



Lawrence

KANSAS

2026 Annual Action Plan



Consolidated Plan 2023-2027

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Annual Action Plan provides a basis and strategy for the use of federal funds granted to the City of Lawrence by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. This Annual Action Plan is part of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, and covers the period beginning August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027. Programs and activities described in this plan are intended to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Lawrence, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents, and the City as a whole. This plan is the product of public outreach, public hearings, and consultation with many various agencies, groups, and organizations involved in the development of affordable housing, creation of job opportunities for low- and moderate-income residents, and/or provision of services to children, elderly persons, and homeless persons. A complete draft of this plan has been made available for public review on April 16, 2026, and for a 30-day comment period beginning April 21, 2026, until May 21, 2026. The availability of both the draft plan and the final plan is advertised in the Lawrence Journal-World newspaper, and the complete documents are available for review at the City's website at https://lawrenceks.gov/pds/reports_plans/ and in print form in the office of Planning & Development Services.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Several areas were identified as priorities for the City of Lawrence in the 2026 program year which will feed into the objectives and the outcomes of the plan moving forward. These areas include:

- **Affordable Housing:** Affordable housing access is the solution to homelessness and is the end goal for the City. The work of the Housing and Homelessness stakeholders' group has brought together strategies to bring our community where it needs to be and paints a clear picture of the need and the steps to get there.
- **Supportive Housing:** While this work has typically been within Douglas County's "lane", the City is committed to helping to secure grant funding and resources for the construction of and the operations for supportive housing. This will not be a high level of focus in this action plan for the City, but overall, the City and the County will work in collaboration to bring these units online and help the continuum of housing to keep moving forward. These supportive housing units and services will be trauma informed and best practice case management based. The City will support the County's efforts in this area.

- **Systems:** The City is committed to the collaborative work of a community dashboard that provides real-time homelessness and housing services data. This is also an area where the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is prioritized, and this includes access to HMIS for all community service providers. Quality data is the cornerstone of effective programs and understanding the needs of the community. Strong systems are needed for continued and increased collaboration across the service provider network locally. This priority includes the work of coordinated entry and the by-name list. A complete picture is needed of the population experiencing homelessness and a robust, effective system is what is needed to get that picture and ensure it is accurate.
- **Emergency Shelter and Homeless Services:** The City is committed to high levels of collaboration in the emergency shelter space. The City Commission has allocated City Special Alcohol Fund dollars as well as General Fund dollars to housing and homelessness, and a large part of that is for emergency sheltering and homeless services. The City and the County have a joint resolution that speaks to the collaborative work that both agencies are undertaking. There is an understanding that congregate sheltering is not a best practice, but the reality is that it is a needed piece of the continuum and will continue to serve an important purpose in the system. Other projects include a modular cabin sheltering program, as well as working toward sheltering options for specific populations. Homeless services include street outreach efforts, supportive services, and navigation services. Homelessness is a critical area for the City, and the provision of services and sheltering is extremely important. Working with those in sheltered and unsheltered situations is the first step toward moving through the continuum to housing options.
- **Public Infrastructure:** Housing and homelessness programs and projects rely on safe access and efficiency of public infrastructure and facilities. Public facilities and public infrastructure are critical components of tying the work of the Consolidated Plan together.

Goals and outcomes for 2026 include increasing affordable housing stock (homeowner housing added), maintaining current affordable housing stock (homeowner housing rehabilitation), homebuyer assistance (direct financial assistance to homebuyers), public facility improvements, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, delivery of public services (emergency shelter and homeless services), and administration of the grants.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

For the last few program years, the City has taken the Lawrence City Commission Strategic Plan and the community plan to end homelessness, A Place for Everyone, into account when recommending funding. These strategies and public input continued to provide a significant benefit to looking at projects that sustain services in the community that serve low- and moderate-income individuals and families, as well

as to effectively meet the three objectives of providing decent, affordable housing, suitable living environments, or economic opportunities. In 2025 the City of Lawrence Housing Initiatives Division introduced updates to the homeowner housing rehabilitation programs and has been effective at providing homeowner improvement programs such as comprehensive housing rehabilitation, and emergency and furnace loans. Public service agencies provide reporting on performance measures, and other capital improvement projects such as sidewalk gap construction and updates to group homes in the community have provided immediate community benefits. The partnership between the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority and the City has produced a highly successful Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, and the City's partnerships with the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Tenants to Homeowners, and Lawrence Habitat for Humanity have proven very effective in providing affordable options to homebuyers. This strategy has been ongoing in previous Consolidated Plan years including 2024 and 2025 and will continue into the 2026 program year.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City provides for and encourages all citizens to participate in the development of all the plans covered by the Citizen Participation Plan. The City further encourages participation by low- and moderate-income persons, and by residents of predominantly low- and moderate-income census tracts and block groups, as defined by HUD. A further summary of the citizen participation process can be found in the AP-12 Participation section of this plan in narrative question 1 and Table 4.

The City encourages the participation of local and regional institutions, Continuums of Care, and other organizations (including businesses, developers, nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, and community-based and faith-based organizations) in the process of developing and implementing the plans. The City encourages the participation of public and private organizations, including broadband internet service providers, organizations engaged in narrowing the digital divide, agencies whose primary responsibilities include the management of flood prone areas, public land or water resources, and emergency management agencies in the process of developing the plans.

The City encourages, in conjunction with consultation with public housing agencies (PHA), the participation of residents of public and assisted housing developments (including any resident advisory boards, resident councils, and resident management corporations) in the process of developing and implementing the plans, along with other low-income residents of targeted revitalization areas in which the developments are located. The City will make an effort to provide information to the PHA about consolidated plan activities related to its developments and surrounding communities so that the PHA can make this information available at the annual public hearing(s) required for the PHA plan.

The City will explore alternative public involvement techniques and quantitative ways to measure efforts that encourage citizen participation in a shared vision for change in communities and neighborhoods, and the review of program performance, e.g., use of focus groups, social media, and the internet.

The City will provide all citizens with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the plans and on substantial amendments to the plans and will make the Citizen Participation Plan public.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The public hearing for this Annual Action Plan will be held on April 21, 2026, and a 30-day public comment period will begin on April 21, 2026, until May 21, 2026. The City encourages written comments on this document. Comments may be mailed to City of Lawrence Housing Initiatives Division, P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044, or emailed to housinginitiatives@lawrenceks.gov. The agenda containing the link to any public comments received at the public hearing and the minutes of the meeting will be attached to the final plan submitted to HUD. If any written comments are received, they will be included with this plan submittal to HUD.

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

If any comments or views are not accepted, they will be listed here in the final plan submittal to HUD, along with the reasons for not accepting them.

7. Summary

Several strategies and plans go into the creation of this Annual Action Plan, and the program and activities that are selected for the 2026 program year. These include the Lawrence City Commission Strategic Plan, the A Place for Everyone community plan to end homelessness, and the Priority Needs identified in the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan.

The Outcome Areas as identified by the Lawrence City Commission Strategic Plan include Unmistakable Identity, Strong Welcoming Neighborhoods, Safe and Secure, Prosperity and Economic Security, and Connected City.

The work areas to be addressed in the A Place for Everyone plan include Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, Systems, and Emergency Shelter and Services.

Consolidated Plan Priority Needs for 2023-2027 include Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, Systems, Emergency Shelter and Homeless Services, and Public Infrastructure.

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	LAWRENCE	Planning & Development Services
HOME Administrator	LAWRENCE	Planning & Development Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Applications for funding were released on December 31, 2025, requesting interest in the 2026 CDBG and HOME programs. Applications were due back to staff by February 2, 2026. The Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) recommended allocations for HOME funding at their March 12, 2026 meeting. City staff from the Housing Initiatives Division, Finance Department, and the Strong, Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategic Plan team recommended allocations for CDBG funding. The City Commission is the ultimate deciding body for final funding allocations that are submitted to HUD with this plan.

The Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB) Purpose:

Established by Ordinance No. 9984, passed on May 21, 2024, the purpose of the Affordable Housing Board is to:

- Advise the Governing on all matters relating to the City’s implementation and use of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;
- Make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the expenditure of money from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to fund projects, as reviewed and approved by the AHAB, that are consistent with the purpose of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;
- Make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the cultivation and maintenance of steady and various streams of income to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. However, the AHAB shall not apply for any grant without prior approval of the Governing Body; nor shall it accept any gift or donation without prior approval of the Governing Body;
- Make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the expenditure of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds; and
- Advise the Governing Body regarding issues affecting affordable housing and supportive services in the community.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The following information is comprised of the agencies that have served on committees, provided direct input or input via other means, CDBG, HOME, Lawrence Housing Trust Fund, and CoC-funded sub-recipients, and delivered the CDBG and HOME services directly. The Consolidated Plan and Action Plan process is a year-round accumulation of reports, discussions, analysis, and observations. All the agencies/groups listed below have had a part in the final product as well as decisions and discussions that happen year-round.

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(I))

Lawrence has always had a very strong sense of agency collaboration, and this was only enhanced in the wake of the pandemic. The Unified Command structure to disaster response allowed for stakeholders to have conversations and planning efforts that brought a new configuration to working as one. This structure brought together the City, the County, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, LMH Health, the Chamber of Commerce, the University of Kansas, and Lawrence Public Schools. Determining needs and responses to the pandemic led to strong collaborations between agencies on projects both in the present and for future needs.

The previous influx of Emergency Solutions Grant CARES funding continued to bring strong coordination in the form of the Coordinated Entry process. Douglas County created a position for the Coordinated Entry Administrator, so focus on the regional Coordinated Entry process is a full-time role. This role has continued on post-pandemic and is currently housed at the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition. The City joined the Statewide Homeless Coalition, the Lawrence-Douglas County Continuum of Care regional team, service providers, housing providers, and community housing navigators in twice-monthly meetings that worked toward housing the community’s most vulnerable population.

The City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund projects continued to be part of a larger coordinated effort to bring affordable housing and supportive services to the City. In November of 2025 the following 2026 projects were funded in coordination with housing developers, public housing providers, and local service agencies: Douglas County (\$150,000) for the Housing Stabilization Collaborative; Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (\$180,000) for Tiny Home Rental Housing Development and (\$75,000) for New Horizons Voucher Program; Lawrence Habitat for Humanity (\$100,000) for the Critical Home Repair Home Rehabilitation project; Flint Hills Holdings (\$20,000) for Poehler Lofts repairs; Floret Hill, LP (\$500,000) for Floret Hill Permanently Affordable Multi-Family Rental Project; Independence, Inc. (\$75,000) for the Accessible Housing Program; Senior Resource Center for Douglas County (\$25,000) for

the Accessible Safe Housing for Seniors; and to Lawrence Tenants for An Educator for Everyone Community Engagement Program (\$70,000).

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.

Lawrence and Douglas County are a part of the Kansas Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC). The BoS CoC consists of eight regions containing 101 counties. Lawrence/Douglas County is its own region within the CoC. Previously Danelle Walters, Assistant Director of Housing Initiatives in the Planning and Development Services Department, served for three years as the Chair of the BoS CoC Committee as well as the regional coordinator for the Lawrence/Douglas County region. The CoC membership committee meets monthly and there are reports heard from each region including Lawrence/Douglas County. In addition, Lawrence/Douglas County is active in the Coordinated Entry process.

Douglas County created a position in 2021 for the Coordinated Entry Administrator. In 2023 this position transitioned to the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition so there is now a full-time point of contact for the region with the coordinated entry process. In January of 2024 the City created a division that strictly works with homelessness in the community. This division works directly under the City Manager’s office and is titled the “Homeless Solutions Division”. The members of that staff work closely with the Continuum of Care and partner agencies to identify service gaps and work with program creation for addressing those experiencing homelessness. Additionally, they work with homeless outreach and emergency sheltering activities.

Community service providers and partners meet on a year-round basis regarding Point-In-Time (PIT) homeless count efforts. The PIT numbers are used throughout the community in varying capacities, and because of the efforts of the City and the service providers, the importance and impact of the count are appreciated, and every effort is made to perform an effective and efficient count. In addition, the City of Lawrence is an Emergency Solutions Grant recipient through the State of Kansas and coordination between the City and the CoC is reached in that way as well. Within the community, the numbers received as part of the PIT efforts are implemented into the Community Housing Vision, and gaps are identified from what housing services are available, and what the actual need is. The BoS has not reported any unaccompanied youth under the age of 18 in recent years, and the community has placed a special emphasis on homeless families with children. Agencies have examined their programs and resources to serve this particular population. Referral sources are utilized when a particular sector of homeless are unable to obtain resources in Lawrence or Douglas County. The final report is attached to this document.

On January 22, 2025, the PIT results reported 290 people in Douglas County that were experiencing homelessness. Of this number:

- 238 were in Emergency Shelters
- 52 were Unsheltered
- 32 were homeless for 0-6 months
- 22 were homeless for 7-12 months
- 235 were homeless for longer than 12 months
- 17 were age 24 and under
- 257 were age 25-64
- 17 were age 65 and older

At the time of the preparation of this document, the 2026 PIT numbers have not been released.

