

Administrative Policy No. 117, Sidewalk Hazard Repair Program includes two forms of financial assistance for residential owner-occupied properties. Under the first, the City will share 50% of the cost for sidewalk repairs where sidewalk abuts two or more sides of the property. Under the second, the City will fund 100% of the cost of sidewalk repair when the property owner's income qualifies as low-income consistent with the City's federally funded homeowner assistance programs (e.g. emergency and furnace loans). Appropriations for sidewalk repair assistance will be made during the City's annual budget process.

The income qualification guidelines are explained below. For purposes of the sidewalk repair program, the low-income threshold equals 80% of adjusted HOME income limits (highlighted in the table below). These limits are recalculated by Housing and Urban Development annually.

**Area Median Family Income (AMFI) (or HUD Area Median Family Income [HAMFI]):** Median Family Income (MFI) is an annual income figure. Unlike per capita income, which is an average, the median divides the distribution of the incomes of all families into two equal parts: one-half below the median income and one-half above. MFI is based on the distribution of the total number of families, including those with no income. HAMFI is a statistic calculated by HUD for each jurisdiction and is not necessarily the same as other calculations of median incomes (such as a simple Census number), due to a number of adjustments. This statistic is used to calculate Fair Market Rents (FMRs) and income limits that determine eligibility for HUD assisted housing and community development programs. Specifically, for each metropolitan area, subarea of a metropolitan and non-metropolitan county, 5-year ACS data is used as the basis for calculating MFI estimates.

The 2017 AMFI for a 4 person family for the Lawrence, KS MSA is: \$68,500

The 2017 Adjusted HOME income limits effective 6/15/17:

Lawrence, KS MSA	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
<b>30% Limits</b>	\$14,950.00	\$17,050.00	\$19,200.00	\$21,300.00	\$23,050.00	\$24,750.00	\$26,450.00	\$28,150.00
<b>Very Low Income (50%)</b>	\$24,850.00	\$28,400.00	\$31,950.00	\$35,500.00	\$38,350.00	\$41,200.00	\$44,050.00	\$46,900.00
<b>60% Limits</b>	\$29,820.00	\$34,080.00	\$38,340.00	\$42,600.00	\$46,020.00	\$49,440.00	\$52,860.00	\$56,280.00
<b>Low Income (80%)</b>	\$39,800.00	\$45,450.00	\$51,150.00	\$56,800.00	\$61,350.00	\$65,900.00	\$70,450.00	\$75,000.00

Family sizes in excess of 8 persons are calculated by adding 8% of the four-person income limit for each additional family member. That is, a 9-person limit should be 140% of the 4-person limit, the 10-person limit should be 148%.

The HOME income limit values for large households (9-12 persons) must be rounded to the nearest \$50. Therefore, all values from 1 to 24 are rounded down to 0, and all values from 25 to 49 are rounded up to 50.