

# 2020 Community Services Block Grant Application

*Housing & Community Service Department*



*February 11, 2020*



# Background

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding is designed to lessen poverty in communities.
- Funds are provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services to the State of Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC).
- KHRC allocates funds to eight Community Action Programs in Kansas.

# Timeline

- December 2019 - Preliminary guidance on funding amounts received from KHRC
- January 9, 2020 - CSBG Review Committee completed funding recommendations
- February 11, 2020 - City Council reviews grant application
- February 28, 2020 - Grant application due to KHRC
- April 1, 2020 - CSBG grant year begins

# Review Committee

- CSBG Review Committee includes 12 representatives: 8 appointed by Council; 4 elected via Neighborhood Resource Centers.
- The committee met on January 9, 2020 to review CSBG program outcomes and expenditures.
- 2020 program funding is based on the committee's recommendation.

# 2019 Program Year Accomplishments

- WSCCAP – The Individual and Family Development (IFD) Program: 390 individuals were assisted and 97 received supportive services.
- Project Access – 573 uninsured eligible individuals were provided access to prescriptions and medical supplies.
- Employment and Training – 106 IFD clients became employed.
- Summer Activity Camps – 152 eligible youth attended one of three summer activity camps for eight weeks.

# Recommended Funding

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- WSCCAP Staff – The CSBG Review Committee recommends \$544,994 to fund six City staff and operating expenditures. Staff administers CSBG grant funds and will assist 275 eligible individuals.
- Health Care – The CSBG Review Committee recommends \$200,000 for prescription assistance and durable medical equipment to assist 700 uninsured citizens.

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- Employment and Training – The CSBG Review Committee recommends \$150,000 to support employment and training activities for approximately 60 participants.
- Summer Activity Camps – The CSBG Review Committee recommends \$55,000 to fund three summer activity camps for 175 eligible youth, ages 6-13, operated by the Park and Recreation Department.

# Other Considerations

- Youth Employment (The Way to Work) – The CSBG Review Committee recommends \$40,000 for summer youth employment for the summer of 2020; \$200,000 in CDBG funding has been approved for youth employment.

# Funding Breakdown



# Recommended Action

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- The CSBG Review Committee recommends City Council approve the 2020 CSBG grant year application in the amount of \$992,376 and authorize the necessary signatures.

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