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 City participates in the annual competitive ESG process through the State of Kansas. The City looked at the Coordinated Entry system and the Continuum of Care and identified participating agencies that meet the eligibility of the ESG programming. This included looking at those providing emergency shelter, street outreach, homeless prevention services, and rapid re-housing. After those were identified and agencies submitted application proposals, City staff met with the interested agencies to discuss the collaborative efforts and how each application served a unique piece along the sheltering and housing continuums. The agencies were required to describe the services that they provide and how their service was meeting a specific need/gap in the process, and ultimately how the services provided work together in a collaborative environment. The HMIS system is administered through the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition.

2. 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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lawrence
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Grantee Department Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Lead Agency. Delivers homeowner improvement programs. Lead-based paint strategy, market analysis, program monitoring and administration. Floodplain management. Consultation with broadband providers.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Lawrence Douglas County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HOME subrecipient for TBRA program. Meets regularly with HID staff regarding TBRA, Section 8, Moving to Work, and case management. Active participant in Coordinated Entry and Homeless and Housing Stakeholder group. Very active in community partnerships, LIHTC projects, and is also a CoC funded agency with a PSH program.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Lead entity for the Continuum of Care (CoC). Lawrence/Douglas County has its own regional planning group for the CoC. Coordinated Entry is conducted every other week with partner agencies in attendance. City of Lawrence has a seat on the CoC Steering Committee.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Affordable Housing Advisory Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	City Advisory Board
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City advisory board for the purpose of considering, developing, and providing policy advice to the Governing Body to fulfill the Strong Welcoming Neighborhoods Strategic Plan Outcome which is: All people in Lawrence live in safe, functional, and aesthetically unique neighborhoods that provide opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles with access to safe and affordable housing and essential services that help them thrive.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Bert Nash Mental Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participant in CoC regional activities, coordinated entry, transitional housing consultation, Point-In-Time data collection. Participant in creating and implementation of Community Housing Vision. ESG recipient. Provides input on unsheltered homeless and homeless needs gap analysis. Rapid Re-Housing agency, Built for Zero participant.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Lawrence Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Developer using HOME funds. Provides the department with plans for housing development within the community via the grant application. Subrecipient of CDBG funds for homeowner rehabilitation program.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AND CREDIT COUNSELING, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Past CDBG subrecipient. Provides housing and financial counseling services for local projects.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	INDEPENDENCE, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides accessibility improvements for disabled renters and owner-occupants. Provides demographics and input to staff regarding their clientele. Participant in Community Health Plan regarding Housing needs.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Lawrence Homebuilder's Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Work with building codes and standards. Provide input on process as well as gaps and enhancements in the construction of permanent housing in the community.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	LAWRENCE COMMUNITY SHELTER, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	LCS is the only emergency homeless shelter in Lawrence. Active participant in the regional CoC effort. CDBG subrecipient. Reports monthly on demographics of clientele. Coordinated Entry participant. Built for Zero participant. Meets regularly with HID staff regarding needs analysis and recommendations. ESG funded agency.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	TENANTS TO HOMEOWNERS, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HOME program Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).
12	Agency/Group/Organization	DOUGLAS COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Partner to City on Homeless strategies, leads Built for Zero effort, coordination of agency funding.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	THE WILLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provide reports to committees on successes and challenges in delivering DV services. Participant in the CoC activities, including PIT data collection. Partner with LDCHA for TBRA program. ESG subrecipient.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Lawrence MSO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Completed inventory of City sidewalk conditions and created a sidewalk gap program to address the needs of walkability in CDBG-eligible neighborhoods, as well as other area benefit locations. Consults with HID staff regarding analysis of neighborhood conditions and strategy to repair such areas. Also works with neighborhoods to provide area capital improvements such as neighborhood crosswalks, storm water management, and street replacement.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Neighborhood Groups/Associations
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Neighborhood Associations Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Low- and moderate-income neighborhoods work directly with MSO department on CDBG funded neighborhood capital improvement projects.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Lawrence Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Collaboration with the Lawrence Police Department in the Development Services Department includes assistance to staff. Provide input from a public safety viewpoint regarding homelessness issues and additionally provide input on code enforcement issues, including blight and violating properties.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Douglas County Sheriff's Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provide consultation on re-entry challenges and implemented procedures. Provide input on the specific population leaving incarceration. Active in CoC data collection and meetings as well.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Promise of Lawrence
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Active participant in regional CoC efforts. Provide information on their clientele including challenges to reaching permanent housing.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Lawrence Memorial Hospital
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides detailed reporting on homeless and ER services. Provide consultation on discharge planning.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Lawrence Business Community
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides input on challenges that the business community faces with homelessness in the downtown business district. Facilitates discussions with community members regarding homelessness.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of NE Kansas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	ESG recipient. Active partner with LDCHA in TBRA program. Provides assessment information regarding service delivery in the community.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Local Broadband Providers
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Multiple broadband internet service providers work with the City on strategic goals centered around broadband and fiber access for the community.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Justice Matters
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides research and recommendations to AHAB regarding affordable housing issues in the community.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	BALLARD COMMUNITY CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Active community collaborator in arena of homelessness and homeless strategy.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Lawrence Douglas County Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Major partner in pandemic response, subrecipient for CDBG-CV funds, partner in the Community Health Plan Affordable Housing planning activities.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	The University of Kansas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Provides information on student population regarding housing needs.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Partner on City Strategic Plan initiatives and outcome areas.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The majority of service providers and agencies in Lawrence that provide services directly pertaining to the Consolidated Planning process have been involved in some type of consultation. Some have been consulted during other meetings and other forums. There have been no agencies purposely left off of communication efforts or meeting invitations. The City of Lawrence works very hard to ensure strong and positive community collaboration. If any groups are identified as not being consulted in some form the City will engage that group going forward in the planning processes.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition	Coordination of homeless program delivery and strategic planning. Technical assistance to grantees, support to applicants.
Plan 2040	Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission	All development, HOME included, abides by the City's Land Use Plan, including but not limited to building codes and zoning requirements.
2024-2028 Kansas Consolidated Plan	Kansas Housing Resources Corporation	The City of Lawrence is an ESG recipient from the State of Kansas, and there have been several community projects that have involved LIHTC that obtain entry-level AHAB recommendations. In addition, a CHDO, Tenants to Homeowners, Inc. has been a past recipient of State HOME funds. The City of Lawrence has also been a past recipient of NSP and HPRP funding.
Transportation 2050	Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization	Long-range transportation plan. CDBG funds are used for sidewalk installation and public facility projects, all affected by the ability to reach the destination agency or area.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
A Place for Everyone	City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Agency Stakeholders	By 2028, create a system that achieves functional zero through policy, system, and environmental changes resulting in all Douglas County residents having access to the fundamental human right of safe, accessible, attainable, and affordable housing, and which homelessness is a rare and brief occurrence.
City of Lawrence Strategic Plan	Lawrence City Commission	Outcomes areas of Unmistakable Identity, Strong, Welcoming Neighborhoods, Safe and Secure, Prosperity and Economic Security, and Connected City.
Douglas County Homelessness Needs Assessment	Douglas County	Provides information on the homeless population of Douglas County, the state of affordable housing, racial disparities, gender disparities, collaborative efforts, lived experience opportunities, and the needs for permanent supportive housing.
City of Lawrence HOME-ARP allocation plan	City of Lawrence	Includes citizen participation and survey that fed into the HOME-ARP allocation plan as well as this consolidated plan.
2018 Lawrence Housing Market Analysis	City of Lawrence	Housing needs assessment for the City and stakeholders that provides an analysis of household affordability throughout all population segments of the community.
City of Lawrence Land Development Code	City of Lawrence	The Lawrence City Commission adopted a new Land Development Code that went into effect for the City of Lawrence on April 1, 2025. The new code includes a number of significant changes to improve commercial and residential developments in Lawrence.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of Lawrence regularly consults with the State of Kansas as well as Douglas County government. While CDBG and HOME funding affect the City itself, importance is placed on effective collaboration with all agencies with the same cause and goals. The goals of the Consolidated Plan and corresponding Annual Action Plans are efforts that have the support of the three levels of government in our community. Several CDBG and HOME-funded agencies work with both the City and the County to reach their goals and deliver their services. As Lawrence is the primary city in Douglas County where many of the service agencies are located, County partnerships are crucial to provide the level of service necessary to accomplish goals and serve the greater community. The City has a history of strong partnerships with both the State and County and looks to continue those relationships and collaborations moving forward.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City of Lawrence abides by the Citizen Participation Plan most recently updated and adopted in June of 2023. The process makes it possible for anyone who wants to be involved to be able to provide input and have their ideas and recommendations heard. There are two public hearings yearly. All Citizens have the opportunity at both public hearings to speak to the staff and assist in planning and creation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. Public hearings are advertised in the Lawrence Journal-World, through social media channels, via press release, and on the City's website. In addition, the Director of Planning and Development Services has frequently met with citizens who have concerns, challenges, or recommendations for community development. Citizen participation is the heart of the consolidated planning process, involving citizens in decisions that directly affect their lives.

The Citizen Participation Plan formally designates structures, procedures, roles, and policies to be followed by program participants. A secondary purpose of this Plan is to implement federal regulations regarding citizen participation for the consolidated planning process described by CFR 24 Part 91.105 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Nothing in this Plan shall restrict the responsibility and authority of the City of Lawrence (City) from developing and executing its Consolidated Plan. The 2026 Annual Action Plan and Investment Summary were made available for review on April 16, 2026. The plan was available on the City's website, https://lawrenceks.org/pds/reports_plans and in the Planning and Development Services office. The first public hearing will be held on April 21, 2026 and the second public hearing will be held on or around September 10, 2026. The public notice for the spring hearing was published in the April 3, 2026 Lawrence Journal-World, and the 30-day public comment period will run from April 21, 2026 to May 21, 2026. The primary format for accessing or participating in both public hearings is in person. Virtual access to view or participate in the meetings cannot be guaranteed due to potential technology issues. Applicant agencies were notified of the process and timeline. Staff provided technical assistance to applicants throughout the allocation process, including a review of the application packet for eligibility and correct documentation.

As part of the City's HOME-ARP process, staff worked with a consultant who gathered a large amount of public input and data that was used in the creation of this plan.

A Homeless Needs Assessment and a Supportive Housing Assessment were completed in spring of 2022 and had a strong impact on Consolidated Plan efforts for 2023-2027 and subsequent Annual Action Plan documents.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Newspaper legal notice in the Lawrence Journal-World was placed to announce the Public Hearing. Notice ran on April 3, 2026 for the April 21, 2026 public hearing. This notice stated the date and location of the public hearing as well as the dates of the public comment period for commenting on the plan.	The agenda containing the link to any public comments received at the public hearing and the minutes of the meeting will be attached to the final plan submitted to HUD. If any written comments are received, they will be included with the final plan submittal to HUD.	If any comments or views are not accepted, they will be listed here in the final plan submittal to HUD, along with the reasons for not accepting them.	https://ljw.world.column.us/search?activeNotice=NkesVkJHg9TwEKNud0B32-0

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>The City sent the notice of public hearing out via communications pathways, including through social media and through a news release. These announcements contained the same information as the newspaper legal notice that advertised the public hearing date of April 21, 2026. These notices stated the date of the public hearing as well as the dates of the public comment period, and the location of the public comment version of the Annual Action Plan document.</p>	<p>The agenda containing the link to any public comments received at the public hearing and the minutes of the meeting will be attached to the final plan submitted to HUD. If any written comments are received, they will be included with the final plan submittal to HUD.</p>	<p>If any comments or views are not accepted, they will be listed here in the final plan submittal to HUD, along with the reasons for not accepting them.</p>	<p>https://mailchi.mp/lawrencecks/consolidated-plan-2026?e=ea7d18e128</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	City Website	Non-targeted/broad community	The public comment draft copy of the 2026 Annual Action Plan was placed on the City's website beginning on April 16, 2026. The notice of the availability of the document was made on the previously noted Internet Outreach and Newspaper Ad entries.	The agenda containing the link to any public comments received at the public hearing and the minutes of the meeting will be attached to the final plan submitted to HUD. If any written comments are received, they will be included with the final plan submittal to HUD.	If any comments or views are not accepted, they will be listed here in the final plan submittal to HUD, along with the reasons for not accepting them.	https://lawrenceks.gov/pds/reports_plans/

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The public hearing will be held during the City Commission's regular meeting on April 21, 2026. The agenda for this meeting was released on April 16, 2026, and will contain a link to the meeting as well as the public comment version of this plan.	The agenda containing the link to any public comments received at the public hearing and the minutes of the meeting will be attached to the final plan submitted to HUD. If any written comments are received, they will be included with the final plan submittal to HUD.	If any comments or views are not accepted, they will be listed here in the final plan submittal to HUD, along with the reasons for not accepting them.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The priorities and accomplishment goals outlined in this document are based on assumptions about future funding levels for the Consolidated Plan programs. Because these programs are subject to annual Congressional appropriations as well as potential changes in funding distribution formulas or the number of communities eligible to receive entitlement grants, the accomplishment projections and planned activities are subject to change with availability of funding.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	724,614.00	40,000.00	0.00	764,614.00	534,094.00	The City will utilize the Lawrence City Commission Strategic Plan, the A Place for Everyone community plan to end homelessness, and the Consolidated Plan Priority Needs when deriving strategies and priorities for federal funding.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	427,115.91	9,901.27	0.00	437,017.18	634,165.48	The City will utilize the Lawrence City Commission Strategic Plan, the A Place for Everyone community plan to end homelessness, and the Consolidated Plan Priority Needs when deriving strategies and priorities for federal funding.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City continues to identify match contributions for the HOME program. Thus far, match has been provided from projects meeting HUD’s criteria for affordable housing activities (some with partial federal funding and some with no federal funding), including houses built or rehabilitated for sale to income-eligible buyers through the Lawrence Community Housing Trust, and houses built by Habitat for Humanity for sale to income-eligible families. The HOME program match has been obtained primarily from the following sources: (1) cash from non-federal sources for eligible affordable housing projects, such as cash donations from project supporters or grants from state or local government funds; (2) forgone fees and charges for building permits, building permit plan reviews and demolition permits required for such eligible projects; (3) the

appraised market value of real property donations for such eligible projects; and (4) the value of donated project design services, donated site preparation services, donated project construction materials and/or donated project labor for such eligible projects. Moving forward, the City will continue to identify HUD-eligible affordable housing activities, which may include new or additional affordable housing activity providers, and which may also include additional/new HOME program match contribution sources such as grants provided for projects through the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund (supported by a City sales tax initiated in 2018), or forgone fees and charges for items such as City or County taxes, land development fees, or certain City water and sewer utility fees.

For the 2025 ESG program year funds were awarded to the City in the amount of \$139,421 which will fund four agencies, the Willow Domestic Violence Center (Emergency Shelter Operations), Lawrence Community Shelter (Rapid Re-Housing Programming), and the City of Lawrence Homeless Solutions Division (Street Outreach). Additional funding was received for administrative funding. The City anticipates ongoing applications for ESG funds through the term of the Consolidated Plan.

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

While the City of Lawrence owns a significant amount of property, it does not own a significant amount of property that is currently served by utilities and is not otherwise designated for use. The City of Lawrence owns several parcels which may have potential for future development for affordable housing. Those have not been vetted and identified at this juncture, however most of these properties would be challenging and, in some cases, not possible to develop due to restrictions. The City continues to explore alternative sites for development and continues working with partner agencies to identify potential tracts for affordable housing development. The City is also researching the benefits of a land trust and/or land bank regarding affordable housing development that would meet needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

The City of Lawrence Affordable Housing Trust Fund continues to be a highly utilized form of affordable housing investment in the community. In the past, the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund has been funded by both Capital Improvement allocations through the City's general fund as well as a voter-approved sales tax initiative. The Trust Fund is estimated to allow for around \$1 million annually of affordable housing funds for use of (but not limited to) the development, rehabilitation, and/or acquisition of affordable housing, and support services. The City's Affordable Housing Advisory Board (AHAB), who makes funding recommendations for the HOME funding, also makes the recommendations to the City Commission for Affordable Housing Trust Fund project funding.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Increase Affordable Housing Stock	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	City of Lawrence	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$146,614.20	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit
2	Maintain current affordable housing stock	2023	2027	Affordable Housing	City of Lawrence	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$314,731.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
3	Public facility improvements	2023	2027	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Affordable Housing Supportive Housing Public Infrastructure	CDBG: \$196,269.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5304 Persons Assisted
4	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	2023	2027	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless		Affordable Housing Supportive Housing	HOME: \$247,691.39	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 16 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Delivery of public services	2023	2027	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs		Systems Emergency Shelter and homeless services	CDBG: \$108,692.00	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 80 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 33 Persons Assisted
6	Administration	2023	2027	Administration	City of Lawrence	Affordable Housing Supportive Housing Systems Emergency Shelter and homeless services Public Infrastructure	CDBG: \$144,922.00 HOME: \$42,711.59	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Increase Affordable Housing Stock
	Goal Description	HOME - \$125,258.40 CHDO Set-Aside project funds for acquisition, construction, and/or development of affordable housing (up to two units - addresses to be determined during program year) HOME - \$21,355.80 Tenants to Homeowners CHDO operating expenses

2	Goal Name	Maintain current affordable housing stock
	Goal Description	Maintaining the current affordable housing stock in the community by way of homeowner housing rehabilitation programs. CDBG - \$276,013 Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation for 13 housing units. CDBG - \$38,718 Lawrence Habitat for Humanity Critical Repair for 7 housing units Activity Delivery is included in the amount listed for all programs above.
3	Goal Name	Public facility improvements
	Goal Description	Improvements to building structures for agencies providing services to CDBG-eligible clientele, public infrastructure in CDBG-eligible geographic locations such as roads, sidewalks, pathways, trails, bus stops, parks and park structures, recreational components, restrooms. Acquisition, construction or rehab of facilities for seniors, persons with disabilities, homeless, youth centers, neighborhood facilities, parking lots and parking garages. Solid waste disposal facilities, flood drainage facilities, water and sewer facilities, childcare centers, tree planting, fire stations and equipment, health facilities, abused and neglected children’s facilities, asbestos removal, HIV/AIDS facilities, wind turbines, retaining walls, removal of architectural barriers that assist persons with disabilities. CDBG - \$107,237 will be allocated to City Departments to provide projects in eligible low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and/or areas of Lawrence including Activity Delivery. CDBG - \$38,718 will be allocated to GoodLife Innovations, Inc., for the exterior rehabilitation activities for a group residential intensive care home in Lawrence including Activity Delivery. CDBG - \$50,314 will be allocated to The Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. for the rehabilitation of the women's restroom in the emergency shelter located at 3655 E 25th Street, Lawrence, KS 66046.

4	Goal Name	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	Goal Description	<p>The Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (LDCHA) is the only program in Lawrence that provides permanent housing assistance to homeless individuals and families. To qualify for the TBRA program, the client must meet the definition of literally homeless or be at imminent risk of homelessness, be a homeless youth or families with children, or be fleeing domestic violence. HOME TBRA funds are time limited and usually sufficient to support a family for 24 months.</p> <p>HOME - \$247,691.39 for TBRA. This includes the costs of inspecting the housing and determining the income eligibility of the family.</p>
5	Goal Name	Delivery of public services
	Goal Description	<p>The City will focus its eligible public services for items such as homelessness services, domestic violence survivor services, affordable housing information and referral services, financial counseling, emergency grant payments for rent and utilities, HMIS or comparable system data services assistance.</p> <p>CDBG - \$35,434 The Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. - Stabilization services for emergency shelter guests</p> <p>CDBG - \$73,258 Douglas County Housing Stabilization Collaborative - Emergency rent/utility assistance</p>
6	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	<p>Administration of CDBG and HOME programs.</p> <p>CDBG - \$144,922; HOME - \$42,711.59</p>

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Several strategies and plans go into the creation of project and activity selection. These include the Lawrence City Commission’s Strategic Plan Outcome Areas, A Place for Everyone community plan to end homelessness, and the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan Priority Needs.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation
2	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
3	Property Acquisition/New Construction
4	Homeless Shelter Services
5	Infrastructure
6	Non-Public Service Activities
7	Public Services
8	Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The above projects all align with these outcomes and priorities. The obstacles continue to be a lack of funding for affordable housing, homelessness programs, and social services.

The Outcome Areas as identified by the Lawrence City Commission Strategic Plan include: Unmistakable Identity, Strong and Welcoming Neighborhoods, Safe and Secure, Prosperity and Economic Security, and Connected City.

The A Place for Everyone plan includes work areas to be addressed: Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, Systems, and Emergency Shelter and Services.

Consolidated Plan Priority Needs for 2023-2027 include: Affordable Housing, Supportive Housing, Systems, Emergency Shelter and Homeless Services, and Public Infrastructure.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Maintain current affordable housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$276,013.00
	Description	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Loans and/or grants may be offered to eligible owner-occupants as funds are available. This program offers deferred loans to income eligible homeowners for necessary rehabilitation to improve energy efficiency, weatherization, and the health and safety of the home. This program may be run as a total rehabilitation project or may be run ala carte to assist eligible homeowners with necessary repairs to bring the home up to code. \$276,013 for homeowner housing rehabilitation of up to 13 units and includes activity delivery.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation will assist 13 income-qualified households with rehabilitation needs in the 2026 program year.
	Location Description	All locations will be within the City of Lawrence and will be determined by an application process.
	Planned Activities	Homeowner housing rehabilitation for income-qualified households to improve energy efficiency, weatherization, and the health and safety of the home.
2	Project Name	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supportive Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$247,691.39

	Description	The Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (LDCHA) is the only program in Lawrence that provides permanent housing assistance to homeless individuals and families. To qualify for the TBRA program, the client must meet the definition of literally homeless or be at imminent risk of homelessness, be a homeless youth or families with children, or be fleeing domestic violence. HOME TBRA funds are time limited and usually sufficient to support a family for 24 months. For 2026 \$247,691.39 will be allocated to the TBRA program.
	Target Date	7/31/2029
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 16 households will benefit from the 2026 TBRA allocation. This program has a homeless focus so first priority is given to homeless households. The households served will range from single adults/young adults to households with children.
	Location Description	This project is for scattered site housing within the City limits of Lawrence. Locations will depend on where the voucher holders are able to find units.
	Planned Activities	This project is for scattered site housing vouchers within the City limits of Lawrence. Locations will depend on where the voucher holders are able to find units. To qualify for the TBRA program, the client must meet the definition of literally homeless or be at imminent risk of homelessness, be a homeless youth or families with children, or be fleeing domestic violence. HOME TBRA funds are time limited and usually sufficient to support a family for 24 months.
3	Project Name	Property Acquisition/New Construction
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Increase Affordable Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$146,614.20
	Description	Financial assistance to agencies to acquire/build real property for affordable housing. HOME - \$125,258.40 Tenants to Homeowners CHDO Set-Aside project funds for acquisition, construction, and/or development of affordable housing; HOME - \$21,355.80 Tenants to Homeowners CHDO operating expenses.
	Target Date	7/31/2028

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that up to two units of affordable housing will be added to the current inventory of units. The households that will benefit will be at or below 80% AMI.
	Location Description	Project locations will be in the City of Lawrence and will be determined by the real estate market and land availability during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Financial assistance to agencies to acquire/build real property for affordable housing.
4	Project Name	Homeless Shelter Services
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Delivery of public services
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Shelter and homeless services
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,434.00
	Description	The Lawrence Community Shelter provides 24/7 temporary emergency shelter and services to persons and families experiencing homelessness. This includes shelter, a bed, storage space, meals, showers, laundry facilities, access to phone and internet, basic first aid supplies, medications, and case management. This allocation will fund the Stabilization Services for Shelter Guests Program. Lawrence Community Shelter will provide temporary emergency shelter and/or services to persons and families experiencing homelessness. Eligible expenses include labor, supplies, materials and the cost of operating and maintaining that portion of a facility in which the service is located. Such activities are eligible as a Public Service under 24 CFR 570.201(e). In 2026 the amount allocated is \$35,434.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The goal of the emergency sheltering component is to provide emergency shelter persons on a nightly basis, as well as supporting homeless services and housing navigation services for those experiencing homelessness. This program is to assist with stabilizing shelter guests and provide housing navigation services to those guests. The Lawrence Community Shelter will serve approximately 400 individuals experiencing homelessness over the course of the funding period, and it is estimated that 80 individuals will receive housing stabilization case management.
	Location Description	All services will be provided at locations located within the City limits of Lawrence.

	Planned Activities	The Lawrence Community Shelter will provide temporary emergency shelter and/or services to persons experiencing homelessness. Eligible expenses include labor, supplies, materials and the cost of operating and maintaining that portion of a facility in which the service is located. Such activities are eligible as a Public Service under 24 CFR 570.201(e).
5	Project Name	Infrastructure
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Public facility improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$107,237.00
	Description	Improve quality/quantity/access of public improvements that benefit low- and moderate-income persons (LMI). These projects could be a form of any of the following (or similar project providing LMI area benefit): roads, sidewalks, pathways, trails, bus stops, parks and park structures, recreational components, restrooms. Acquisition, construction, or rehab of facilities for seniors, persons with disabilities, homeless, youth centers, neighborhood facilities, parking lots and parking garages, solid waste disposal facilities, flood drainage facilities, water and sewer facilities, childcare centers, tree planting, health facilities, abused and neglected children's facilities, asbestos removal, HIV/AIDS facilities, removal of architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of persons with disabilities. \$107,237 is allocated to this in 2026 and includes activity delivery.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This will be determined when the exact locations of the public improvements are identified. The estimated amount of low- and moderate-income population benefited will be based on the census tract and block groups of the determined service area.
Location Description	To be determined within low- and moderate-income eligible areas in the City of Lawrence, using the most recent Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data provided by HUD.	

	Planned Activities	Improve quality/quantity/access of public improvements that benefit low- and moderate-income persons (LMI). These projects could be a form of any of the following (or similar project providing LMI area benefit): roads, sidewalks, pathways, trails, bus stops, parks and park structures, recreational components, restrooms. Acquisition, construction, or rehab of facilities for seniors, persons with disabilities, homeless, youth centers, neighborhood facilities, parking lots and parking garages, solid waste disposal facilities, flood drainage facilities, water and sewer facilities, childcare centers, tree planting, health facilities, abused and neglected children’s facilities, asbestos removal, HIV/AIDS facilities, removal of architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of persons with disabilities.
6	Project Name	Non-Public Service Activities
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Maintain current affordable housing stock Public facility improvements
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Public Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$127,750.00
	Description	Assistance to public service agencies for capital improvement type activities. Agencies all serve eligible LMI clientele. CDBG - \$38,718 for the GoodLife Innovations, Inc. project for exterior rehabilitation of one group home including activity delivery; CDBG - \$38,718 for Lawrence Habitat for Humanity for Critical Repair of homeowner housing, including activity delivery; CDBG - \$50,314 for The Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. project for the rehabilitation of the women's restroom at the emergency shelter.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activity of the group home rehabilitation for GoodLife will assist one group home occupied by adults with disabilities (four individual households). The Critical Repair of homeowner housing is estimated to assist up to seven income-qualified homeowner households. The Lawrence Community Shelter rehabilitation of the women's restroom will assist approximately 300 individuals.
	Location Description	Locations will be in the City of Lawrence.

	Planned Activities	Assistance to public service agencies for capital improvement type activities, including public facility rehabilitation and homeowner housing rehabilitation.
7	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Delivery of public services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$73,258.00
	Description	Improved access to services for LMI persons. Agency assistance will include direct emergency financial assistance services to individuals and families. Douglas County Housing Stabilization Collaborative - \$73,258 for emergency grant payments for rent and/or utilities paid directly to the provider on behalf of low- and moderate-income persons.
	Target Date	7/31/2027
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 33 households will receive emergency grant assistance for rent and/or utilities.
	Location Description	All households receiving assistance will be located within the City limits of Lawrence.
	Planned Activities	Emergency grant payments for rent and/or utilities paid directly to the provider on behalf of low- and moderate-income persons.
8	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	City of Lawrence
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Supportive Housing Systems Emergency Shelter and homeless services Public Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$144,922.00 HOME: \$42,711.59
	Description	Administration of HOME - \$42,711.59; Administration of CDBG - \$144,922.
	Target Date	7/31/2027

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration only.
Location Description	City of Lawrence Housing Initiatives Division - PO Box 708, Lawrence KS 66044.
Planned Activities	Administration of CDBG and HOME.

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

Activities will be carried out within the City of Lawrence and will either provide direct benefit to low- and moderate-income clientele, low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, or agencies that provide services to low-and moderate-income clientele.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Lawrence	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Because the need is community-wide, the City will not be excluding any area of the community from programming if eligibility requirements are met. All activities will be carried out within the City of Lawrence and will either provide direct benefit to low- and moderate-income clientele, low-and moderate-income neighborhoods, or agencies that provide services to low- and moderate-income clientele.

Discussion

All CDBG and HOME funding will be allocated to projects and programs within the City of Lawrence.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One year goals for number of households to be supported through:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Homeowner housing rehabilitation
- Acquisition/development of affordable housing
- Group home rehabilitation

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	16
Non-Homeless	22
Special-Needs	4
Total	42

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	16
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	24
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	42

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

One Year Goals for Number of Households by Support Requirement (Table 6):

- Homeless - 16 households of affordable housing will be supported by TBRA.
- Non-Homeless - 20 households of homeowner housing rehabilitation, 2 households of acquisition/development of affordable housing.
- Special-Needs - 4 households of group home rehabilitation.

One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type (Table 7):

- Rental Assistance - 16 households of affordable housing will be supported by TBRA.
- The Production of New Units - 2 homeowner units will be produced by the CHDO.
- Rehab of Existing Units - 20 households, including Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation (20), and group home rehabilitation (4).

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Lawrence and the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (LDCHA) have a very viable working relationship, and the partnership between the agencies spans beyond Consolidated Plan items. In addition to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), which has a success rate of 81%, the Housing Authority has a very successful Moving to Work program in place. The Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority sees the community as a big picture and not just in relation to the services that they provide. The successful partnerships between the Housing Authority and the community will only continue to become stronger.

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

HOME funds will continue to be granted to LDCHA for TBRA to provide assistance to very low- and low-income households to help them afford the housing costs of market-rate units.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The LDCHA offers a Home Ownership Program through the Resident Services Office. Currently, 38 households in Section 8 voucher programs and public housing are actively working toward their goal of home ownership. The Home Ownership Program features financial literacy case management, monthly workshops featuring our partner organizations, and a savings matching grant program of up to \$3,000. Our partner organizations are Habitat for Humanity, Lawrence Community Land Trust, Tenants to Homeowners, USDA Rural Development, Interfaith Ministries, and Housing and Credit Counseling. Since implementing the Home Ownership Program in 2001, 109 LDCHA residents have purchased homes and voluntarily ended their participation in low-income housing assistance programs.

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

LDCHA is a high performing agency.

Discussion

The TBRA program has been well funded largely due to the unprecedented success the LDCHA has been able to achieve, with 81% of households who are admitted to the program while experiencing homelessness successfully graduating and receiving a permanent housing choice voucher.

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

Introduction

The Lawrence Community Shelter (LCS) is the only emergency shelter service provider in Lawrence. LCS provides shelter for single male/female individuals that are experiencing homelessness in Douglas County. LCS currently has a sheltering capacity of 125 beds, and up to 140 in extremely cold weather. Additionally, in 2024 The Village opened which is a shelter site that is composed of small units that provide sheltering for those experiencing homelessness. LCS is also administering the programming at The Village. This program added 50 non-congregate shelter beds. The Lawrence Community Shelter provides rapid rehousing and housing navigation services for people experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of homelessness. The Lawrence Community Shelter receives CDBG support for operating costs of homeless programs as an emergency shelter in Lawrence. In September 2025 the low barrier shelter Pallet 24 opened to house 48 additional night by night guests as well as pets.

Family Promise of Lawrence and the Willow Domestic Violence Center provide temporary shelter for families in Lawrence. Service agencies assist homeless individuals with finding housing and supportive services. Transitional housing is also provided through vouchers funded by HOME funds to the general homeless population. LDCHA will receive HOME funds for transitional housing vouchers (Tenant-Based Rental Assistance). The 2025 Point-in-Time homeless count is the most recent full homeless count that data is available for Douglas County. It was conducted on January 22, 2025, and it identified 290 individuals who were literally homeless. 238 of the individuals experiencing homelessness were in emergency shelter or transitional housing, and 52 of those were in unsheltered situations. Additional data from the 2025 Point-in-Time count has been provided by the Kansas Statewide Homeless Coalition and is attached to this plan in the Unique Appendices section.

The LDCHA TBRA program is designed to bring chronically homeless people into temporary housing. There is a definite need for transitional housing units and landlords in Lawrence. There are very few units of permanent supportive housing in Lawrence.

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

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

During the 2026 program year the City of Lawrence will continue to fund homeless outreach initiatives. During the 2024 program year, the City of Lawrence created the Homeless Solutions Division, which is funded by the City General Fund and Special Alcohol Fund. Under this new Division, the City of Lawrence took on ownership of leading homeless outreach. The City of Lawrence has worked alongside key homeless service providers to create a multidisciplinary homeless outreach team titled the Homeless Response Team (HRT). This outreach team is comprised of a City of Lawrence staff member, the

Homeless Outreach Coordinator, and outreach team members from many different disciplines such as Substance Use Treatment Peer Support Specialist, Emergency Shelter Outreach Team member, Mental Health Peer Specialist, Community Health Care Coordinator, Crisis Intervention Team member from the Lawrence Kansas Police Department, and Emergency Medical staff from the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical. This team is charged with working outdoors in the community to locate our unsheltered homeless neighbors where they are, building relationships, and working to connect them to key services. The end goal of the HRT is to help these individuals leave the places not meant for human habitation and enter the Lawrence Community Shelter, Family Promise shelter, Willow Domestic Violence Center, or other temporary housing solutions. Outreach workers are often the front door to the continuum of care, and housing to achieve the goals set forth by the community's strategic plan framework to move the needle and keep homelessness a rare and brief occurrence. Outreach efforts focus on building relationships with the unsheltered to ultimately build good rapport to be successful when attempting to get this population to engage with case managers and other mental, medical, and substance use providers. Case managers assist this population with service referrals, obtaining identification, transportation to mental, and medical health appointments, court requirements, employment opportunities, and to secure all types of benefits. The social service network in Lawrence has a plentiful number of providers and resources. Thus, providing ample opportunities for inter-agency partnership. Currently, meetings are held quarterly to bring together service providers and case managers to discuss resource opportunities and delivery. Lawrence, being part of the Balance of State Continuum of Care, is part of discussions to centralize intake on a statewide level, and local service providers, outreach workers, and case managers have free access to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Case management and supportive services provided for those experiencing homelessness have proven to be best practice, and the most effective way to transition the unsheltered person/s or family into housing, and to sustain that housing. The HRT has a Standard Operating Procedure for Outreaching document that is attached to this plan in the Unique Appendices section.

Lawrence/Douglas County has a coordinated entry team that works with several community resource agencies to connect, assist, and advocate for those who are experiencing homelessness to encourage strong relationships with case managers that can provide them with alternative emergency sheltering and housing options. The Kansas BOS vulnerability assessment is used to determine the vulnerability and risk factors to prioritize those who are in dire need of housing and shelter assistance to sustain life.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

According to the 2022 Douglas County Homeless Needs Assessment, the current state of housing in the community does not meet the community's need. A drastic increase in supportive housing is needed, and the number of emergency beds is also lacking. The same study indicates that a sizable number of individuals are experiencing cyclical or chronic homelessness and may benefit from supportive housing to help them break the chronic homelessness cycle. There is a high rate of mental health and substance use within the community of those experiencing homelessness which takes specialized staff to offer support and requires the availability of emergency sheltering, and transitional and permanent housing.

The City of Lawrence made a significant investment of \$756,550 to support two key projects aimed at improving shelter and services for individuals experiencing homelessness. The Pallet 24 Project added new Pallet shelters, increasing shelter capacity for up to 48 guests at a low-barrier site. The project includes 24/7 staffing, security, pet accommodations, and priority access for chronically homeless individuals. The Monarch Improvement Project will enhance safety and accessibility at the Monarch units, with a focus on serving those with high mental or physical health needs. The City has provided support to the Lawrence Community Shelter on the implementation of the night-by-night shelter bed component, and additionally the City of Lawrence has invested local American Rescue Plan dollars in bringing The Village to the community which currently provides shelter for up to 50 people, with case management services provided on site. The largest need by far and the piece that is needed to move those experiencing homelessness along the housing continuum is supportive housing. The County has made sizable investments in property and development to bring these types of units online, but the need for sheltering will still be there for sheltering for those entering the continuum at the beginning.

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 Certified Peer Specialist program directly supports the transition of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing and independent living through a structured, peer-led approach.

- **Peer Outreach and Engagement**

1. Certified Peer Specialists conduct peer-to-peer assessments to identify the specific needs, strengths, and barriers faced by homeless individuals. By leveraging lived experience, they establish trust and create individualized support plans focused on overcoming key barriers such as substance use and mental health challenges.
2. Peer specialists engage in crisis response during inclement weather to provide emergency shelter access and distribute life-saving supplies, ensuring individuals' immediate safety while working toward long-term housing stability.

- **Supportive Services Coordination**

1. Peer Specialists facilitate timely access to affordable housing and supportive services through a referral-based model. Upon receiving a referral from the Homeless Response Team (HRT) Lead, peer specialists engage with the individual within one week and meet with them no less than biweekly initially, adjusting frequency based on the client's needs.
2. Specialists provide housing assistance such as landlord mediation, rental subsidy applications, and housing assessments to secure stable housing and prevent a return to homelessness.

3. Individuals are supported with life skills training (e.g., budgeting, meal planning, job readiness) to build long-term independence and reduce the risk of future homelessness.

- **Housing Navigation and Stabilization Services**

1. The program emphasizes rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing to quickly transition individuals from homelessness to stable housing.
2. Peer specialists continue working with recently housed clients to foster community integration and ensure they have ongoing support to maintain housing stability.
3. If a client is found to be from outside Douglas County, the specialist will coordinate with the HRT Lead to reconnect the client with natural supports in their community of origin.

- **Preventing Recurrence of Homelessness**

1. Peer specialists provide relapse prevention strategies, engage with clients in treatment, and offer ongoing advocacy to address barriers that may lead to housing instability.
2. Regular follow-ups and individualized support plans help ensure that clients remain housed and connected to necessary mental health, substance use, and medical care resources.

- **Accountability and Performance Tracking**

1. The program includes a structured monitoring and reporting system to track client progress, housing outcomes, and service delivery. This ensures ongoing evaluation and adjustment of strategies to maximize housing stability and independent living outcomes.
2. This comprehensive peer-led approach ensures that homeless individuals and families not only transition to permanent housing more quickly but also receive the supportive services and life skills training necessary to remain housed and achieve long-term independence.

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.

Overall, there are several programs in the Lawrence community that work with families to try to avoid homelessness. There are rental assistance, utility assistance, and landlord-tenant relations programs. There is a firm commitment to keeping people housed in the community. Many agencies have memorandums of understanding which run through a series of providers, so everyone has the same goal which is to either house the homeless or help them to remain housed.

- **Foster Care:** Youth who leave the foster care system because they have attained 18 years of age are eligible to participate in Independent Living Services, contracted by Kansas Department of Children and Families (DCF). Caseworkers begin working with youth who will age out of foster

care on a discharge plan as early as age 15 to ensure that youth will not need to seek McKinney-Vento housing options. Planning includes housing, employment, and education.

- Mental Health: DCF has adopted a policy that would prevent discharging homeless individuals from publicly funded institutions or systems of care into homelessness or into HUD funded programs for the homeless. Additionally, Bert Nash Mental Health Center works closely with State hospitals for discharge of patients who have been released. Bert Nash sets up intake appointments with all those released in Douglas County and works to follow up with them to work through the issue of being released into homelessness.
- Corrections: The Douglas County Jail has an extensive re-entry program that includes a housing component. A full-time Re-entry Coordinator works within the community in collaboration with other service providers and housing providers, as well as sitting on the Community Commission on Homelessness. The County recognizes that releasing offenders into homelessness increases the likelihood of re-offending.

Discussion

Lawrence is continuing to do the work to fulfill the needs of both sheltering and affordable housing options for the community. The work of the Housing and Homelessness Strategic Plan group, a significant investment of American Rescue Plan funds, and the collaborative work of the City and the County will help to move the needle in this space. The City has taken ownership over the emergency sheltering and sanctuary camping components of our shelter and housing continuum and will continue to work with resources and partners to carry out this work.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

The City of Lawrence faces barriers to affordable housing, including lack of affordable housing specific incentives, community CHDO capacity issues to build the number of new units needed for residents at 30-60% AMI, growing scarcity of developable land, local wages not keeping pace with housing costs, insufficient local funds to meet needs, and neighborhood opposition to new affordable developments and greater density.

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

In 2024, the City approved an updated Land Development Code, with revisions designed to increase housing affordability and availability. The updated code went into effect on April 1, 2025. The revision allows greater housing density, reduced parking requirements, and increased by-right development provisions in order to foster and grow affordable housing throughout the community, and to ensure ways of providing housing options for all ages and abilities. In the last several years the City of Lawrence created a double density bonus for affordable housing, and further policies to incentivize affordable housing development are being explored. The City of Lawrence is currently examining development fees and policies to determine the impact on affordable housing development and to ameliorate the negative effects on affordable housing.

The City of Lawrence finalized its community strategic plan to end chronic homelessness, A Place for Everyone, which includes goals and strategies for affordable housing development and policy proposals. The following specific strategies are planned to ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing:

- Provide subsidies and incentives for new development or rehabilitation of desired Affordable housing unit types;
- Acquire parcels and units for the community land trust and future affordable housing development;
- Establish a tenant right to legal representation in Douglas County;
- Enforce the City's protection against source of income discrimination;
- Establish a City of Lawrence vacant and dilapidated structure registry and policy;
- Establish an incentive program for affordable housing development;
- Establish new funding resources for affordable housing development; and
- Develop a plan for ongoing community engagement regarding affordable housing.

Discussion:

The City of Lawrence is committed to increasing access to safe and affordable housing so that all residents have the opportunity to live in a healthy environment with dignity. The updated Land Development Code that went into effect on April 1, 2025 has revisions designed to increase housing affordability and availability. These Land Development Code revisions, coupled with the A Place for Everyone community plan strategies for affordable housing development and policy proposals, serve as actions Lawrence has planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This Annual Action Plan provides a basis and strategy for the use of federal funds granted to the City of Lawrence by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. This Action Plan covers the period beginning August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027. Programs and activities described in this plan are intended to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Lawrence, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents, and the City as a whole.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will derive strategy and priorities for housing and community development through the City Commission Strategic Plan Outcome Areas and the City/County strategic plan to end homelessness, A Place for Everyone. The Strategies were developed cooperatively with public and private agencies and community groups. The primary obstacle to meeting all the identified needs, including those identified as high priorities, is the general lack of funding resources available to the public and private agencies who serve low- and moderate-income residents. Lawrence, due to being an entitlement community, is not eligible for state CDBG or HOME programs. Limited state HOME dollars are available for community development activities through the City's CHDO. The City has an Affordable Housing Trust Fund which is funded by a sales tax passed by voters to repurpose .05% sales tax to affordable housing activities. This began in April of 2019, with collections starting in June of 2019. This amounted to approximately \$1 Million per year. This tax was doubled and renewed in 2025 and coupled with work on homelessness in the community. In 2026 the city will be utilizing our HOME-ARP funds to bring additional affordable rental units into the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Lawrence has elected to impose resale provisions on all HOME funded homeownership activities, including acquisition with or without rehabilitation and direct homebuyer assistance. These resale provisions apply to the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), developers, and/or any subrecipients who receive HOME funding from the City for these homeownership activities.

The City of Lawrence's resale provisions ensure that the subsequent price at resale is affordable to a family at 60-80 percent MFI paying no more than 38 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes and insurance. The seller will receive a fair return on investment, which is defined in the resale provisions and the written agreement. The subsequent buyer must qualify as low income as defined in 24 CFR 92.2, which is defined as a household whose annual incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the

median income for the area, as determined by HUD. The housing must be the principal residence of the family throughout the defined affordability period. The period of affordability in years is based on the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing and will be included in the written agreement. In the event that the resale price necessary to provide a fair return is not affordable to the subsequent buyer, the City will provide additional HOME funds in the form of down payment assistance and/or buy-down subsidy to make the housing affordable to a low-income homebuyer.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will ensure that all federally funded improvement programs for the existing housing stock use lead hazard reduction activities including evaluating lead hazard risk and using lead-safe work practices when required. When required, staff will distribute Renovate Right pamphlets, published by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

One purpose of the Consolidated Plan Programs and other initiatives in Lawrence is to reduce the number of persons in poverty. The emphasis in Lawrence is to help people rise out of poverty, rather than temporarily easing their situation. Although essential short-term direct aid such as emergency food and shelter is provided, the strongest community support is for programs to address the root causes of poverty and assisting people in becoming self-sufficient in the long-term. Two key components of helping people attain self-sufficiency are employment and housing. Examples of programs that directly influence people's ability to escape poverty include job education and placement services, as well as housing advocacy, homeless prevention, and rental assistance. Projects that indirectly affect poverty include those that improve the community at large and provide transportation and childcare services that help people access employment and services. CDBG, HOME, CoC and State ESG funds are often used in combination with other grants that also contribute to reducing the number of families living in poverty. Thus, the power of these federal dollars is leveraged to a greater extent. Recognizing that limited Consolidated Plan dollars should be focused where the need is greatest, Lawrence gives preference to projects that directly benefit low- and moderate-income residents, or serve low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, over those that will benefit the City as a whole. This strategy will ensure that scarce resources are directed to best serve those who have the greatest need, including those areas with the greatest concentration of poverty. In addition to Consolidated Plan programs, a number of other public, private, and partnership initiatives have been designed to assist in the reduction of poverty rates. These include the Lawrence Workforce Center, the Douglas County Re-entry Program, and a newly forming partnership of employment agencies. The Housing and Homelessness Strategic Plan and the City Commission Strategic Plan Outcome Areas will serve as the baseline for the City's anti-poverty strategy.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Planning & Development Services Department, Housing Initiatives Division (HID) is the lead agency of the City in the development of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. HID provides fiscal and regulatory oversight of all CDBG and HOME funding. The Lawrence City Commission acts as the final authority for the appropriation of funds for Annual Action Plan activities under the Consolidated Plan grant programs, following recommendations of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board and City staff. Within each of the priority funding areas, activities will be completed and managed by a team of public, private, not-for-profit, and institutional partners, as well as contracts and subcontracts as sources of supplies, equipment, construction, and services. The city will continue to work with the community partners to foster partnerships and collaborative efforts in these projects.

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

To accomplish these goals, the City of Lawrence will work closely with the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority on their Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) to cover the activity of Rental Housing Subsidies through the HOME program. Tenants to Homeowners, Inc., the City of Lawrence CHDO, will be the agency primarily working towards the goal of construction of housing as well as direct homeownership assistance objectives. Lawrence Habitat for Humanity will also be involved in providing HOME funded homebuyer units. HID staff will administer the rehabilitation and energy efficiency programs through the City of Lawrence using local licensed contractors. HID staff, in addition, continues to work to educate the community as well as program participants on ways to make their homes more energy efficient and save money on energy bills. Social service agencies will offer tenant and rental assistance as well as consultation, and the homeless shelter will provide programming to move people from a shelter situation into housing of a more permanent nature.

The Lawrence Affordable Housing Trust Fund serves as another strong coordinated effort for public/private coordination in housing. Agencies have collaborated on projects that include housing, case management, and supportive services.

Discussion:

Lawrence prides itself on a decades-long track record of successful partnerships among public and private sector entities. Communication and cooperation between the City of Lawrence's Housing Initiatives Division and the partner agencies and organizations that administer activities is strong. HID staff has worked closely with the organizations involved in Consolidated Plan programs to improve regulatory compliance, monitoring, cooperation and partnerships among agencies, and technical capacity of organizations involved in project delivery.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
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.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
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	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. 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 used in the HOME Program beyond those identified in 92.205.

2. 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:

Please see item #3 in the Unique Appendices document for this narrative. (Narrative is over the character limit for this response box in IDIS)

3. 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:

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4. 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:

Not applicable - HOME-assisted refinance of existing debt secured by multifamily housing will not be undertaken by the City of Lawrence program in the 2026 program year.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable.

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Not applicable.

Unique Appendices for the 2026 City of Lawrence Annual Action Plan of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan:

1. 2026 Investment Summary
2. AP-20 narrative question that does not print
3. AP-90 HOME Resale Provisions question #2 & #3 narrative responses (over the character limit for the IDIS response boxes)
4. Additional data from 2025 Point-in-Time Homeless Count
5. Homeless Response Team standard operating procedure for outreach
6. FY2024 Lawrence low/mod data with census tract/block group (2016-2020 ACS data)
7. Housing continuum chart (2023)
8. Resolution No. 7657 (signed version will be added later)
9. Affidavit of Publication of Public Hearing Notice ran on 4/3/26
10. Public Hearing agenda and summary of any public comments received (will be added later)

2026 Investment Summary – FINAL 4/9/2026

CDBG Public Services	
Douglas County Housing Stabilization Collaborative	
Emergency Rent/Utility Assistance	\$73,258.00
The Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc.	
Stabilization Services for Shelter Guests	\$35,434.00
Public Services Total	\$108,692.00

CDBG Non-Public Service	
City of Lawrence	
Housing Initiatives Homeowner Repair Programs	\$276,013.00
Various City Department Projects	\$107,237.00
GoodLife Innovations, Inc.	
Rehabilitation of Group Home Facility	\$38,718.00
Lawrence Habitat for Humanity	
Critical Repair	\$38,718.00
The Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc.	
Women's Restroom Rehabilitation	\$50,314.00
Total Non-Public Service	\$511,000.00

CDBG Administration	
HID Administration of CDBG	\$144,922.00
CDBG GRAND TOTAL	\$764,614.00

HOME Investment Partnerships Program	
Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority	
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$247,691.39
Tenants to Homeowners, Inc.	
CHDO Set-Aside Project Funds	\$125,258.40
Tenants to Homeowners, Inc.	
CHDO Operating Expenses	\$21,355.80
HID Administration of HOME	\$42,711.59
HOME GRAND TOTAL	\$437,017.18

Funding Sources	
2026 CDBG Grant	\$724,614.00
Estimated Program Income	\$40,000.00
Grant Reallocation	\$0.00
Total CDBG Grant Allocation	\$764,614.00
2026 HOME Grant	\$427,115.91
Program Income	\$9,901.27
Grant Reallocation	\$0
Total HOME Grant Allocation	\$437,017.18

Totals	
Total CDBG Grant Allocation	\$764,614.00
Total HOME Grant Allocation	\$437,017.18
GRAND TOTAL, CDBG & HOME	\$1,201,631.18

Potential CDBG Various City Department Projects include (subject to eligibility, Environmental Review, and funding availability):

- Acquisition of real property for affordable housing
- Direct financial assistance to homebuyers
- Street restoration projects in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Sidewalk gap program in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Parks & Recreation projects in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods
- Other low- and moderate-income neighborhood projects

Amendments may be proposed to above potential projects or new programs may be proposed as program year progresses

THIS QUESTION IS IN IDIS, BUT THE NARRATIVE IS NOT INCLUDED WHEN THE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN IS DOWNLOADED

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

In the HOME program we anticipate 2 households will be provided with new housing by the production of new units and/or the acquisition of existing units through our CHDO, and we anticipate assisting 16 households with Tenant-Based Rental Assistance. For these HOME projects, the homeownership programs will all be moderate-income, and the TBRA program will serve those who are currently experiencing homelessness, so they will all be renters and be extremely low-income.

In the CDBG program we anticipate 20 households with homeowner housing rehabilitation projects, and 4 households of group home rehabilitation. For these CDBG projects, the homeowner housing rehabilitation will be split between low-income and moderate-income, and the group home rehabilitation will be extremely low-income renters.

