. CE assessment tools should be brief and require a short amount of time to utilize. Tools should also be easily-administered by non-clinical staff including outreach workers, and easy for those being assessed to understand.

Emergency Shelter (ES) - Any facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a local information technology system. This system is used to collect and aggregate client-level data regarding the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families, as well as to persons at risk of homelessness. Each Continuum of Care is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD’s data collection, management, and reporting standards. Agencies receiving HUD and/or HHS funds through CoC, ESG, RHY, PATH, SSVF, etc. are required to participate in HMIS. GKCCEH encourages the use of HMIS by all members and service providers within the CoC, regardless of funding sources.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency – The HMIS Lead Agency is the entity, organization or government department designated by the CoC to administer and manage the HMIS. The HMIS Lead Agency is evaluated by the CoC on an annual basis.

Housing First (HF) - Housing First is a low-barrier homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing people experiencing homelessness with permanent housing as quickly as possible. The Housing First model is grounded in the belief that people need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to activities such as finding employment, addressing substance use issues, or participating in counseling or life skills classes. Housing First is a strengths-based approach to improving the quality of life of individuals experiencing homelessness, which places a strong emphasis on valuing client choice— in housing preference, defining goals and associated tasks, and participation in supportive services. What is most critical to the Housing First approach is that it does not mandate participation in services before obtaining housing or as a condition of program participation.

Housing First is mandated for CoC/ESG-funded Permanent Housing programs, and strongly encouraged for Transitional Housing and Emergency Shelter programs.

Levels of Housing First Intervention:

All programs should offer voluntary, but engaged services, meaning supportive services are proactively offered to help clients achieve and maintain permanent housing, but do not require clients to participate in services as a prerequisite or condition of housing.

• No-barrier admission policy - Programs that provide individuals with private or semi-private accommodations for an unspecified duration with no treatment demands or requirements. Such programs provide a housing environment that is safe, stable, and flexible, and offer (not require) services non-intrusively and as the resident is ready.
- **Low-barrier admission policy** – Homeless programs having low-barrier admission policies are those who place the fewest possible expectations on participants upon entry. Policies should be designed to “screen-in” rather than “screen-out” applicants with the greatest barriers to housing, such as having no or very low income, poor rental history, past evictions, severe and persistent mental illness, disability, and/or criminal records.

- **Few to no programmatic prerequisites to housing** – Clients are offered permanent housing with no programmatic preconditions such as demonstration of sobriety, completion of drug, alcohol or mental health treatment, or agreeing to comply with a treatment regimen upon program entry.

**Housing Locator:** The Kansas Housing Locator identifies affordable housing and can be found at www.KSHousingSearch.org or KCMetroHousing.org. The Housing Locator may be helpful in rapidly re-housing people.

**Housing Plan:** A Housing Plan must be completed for all individuals accepted into the ESG program. The Housing Plan is intended to be a guide for both the household and the service agencies.

**Housing Resource Specialist:** Recognized worker steeped in housing with a basic understanding of rental assistance programs such as TBRA and Shelter Plus Care. This worker knows the local rental housing stock and its turnover rate, area landlords, and the condition of their property.

Housing Resource Specialists must receive training to make the centralized intake and housing assessment process effective. Activities performed by a Housing Specialist include: intake; assessment; creation of a Housing Plan that includes a path to permanent housing stability subsequent to these funds; arrangement, coordination, monitoring, and delivery of services to assist participants to obtain housing stability. Component activities may include: housing counseling, developing, securing, and coordinating services, monitoring and evaluation of program participant progress, and assuring that the program participants’ rights are protected.

**Key Partners include:** CoC Body, Greater Kansas City Coalition on Ending Homelessness (GKCCEH).

**Leasing Assistance:** Units cannot exceed the FMR standards. Leasing payments must be made directly to the Landlord.

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** A document to define the roles between all parties. Sharing of information is required. (See Participant Releases definition above.)

**Participant Releases:** Releases that reflect the MOU’s to assure all parties charged with caring for participants may share information. A single “Community Release” may be appropriate. This agreement/MOU defines the local sharing practice and is required to allow interagency sharing through HMIS (Domestic Violence Agencies use alternative system). Signatories on the agreement include those agencies who are working collaboratively with the person(s) receiving assistance.

**Partners:** organizations, agencies and members of the public who fund programs or interact regularly with people in crisis, poverty, or at risk of homelessness. These may include the following:

- Head Start and Early Head Start Agencies;
- Department of Human Services; Child Welfare Agencies; Unemployment Offices;
- WIC Agencies; Hospitals and Health Clinics; Mental Health Agencies;
- Public Housing Agencies; Public Housing Tenant Associations; Property Managers/Landlords;
- Utility Companies;
- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs; Domestic Violence Programs;
- Food Banks; Community Action Agencies; Help Lines (and 211 lines);
- Police; Jails; Prisons; and Probation Offices; Courts;
- Culturally Specific Organizations; Shelters and Homeless Assistance Providers; Veterans Services Organizations; Legal Aid Agencies; School Homeless Liaisons; Community Resource Centers;
- Family Support Centers; Businesses; Workforce Centers;
- Churches and other Faith-Based Organizations

**Prevention Assistance** - Prevention Assistance is the practice of providing short to medium-term supportive services and financial assistance to households at-risk or at imminent risk of homelessness. Prevention connects people with the care and support needed to maintain their housing.

**Progress Engagement** - Providing just enough assistance to help a household get by each month while providing case management that leads to self-sufficiency.

**Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)** - RRH Programs provide temporary, time limited financial assistance, including rental and utility subsidies, offering supportive services to help those who are experiencing literal homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized in permanent rental housing of their choosing. Consumers must meet criteria for Category 1, 3 or 4 of the HUD Definition for Homelessness.

**Residency** - ESG assistance must be based upon an individual(s) county of residence; individual(s) cannot receive assistance based on their county of employment. There is no minimal time limit for residency in order to be considered for ESG assistance.

**Strengths Based Approach** - A theory utilized in social work practice that emphasizes people’s self-determination and strengths to deploy empowerment. It is a philosophy and a way of viewing clients as resourceful and resilient in the face of adversity. The goal is to work with people with a focus on their natural abilities and capabilities with the assumption that people already have various competencies and resources that may be used to improve their situation.

**Subsidized Housing** - Subsidized housing is a private or government sponsored economic assistance program aimed towards alleviating housing costs and expenses for people with low to moderate incomes; all or part of client rents are paid by for by the assistance program.

**Subsidy** - A subsidy is a payment made on behalf of a client related to housing needs such as rent, utilities, or arrears. Subsidy payments may be part or all of an amount owed by the client, determined by the providing agency, typically based on client need. Subsidies are typically provided either on a one-time or pre-determined ongoing basis.

**Uniform Administrative Requirements (UAR):** Local governments: see OMB Circular A-87; and non-profits: see OMB Circular A-122. These circulars establish principles and standards to provide a uniform approach for determining allowable costs when working with federal grants. Go to [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

**VAT – Vulnerability Assessment Tool** The VAT provides a structured way of measuring an individual's vulnerability to continued instability. By rating an individual's level of functioning or severity of condition across 10 domains, a comprehensive assessment of vulnerability can be reached and then compared with vulnerability assessments of other people experiencing homelessness. The assessment process entails a structured interview followed by completion of the rating scales. The tool is designed for use by service workers accustomed to interacting directly with individuals experiencing homelessness, and training is required to ensure reliable application of the tool. VAT allows providers to do two things: 1) to develop an objective sense of an individual's vulnerability to continued instability; 2) to distinguish among the many adults experiencing homelessness in the community who have also had a vulnerability assessment.