

# 2020 Community Service Block Grant Discretionary Application

*Housing & Community Service  
Department*



*April 14, 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.

# Background

- The discretionary funds are allocated through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
- The Wichita Sedgwick County Community Action Partnership, a division of the Housing and Community Services Department, prepares the City's application for CSBG discretionary funds.
- In 2018, the City received an additional \$40,000 under this process.

# Discretionary Project Proposal

- KHRC invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for Innovative Projects by April 15, 2020.
- KHRC has earmarked up to \$14,787 to support innovative community and neighborhood-based initiatives related to the purposes of the CSBG Act.
- The period availability for FFY 2020 remainder/discretionary funds extends through September 30, 2021.

# Timeline

- March 2020 - Preliminary guidance on funding amounts received from KHRC
- April 14, 2020 - City Council reviews discretionary funds application
- April 15, 2020 - Application due to KHRC

# Recommended Action

- The Wichita Sedgwick County Community Action Partnership (WSCCAP), will implement an initiative to provide emergency housing relief assistance for Sedgwick County citizens that have experienced hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The program will carry out the intended use of CSBG funds by using a community-based approach to address the effects of homelessness.

# Recommended Action

- Through the provision of one-time financial assistance, WSCCAP immediately prevents households from entering into homeless situations, and through case management, ensures that they will remain in stable, long-term housing. Individuals receiving assistance through our Emergency Services program work with a member of our team on increasing housing stability through the support of case management.

# Recommended Action

- It is recommended that the City Council approve the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 CSBG remainder/discretionary funding application in the amount of \$14,787 and authorize the necessary signatures.

# 2020 Community Service Block Grant Discretionary Application

*Housing & Community Service  
Department*