	Homeowners	Renters
Extremely Low	0	20
Low	10	0
Moderate	12	0

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

THESE NARRATIVES ARE OVER THE CHARACTER LIMIT FOR THE RESPONSE BOX IN IDIS

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

2. 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:

The City of Lawrence has elected to impose resale provisions on all HOME funded homeownership activities, including acquisition with or without rehabilitation and direct homebuyer assistance. These resale provisions apply to the City's Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), developers, and/or any subrecipients who receive HOME funding from the City for these homeownership activities.

The City of Lawrence's resale provisions ensure that the subsequent price at resale is affordable to a family at 50-80 percent MFI paying no more than 38 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes and insurance. The seller will receive a fair return on investment, which is defined in the resale provisions and the written agreement. The subsequent buyer must qualify as low income as defined in 24 CFR 92.2, which is defined as a household whose annual incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by HUD. The housing must be the principal residence of the family throughout the defined affordability period. The period of affordability in years is based on the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing and will be included in the written agreement. In the event that the resale price necessary to provide a fair return is not affordable to the subsequent buyer, the City will provide additional HOME funds in the form of down payment assistance and/or buy-down subsidy to make the housing affordable to a low income homebuyer.

Notification to Prospective Buyers: The resale provisions are included in a written agreement between the City and the homebuyer that must be executed before the housing is acquired. The written agreement specifies that the housing must be single family housing and must be modest housing in that the affordable sales price shall not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area as established by HUD. The agreement will contain the value of the property, the amount of HOME funds used, the form of assistance, the use of the funds, and the time by which the housing must be acquired.

Enforcement of Resale Provisions: The resale provisions are enforced through the use of a recorded deed restriction signed by the homebuyer at closing. The deed restriction specifies:

1. The length of the affordability period (based on the dollar amount of HOME funds invested in the unit)

2. That the home remain the Buyer's principal residence throughout the affordability period; and
3. The conditions and obligations of the Owner should the Owner wish to sell before the end of the affordability period, including;
 - a. The Owner must contact the Developer or CHDO in writing if intending to sell the home prior to the end of the affordability period;
 - b. The subsequent buyer must qualify as low income as defined in 24 CFR 92.2, which is defined as a household whose annual incomes do not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by HUD, and must be the principal residence of the family for the remaining years of the affordability period. (However, if the subsequent buyer receives assistance through a HOME-funded program, the affordability period will be reset according to the amount of new assistance provided);
 - c. The subsequent price at resale must be affordable to a family at 50-80 percent MFI paying no more than 38 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes and insurance. In the event that the resale price necessary to provide a fair return is not affordable to the subsequent buyer, the City will provide additional HOME funds in the form of down payment assistance and/or buy-down subsidy to make the housing affordable to a low income homebuyer.
 - d. The Owner will receive a fair return on their investment as defined in the resale provisions and the written agreement.

Fair Return on Investment: The City of Lawrence will administer its resale provisions by ensuring that the Owner receives a fair return investment and that the home will continue to be affordable to a specific range of incomes. Fair Return on Investment means the original homebuyer's investment (i.e., any down payment and/or deposit), plus specific types of capital improvements made by the original homebuyer that may add value to the property, as described below. Additionally, the seller will receive up to 25 percent of the appreciation of the property over the period of ownership as calculated by the Housing Price Index Calculator.

1. The amount of the original homebuyer investment (i.e., any down payment and/or deposit);
2. Up to 80 percent of the cost of any capital improvements, documented with receipts and pictures provided by the homeowner, including but not limited to:
 - a. Room addition (bedroom, bathroom, family room);
 - b. Refurbishment/modernization of kitchens or bathrooms, limited to built-in new appliances, cabinets, or flooring;

- c. Addition of porches or decks;
- d. Installation of new central air conditioning or new upgraded heating equipment;
- e. Major upgrading of electrical service or plumbing; and
- f. Sprinkler system.

Any and all of which must have been paid for directly by the Owner and which were not installed through a federal, state, or locally funded grant program. All applicable City of Lawrence building codes and permitting requirements must have been followed.

3. The City of Lawrence uses the Housing Price Index (HPI) to determine the percent change in the value of the property over the period of ownership as its standard index for fair return on investment. This percent change is used to calculate the fair return on both the initial investment and eligible capital improvements.
4. Additionally, up to 25 percent of the appreciation of the property over the period of ownership as calculated by the HPI Calculator of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. The HPI Calculator is currently located at <http://www.fhfa.gov/DataTools/Tools/pages/hpi-calculator.aspx> and projects what a given house purchased at a point in time would be worth today if it appreciated at the average appreciation rate of all homes in the area. The calculation shall be performed for the Lawrence, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

It is important to note that in certain circumstances, such as a declining housing market where home values are depreciating, the original homebuyer may not receive a return on investment because the home sold for less or the same price as the original purchase price. The fair return on investment does not include any reasonable and customary sales expenses paid by the buyer or seller in connection with the sale, such as closing costs and/or property taxes.

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

3. 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:

Affordability to a Range of Buyers: The City of Lawrence's resale provisions ensure that the subsequent price at resale is affordable to a family at 50-80 percent MFI paying no more than 38 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes and insurance. The seller will receive a fair return on investment, which is defined in the resale

provisions and the written agreement. The affordable sales price shall not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area as established by HUD.

Calculating Fair Return on Investment

Example: The City of Lawrence provided HOME funds for the construction of a single family homebuyer unit. The original purchase price of the home was \$125,000. The original homebuyer provided \$5,000 for a down payment. The City of Lawrence uses the Housing Price Index (HPI) to determine the percent change in the value of the property over the period of ownership as its standard index for fair return on investment.

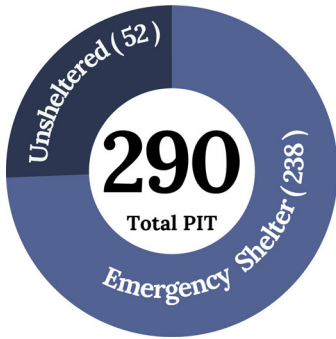
The original homeowner decides to sell the home during the period of affordability and is able to sell the home at a price that permits the original homebuyer to realize a full return on investment as defined in the City of Lawrence resale provisions.

In the past year, the original homebuyer undertook a \$9,000 kitchen renovation. Using the HPI, the PJ has determined that the percent change in the value of the property over the original homebuyer's period of ownership is 3.9 percent. The original homebuyer's initial downpayment investment of \$5,000 plus the kitchen improvements, valued at \$7,200 (80 percent of the \$9,000 capital investment), would result in a fair return of \$476. The City's resale provisions additionally provide for up to 25 percent of the appreciation of the property over the period of ownership, as calculated by the HPI Calculator. The original purchase price of the home was \$125,000. Using the HPI Calculator, the house would be worth approximately \$129,789 as of 1st Quarter 2023. Total return at sale, assuming the price at sale permits the original homebuyer to realize a full return on his investment, would include the original homebuyer's initial investment of \$5,000, plus the \$7,200 investment in capital improvements, plus a \$476 fair return on both of those investments, plus up to 25 percent of the appreciation of the property over the period of ownership.

$(\$5,000 + \$7,200) \times 3.9\% = \$476$ fair return on initial and capital investments
 $(\$129,789 - \$125,000) \times 25\% = \$1,197$ HPI appreciation of the property
 $\$5,000 + \$7,200 + \$476 + \$1,197 = \$13,873$ total return to the original homebuyer at sale

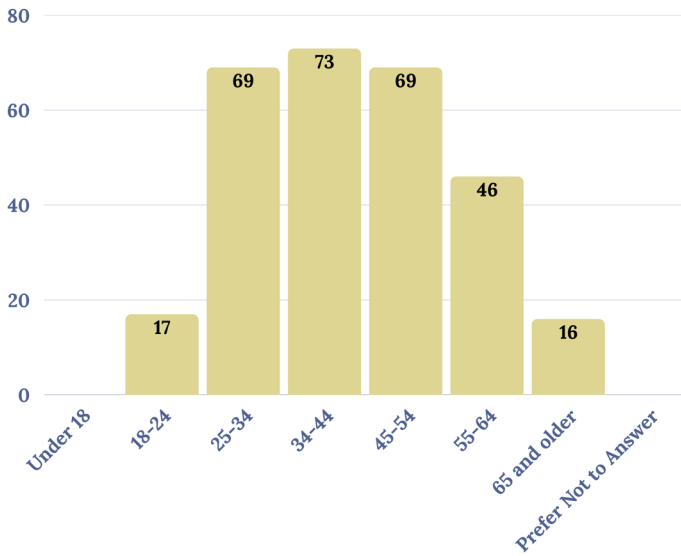
In order to realize a fair return to the original homeowner, the sales price must be set at \$133,873 (i.e., \$120,000 original mortgage + \$5,000 down payment + \$7,200 capital improvements + \$476 fair return on initial and capital investments + \$1,197 HPI appreciation of the property).

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32.9% Of BoS PIT Count

AGE



21% of all Head of Households reported being Employed



20% of all Head of Households reported having a disabling condition



38% of all Head of Households reported having a Mental Health Condition



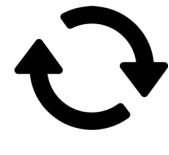
38% of all Head of Households reported Substance Use



1% of all Head of Households reported an HIV diagnosis

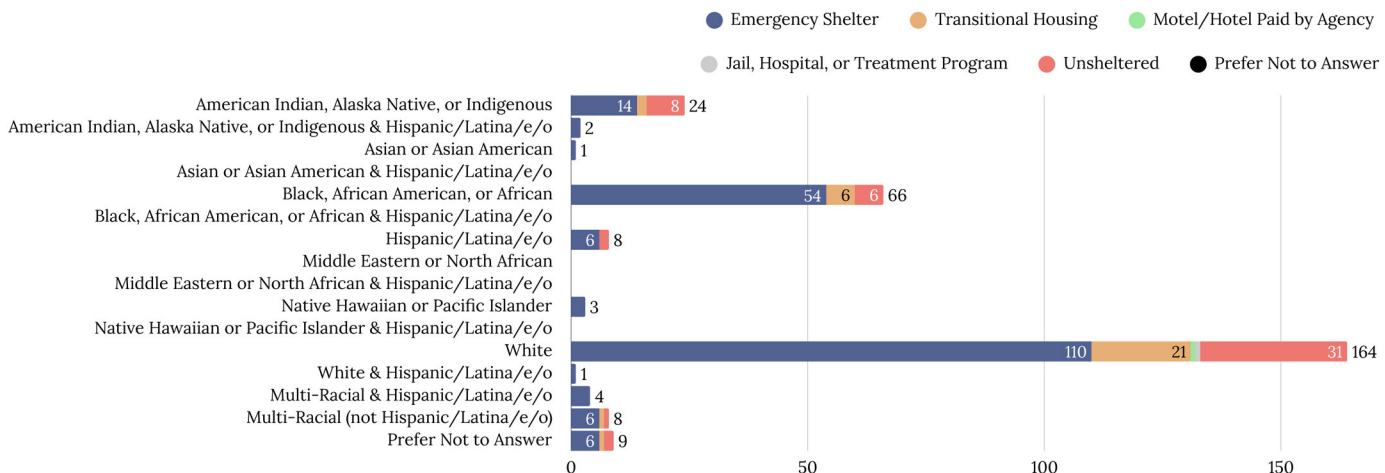


38% of all Head of Households reported this time as being their first time homeless



43% of all Heads of Household reported experiencing homelessness two or more times.

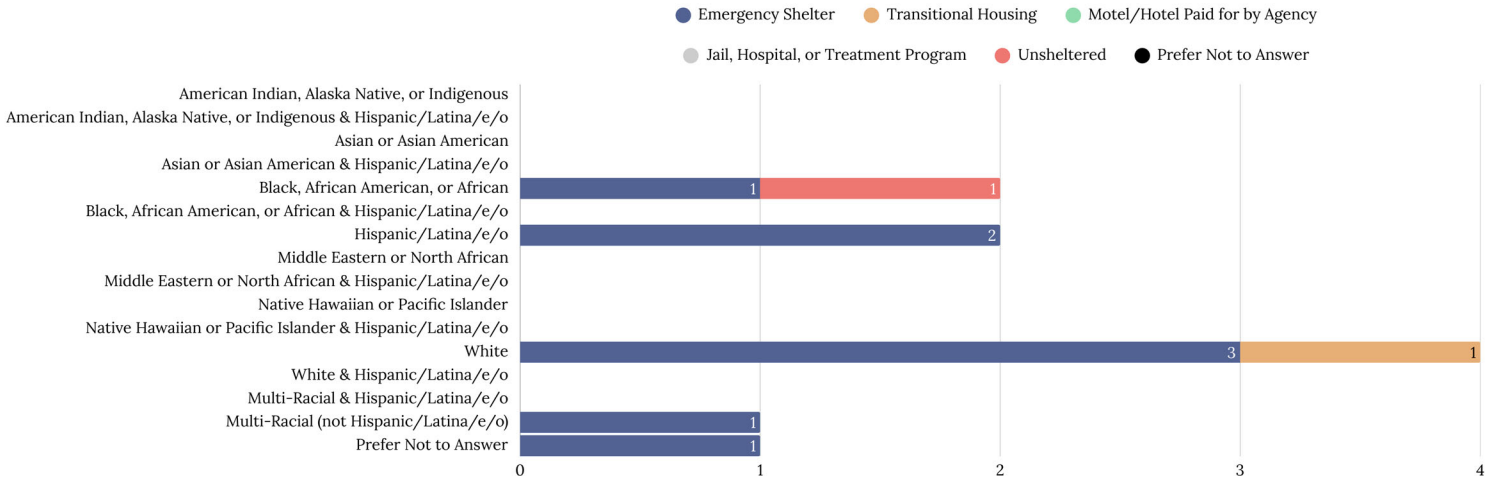
Race by Location



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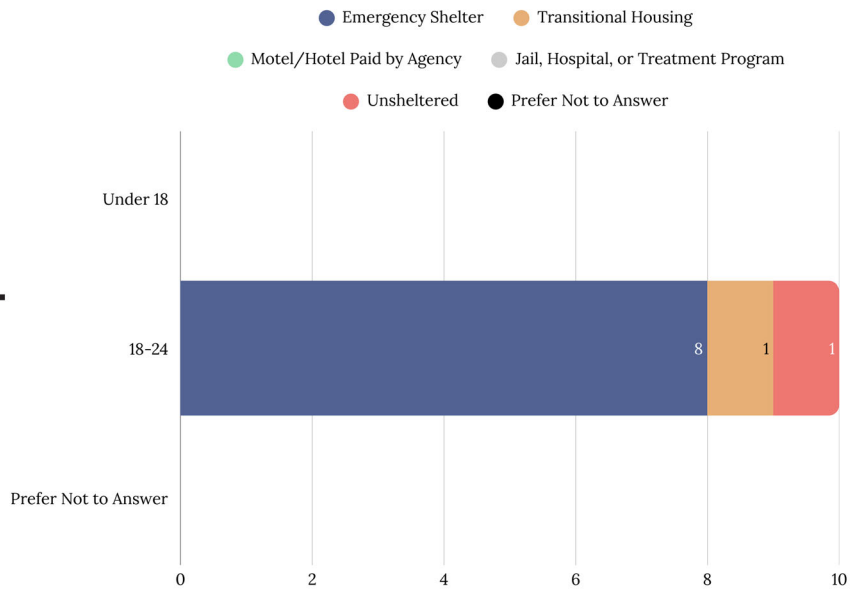
Unaccompanied Youth Race by Location



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Total # of
Unaccompanied Youth

Unaccompanied Youth Age by Location

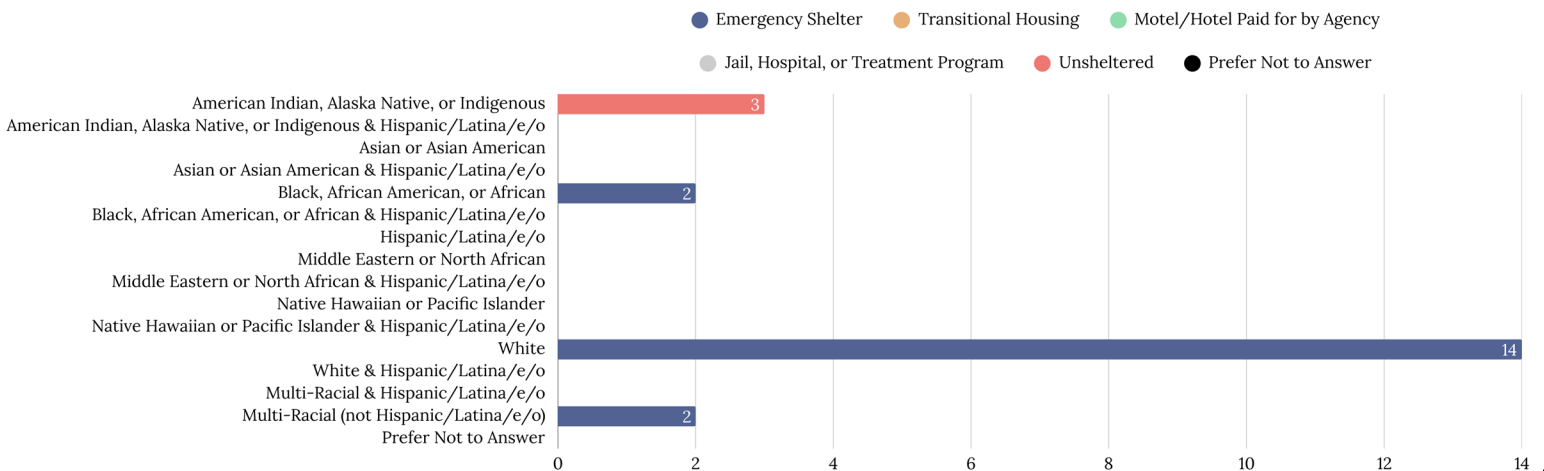


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Total # of Veterans

*Differs from total veteran count because this counts self reporting of "yes" to I am a veteran along with "yes" to Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or as a Reservist? (If they said "no" I am a veteran they were not counted as a veteran)

Veteran Race by Location



Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Outreaching to House

Purpose:

To provide a clear, structured approach for the Homeless Response Team (HRT) to transition outreach efforts toward housing-focused outcomes, ensuring that every interaction is a step toward securing stable housing for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Scope:

This SOP applies to all HRT members. It establishes protocols to prioritize housing placements while maintaining a person-centered and trauma-informed approach.

Procedure:

1. Outreach Team:

- Responsible for building rapport and trust with individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Approach individuals with empathy and respect, building trust through consistent and transparent communication.
- Utilize motivational interviewing techniques to understand the individual's current situation, barriers, and housing goals.
- Document essential details in the client file, including:
 - Name (if willing to share. If not, create alias.)
 - Preferred contact method
 - Immediate needs (e.g., food, shelter, medical care)
 - Housing history and preferences
- Outreach specialists and peer support specialists will:
 - Conduct CES assessments.
 - Assist in gathering necessary documents such as ID, Social Security cards, and income verification.
 - Enroll individuals into the HMIS system and record all contacts.
- Link the individual to necessary services based on their needs, such as:
 - Substance use treatment
 - Mental health services
 - Employment assistance
 - Benefits enrollment (e.g., SSI, SSDI, SNAP)
- Collaborate with partner agencies to address barriers and expedite service delivery.
- Once consent is received from an individual to work with the program, transfer the case to Peer Support Specialists for further engagement.

2. Support Specialists Team:

- Conduct HRT Assessment with client that covers:
 - Income and employment status
 - Rental history
 - Support system availability
 - Barriers to housing (e.g., criminal history, credit issues)
 - Upload completed assessment into HMIS.
- Housing Navigation/Landlord Engagement:
 - Develop a housing plan that includes:
 - Short-term goals (e.g., gathering remaining needed documentation, completing applications)
 - Long-term goals (e.g., sustaining housing stability)
 - Assist in submitting housing applications on behalf of or alongside the individual.
 - Build and maintain relationships with local landlords and property managers to expand housing opportunities.
 - Advocate for individuals, addressing landlord concerns and promoting the benefits of housing programs.

3. Follow-Up and Aftercare Team:

- Dedicated peers will ensure ongoing support for housed individuals:
 - Enroll individuals in the Aftercare Program to provide:

- Ongoing peer support
 - Financial literacy education
 - Connection to community resources
 - Conduct regular follow-ups (e.g., weekly during the first month, then monthly).
4. **Documentation and Reporting:**
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records in HMIS.
 - Track progress on housing goals and report outcomes during monthly team meetings.
 - Ensure all interactions with clients are documented in case notes within 24 hours to provide a complete client history and assist in team coordination.
5. **Weekly Team Meetings:**
- A weekly team meeting is required to discuss all active clients on the HMIS client roster.
 - Purpose: To ensure all current activities are documented appropriately and everyone is aware of what is happening with the client.
 - Each team member must provide updates on their assigned clients and highlight any barriers to progress.
 - Use this meeting to identify opportunities for collaboration or additional resources.
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Roles and Responsibilities:

- **Outreach Team:** Build rapport and trust, gather initial information, conduct CES assessments, assist with documentation, connect to services, and enroll individuals into HMIS.
 - **Support Specialists:** Conduct housing assessments, support service delivery, facilitate housing placements, engage landlords, and develop housing plans.
 - **Follow-Up and Aftercare Team:** Provide ongoing support and ensure housing retention.
 - **Team Lead:** Oversee team operations, ensure adherence to SOPs, and address challenges with the Director.
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Key Metrics:

- Number of individuals engaged through outreach.
 - Percentage of individuals assessed for housing.
 - Number of housing placements achieved.
 - Retention rates of housed individuals after three, six, and twelve months.
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Quality Assurance:

- Conduct regular training sessions to ensure team proficiency in housing-first principles.
 - Review client files bi-weekly for completeness and accuracy.
 - Gather client feedback to enhance service delivery.
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By adhering to this SOP, the HRT will maintain a consistent, effective approach to transitioning individuals experiencing homelessness into stable housing, aligning with our 2025 goals.

Neighborhood Association	CT/BG	% low/mod	LOWMOD	TOTAL
Alvamar	7.97/2; 7.97/3	42.64%	1680	3,940
Babcock	3.02/1	88.86%	1,475	1,660
Barker	2.02/3; 10.01/1	36.96%	850	2,300
Breedezdale	10.01/2	35.29%	330	935
Briarwood	6.03/2	42.31%	715	1,690
Brook Creek	2.01/1; 2.01/2; 2.02/2; 2.02/3; 2.02/4	64.02%	3,150	4,920
Centennial	9.03/1; 10.01/1	58.33%	1,925	3,300
Congressional Place	6.02/2	22.75%	620	2,725
Cottages	6.04/2	28.77%	315	1,095
Crossgate Court	7.97/3	31.50%	980	2,540
Deerfield	6.04/2; 6.04/3	30.26%	1,050	3,470
Downtown	2.02/1; 3.01/2; 3.01/3; 5.02/3	75.32%	4,380	5,815
East Lawrence	2.01/1; 2.02/1; 2.02/2	78.64%	3,055	3,885
Edgewater Tenants	2.02/4	88.09%	1,035	1,175
Gateway	6.03/3	38.60%	1,405	3,640
Heatherwood Heights	7.97/1	30.64%	360	1,170
Hillcrest	5.02/1; 5.02/2	59.08%	1,790	3,030
Hills West	8.02/3	69.61%	1,535	2,205
Indian Hills	9.02/1; 9.02/2; 9.04/2	69.71%	2,635	3,780
Joseph Drive	7.03/1	46.83%	1,145	2,445
Kennedy	10.02/1	78.29%	1,605	2,050
Meadows Place	8.02/1	44.34%	1,215	2,740
Monterey	6.03/1; 6.03/2	28.42%	1,560	5,490
North Lawrence	1/1; 1/2; 1/3	57.59%	1,575	2,735
North Perry Park	7.03/1	46.83%	1,145	2,445
Old West Lawrence	5.02/3	40.95%	735	1,795
Orion Neighborhood Association	3/1; 3/2; 3/3; 3/4	91.89%	4,910	5,355
Orion Residents Association	3/1; 3/2; 3/3; 3/4	91.69%	4,910	5,355
Park Hill	10.01/2	35.29%	330	935
Perry Park	7.03/1; 7.03/2	45.44%	1,495	3,290
Pinkney	5.01/1; 5.01/2	68.90%	2,260	3,280
Prairie Meadows	8.02/1; 8.02/3	95.61%	2,750	4,945
Prairie Park	10.02/1; 10.02/2; 10.02/3	48.19%	2,860	5,935
Quail Ridge	7.97/2	62.86%	880	1,400
Quail Run	7.01/1; 7.01/2	19.97%	760	3,805
Raintree	5.02/2	53.27%	1,060	1,990
Scenic Riverway	6.03/1; 6.03/3; 14/2; 15/1	30.37%	3,325	10,950
Schwieger	9.03/1	66.83%	1,330	1,990
South Lawrence	8.02/1; 9.02/1; 9.02/3; 9.04/1; 9.04/2; 9.04/3; 10.01/2	69.19%	6,545	9,460
South Meadow	10.02/3	36.76%	875	2,380
South Siders N 1300 Road	10.02/3; 11.01/1	28.47%	1,220	4,285
Southern Parkway	8.02/1; 8.02/3	55.61%	2,750	4,945
Springwood Heights	8.02/3	69.61%	1,535	2,205
Stoneback Ridge	8.01/1	67.59%	980	1,450
Sunflower	8.01/1; 8.01/2	52.24%	1,285	2,460
Sunset Hill	7.03/1; 7.03/2; 7.04/1; 7.04/2	56.68%	3,945	6,960
University Heights	5.02/2	53.27%	1,060	1,990
University Place	3.02/1; 3.02/2; 4/1	79.37%	1,770	2,230
West Hills	5.02/2	53.27%	1,060	1,990
West Lawrence	6.02/1; 6.02/2; 6.02/3; 6.03/3	30.24%	3,140	10,385
Western Hills	7.01/2	20.80%	440	2,115
Westwood	5.02/2	53.27%	1,060	1,990
Woodfield HOA	7.97/2	62.86%	880	1,400
Woods on 19th	2.02/3	25.76%	255	990

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program requires that each CDBG funded activity must either principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or meet a community development need having a particular urgency. Most activities funded by the CDBG program are designed to benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons. That benefit may take the form of housing, jobs, and services. Additionally, activities may qualify for CDBG assistance if the activity will benefit all the residents of a primarily residential area where at least 51 percent of the residents are low- and moderate-income persons, i.e. area-benefit (LMA). The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) provides estimates of the number of persons that can be considered Low-, Low- to Moderate-, and Low-, Moderate-, and Medium-income persons based on special tabulations of data from the 2016-2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates. The Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data may be used by CDBG grantees to determine whether or not a CDBG-funded activity qualifies as an LMA activity. The LMI percentages are calculated at various principal geographies provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. The statistical information used in the calculation of estimates identified in the data sets comes from two sources: 1) the 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS), and 2) the Income Limits for Metropolitan Areas and for Non Metropolitan Counties. The data necessary to determine an LMI percentage for an area is not published in the publicly-available ACS data tables. Therefore, the Bureau of Census matches family size, income, and the income limits in a special tabulation to produce the estimates.

LMA Eligible
Not LMA Eligible

GEOID	CDBGNAME	STUSAB	STATE	COUNTY	TRACT	BLKGRP	LOWMOD	LOWMODUNIV	LOWMOD_PCT	Total by Census Tract	CT/BG	Neighborhood Association
200450001001	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000100	1	970	1,645	59.00%	1/1	NLIA	
200450001002	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000100	2	140	405	34.60%	1/2	NLIA	
200450001003	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000100	3	465	685	67.99%	1/3	NLIA	
200450002011	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000201	1	550	615	89.49%	2.01/1	BCNA, ELNA	
200450002021	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000201	2	720	1,030	69.90%	2.01/2	BCNA	
200450002031	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000202	1	1,915	2,160	88.70%	2.02/1	ELNA, Downtown	
200450002022	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000202	2	590	1,110	53.20%	2.02/2	BCNA, ELNA	
200450002023	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000202	3	255	990	25.80%	2.02/3	Barker, BCNA, Woods on 19th	
200450002024	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000202	4	1,035	1,175	88.10%	2.02/4	BCNA, Edgewater TA	
200450003011	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000301	1	1,280	1,325	96.60%	3.01/1	ONA, ORA	
200450003012	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000301	2	490	540	90.70%	3.01/2	Downtown, ONA, ORA	
200450003013	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000301	3	1,240	1,320	93.90%	3.01/3	Downtown, ONA, ORA	
200450003021	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000302	1	1,475	1,660	88.90%	3.02/1	Babcock, ONA, ORA, University Place	
200450003022	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000302	2	200	440	45.50%	3.02/2	University Place	
200450003023	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000302	3	330	380	86.80%	3.02/3	ONA, ORA	
200450004001	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000400	1	95	130	73.10%	4/1	ONA, ORA, University Place	
200450004002	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000400	2	0	0	0.00%	4/2		
200450005011	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000501	1	1,335	1,815	73.60%	5.01/1	PNA	
200450005012	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000501	2	925	1,465	63.19%	5.01/2	PNA	
200450005021	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000502	1	730	1,040	70.20%	5.02/1	Hillcrest, Raintree, University Heights, West Hills, Westwood	
200450005022	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000502	2	1,065	1,990	53.30%	5.02/2	Downtown, OWL	
200450006021	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000602	1	615	1,680	36.60%	6.02/1	West Lawrence	
200450006022	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000602	2	620	2,725	22.80%	6.02/2	West Lawrence, Congressional Place	
200450006023	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000602	3	500	2,340	21.40%	6.02/3	West Lawrence	
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200450006032	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000603	2	715	1,690	42.30%	6.03/2	Briarwood, Monterey	
200450006033	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000603	3	1,405	3,640	38.60%	6.03/3	Gateway, Scenic Riverway, West Lawrence	
200450006041	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000604	1	125	1,170	10.70%	6.04/1		
200450006042	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000604	2	315	1,095	28.80%	6.04/2	Cottages, Deerfield	
200450006043	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000604	3	735	2,375	30.90%	6.04/3	Deerfield	
200450007011	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000701	1	320	1,690	18.90%	7.01/1	Quail Run	
200450007012	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000701	2	440	2,115	20.80%	7.01/2	Quail Run, Western Hills	
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200450007032	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000703	2	350	845	41.40%	7.03/2	Perry Park, Sunset Hill	
200450007041	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000704	1	1,700	2,370	71.70%	7.04/1	Sunset Hill	
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200450007971	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000797	1	360	1,175	30.60%	7.97/1	Heatherwood Heights	
200450007972	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000797	2	880	1,400	62.90%	7.97/2	Alvamar, Quail Ridge East, Woodfield	
200450007973	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000797	3	800	2,540	31.50%	7.97/3	Alvamar, Crossgate Court	
200450008011	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000801	1	980	1,450	67.60%	8.01/1	Stoneback Ridge, Sunflower	
200450008012	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000801	2	305	1,010	30.20%	8.01/2	Sunflower	
200450008013	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000801	3	1,905	2,820	67.60%	8.01/3		
200450008014	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000801	4	1,770	2,190	80.80%	8.01/4		
200450008021	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000802	1	1,215	2,740	44.30%	8.02/1	Meadows Place, Prairie Meadows, South Lawrence, Southern Parkway	
200450008022	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000802	2	680	730	93.20%	8.02/2		
200450008023	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000802	3	1,535	2,205	69.60%	8.02/3	Hills West, Prairie Meadows, Springwood Heights, Southern Parkway	
200450009021	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000902	1	415	535	77.60%	9.02/1	Indian Hills, South Lawrence	
200450009022	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000902	2	180	725	24.80%	9.02/2	Indian Hills	
200450009023	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000902	3	765	765	100.00%	9.02/3	South Lawrence	
200450009031	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000903	1	1,330	1,990	66.80%	9.03/1	Centennial, Schwieger	
200450009041	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000904	1	930	1,105	84.20%	9.04/1	South Lawrence	
200450009042	Lawrence	KS	20	45	000904	2	2,040	2,520	81.00%	9.04/2	Indian Hills, South Lawrence	
200450010041	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001004	3	850	860	98.80%	10.01/1	South Lawrence	
200450010011	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001001	1	595	1,310	45.40%	10.01/1	Barker, Centennial	
200450010012	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001001	2	330	935	35.30%	10.01/2	Breedezdale, Park Hill, South Lawrence	
200450010021	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001002	1	1,605	2,050	78.30%	10.02/1	Kennedy, Prairie Park	
200450010022	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001002	2	380	1,505	25.20%	10.02/2	Prairie Park	
200450010023	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001002	3	875	2,380	36.80%	10.02/3	Prairie Park, South Meadow, South Siders	
200450012011	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001201	1	845	1,905	44.40%	12.01/1	South Siders	
200450014001	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001400	1	655	1,855	35.30%	14/1		
200450014002	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001400	2	445	2,000	22.30%	14/2	Scenic Riverway	
200450015001	Lawrence	KS	20	45	001500	1	630	1,510	41.70%	15/1	Scenic Riverway	

 <p>Homelessness</p>	 <p>Emergency Shelter</p>	 <p>Transitional Housing</p>	 <p>Supportive Housing</p>	 <p>Affordable Rental Housing</p>	 <p>Affordable Homeownership</p>	 <p>Market Rate Housing</p>
<p>Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence</p> <p>Provided by: City of Lawrence supported camp site</p>	<p>Temporary, short-term housing for individuals experiencing homelessness</p> <p>Provided by: Lawrence Community Shelter (50 beds) Willow Domestic Violence Center Family Promise of Lawrence (15 beds for 4 families) City of Lawrence winter emergency shelter (Seasonal)</p>	<p>Temporary housing assistance that helps individuals transition from homelessness to permanent housing</p> <p>Provided by: Artists Helping the Homeless (8 units) Willow Domestic Violence Shelter Family Promise (8 units) Bert Nash (22 units) Tenants to Homeowners (15 units) Lawrence Douglas-County Housing Authority (65 vouchers)</p>	<p>Affordable housing coupled with supportive services that enable residents to stay healthy and housed</p> <p>Provided by: Bert Nash (2 units) Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (10 units) Tenants to Homeowners (10 units) Family Promise (2 units)</p>	<p>Long-term / permanent housing assistance that uses rental subsidies to make the rent affordable to the tenant</p> <p>Provided by: Tenants to Homeowners (103 units) Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority (1,268 vouchers & units) Bethel Estates (90 units) Poehler Lofts (45 units) Penn St. Lofts (47 units) Prairie Ridge Apartments (100 units) 9Del Lofts (34 units)</p>	<p>Homeownership assistance programs providing financial assistance and subsidies to homebuyers</p> <p>Provided by: Tenants to Homeowners (97 units) Lawrence Habitat for Humanity (105 units)</p>	<p>No housing subsidy or assistance</p> <div data-bbox="1780 1214 1982 1419" data-label="Image"> </div>

Affordable housing is defined as when total housing costs exceed no more than 30% of a household's total income.

RESOLUTION NO. 7657

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND 2026 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, TO SIGN SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS, AND ASSURANCES AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, CODIFIED AS AMENDED AT 42 U.S.C. § 5301 *ET SEQ.*, AND TITLE II OF THE CRANSTON-GONZALEZ NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, CODIFIED AS AMENDED AT 42 U.S.C. § 12703 *ET SEQ.*

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrence, Kansas, is entitled to receive from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) certain funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 5301 *et seq.*, and Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 12703 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, HUD requires that grant agreements for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the 2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) be executed by the recipient of such funds;

WHEREAS, HUD requires that the City submit to it, for approval, a Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the 2023-2027 program years and an Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan for the 2026 program; and

WHEREAS, HUD also requires that the City submit to it, from time to time, certain other documents, understandings, and assurances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The above-stated Recitals are adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if set forth *verbatim*.

SECTION 2. The Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is hereby authorized to execute the City's grant agreements for the 2026 CDBG and 2026 HOME programs and to execute certain other documents, understandings, and assurances, required by HUD to be submitted to it from time to time, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Consolidated Plan and Annual Update, including Substantial Amendments,
- (b) CDBG and HOME Grant Applications and required certifications,

- (c) HUD project Environmental Reviews, including ones prepared as Responsible Entity,
- (d) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, and
- (e) Sub-Recipient Agreements,

all in accordance with Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 5301 *et seq.*, and Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. § 12703 *et seq.*

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this _____ day of June, 2026.

APPROVED:

Bradley R. Finkeldei
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherri Riedemann
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Toni R. Wheeler
City Attorney

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Florida, County of Orange, ss:

Edmar Corachia, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That (s)he is a duly authorized signatory of Column Software, PBC, duly authorized agent of Lawrence Journal-World, that this daily newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Douglas County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a daily basis in Douglas County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication, and which newspaper has been admitted to the mails as periodicals class matter in said County, and that a notice of which is hereto attached, was published in the regular and entire issue of the Lawrence Daily Journal-World.

Said newspaper is published six days per week, 52 weeks per year; has been so published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county and state for a period of more than five years prior to the first publication of said notice and been admitted at the post office of Lawrence in said County as second class matter.

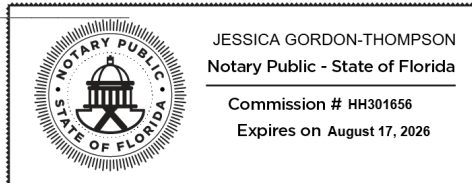
That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for 1 consecutive days/weeks the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on Apr. 3, 2026 with publications being made on the following dates: 04/03/2026

Edmar Corachia

(Signed)

VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Orange



Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: **04/03/2026**

J. Thompson

Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

(First Published in the Lawrence Daily Journal-World on the 3rd of April, 2026)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCE
2026 ACTION PLAN OF THE 2023 - 2027 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Members of the Lawrence City Commission will conduct a public hearing on the 2026 Annual Action Plan of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, including the 2026 Investment Summary, during their regular meeting that will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:45 P.M.

The primary format for accessing or participating in this meeting is in person at City Hall. Virtual access to view or participate in the meeting cannot be guaranteed due to potential technology issues. The agenda notification will be distributed on Thursday, April 16, 2026 and will contain information about attending and joining the meeting virtually. To request meeting information please email housinginitiatives@lawrenceks.gov.

During the public hearing, the City of Lawrence will seek input regarding the 2026 Annual Action Plan and 2026 Investment Summary. The Action Plan and Consolidated Plan is required by the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 and is the result of a collaborative process whereby a community establishes a unified vision for community development using federal, state, and local funds.

The annual hearing is intended to provide the following:

1. An opportunity to provide comments on the City's Annual Action Plan. The Action Plan provides a unified vision for community development. More specifically, it examines the housing needs of special populations, the availability of affordable housing, the condition of housing in the City, and the housing market. Additionally, the Plan examines the needs for infrastructure, capital improvements, and neighborhood development in the community. The Plan is a one-year strategy under the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan.

2. An opportunity to make public comments concerning the 2026 Investment Summary.

Copies of the draft Action Plan and Investment Summary will be available on April 16, 2026 in the Planning and Development Services office and on the City of Lawrence web site at https://lawrenceks.org/pds/reports_plans/ . The public comment period for the Plan will be thirty (30) days from the date of the public hearing, until May 21, 2026.

The City encourages written comments on this document. Comments may be mailed to City of Lawrence Housing Initiatives Division, P.O. