



## ***Neighborhood Update for LAN*** ***September 2009***

### **Item #1: CDBG/HOME News**

The Community Development Advisory Committee will be holding a public hearing on September 24 for review of the 2008 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The draft copy of the document will be available within the next few weeks online at [www.lawrence.ks.org/pds](http://www.lawrence.ks.org/pds) as well as in person at the Development Services offices at 1 Riverfront Plaza, Suite 110.

The CDBG/HOME 2008 program year ended on July 31, and the 2009 program year began August 1. The City is also moving forward with the CDBG-R program as well as the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

### **Item #2: 2009 HPRP Funding**

The City of Lawrence submitted an application for funding under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) on August 17th. This is a competitive grant where the City partnered with the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority to apply to the State of Kansas for a share of the \$8,360,295 that the State of Kansas was allocated by HUD. The award announcements should be made prior to the end of September.

### **Item #3: Landlord Summit**

The City of Lawrence partnered with the Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority to present a Landlord Summit on Affordable Housing Issues in the Lawrence Community on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Maceli's. The summit focused on emergency temporary housing, LDCHA programs and mission, Section 8 housing and information regarding upcoming stimulus funding. The event was well attended, and some effective discussion took place during the summit. There was a panel discussion that included Margene Swarts, Assistant Director of Development Services for the City of Lawrence, Barbara Huppee, Executive Director of the LDCHA, Heathy Hoy, E-Housing Connector program administrator for LDCHA, Shannon Oury, attorney with Stevens and Brand, and Hayley Travis of Tenants to Homeowners. The LDCHA is looking at opportunities to continue the summits to the public on an ongoing basis.

### **Item #4: City and Partners Honored For Collaboration in Housing**

The City, in partnership with Tenants to Homeowners, Inc., the City's certified Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), Capitol Federal Savings, and the KU Credit Union was awarded the "Excellence in Partnership Award" at the Kansas Housing Conference, held in Overland Park, August 19-21. The award honors the achievement of multiple organizations partnering together to develop programs or services that promote or expand access to affordable housing. TTH receives CDBG and HOME funds from the City to further the Lawrence Community Housing Trust Program (LCHT) which is the first time homebuyer program and provides permanently affordable housing in the community.

Interested citizens can sign up to receive notification updates for various City services, events, and information, including advisory board information for Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) and Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) notifications, at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions>.

***All information listed can be found at the City of Lawrence website:***

**[www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org)**

*The Neighborhood Update is produced for LAN during the first week of every month to keep members updated on neighborhood oriented issues via communication directly from the City of Lawrence. For any additional information please contact Danelle Dresslar by phone at 785-832-3108, email [ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us), or at Planning and Development Services Community Development Division; 1 Riverfront Plaza; Level 1, Suite 110; PO Box 708; Lawrence, KS 66044. Comments are always welcome.*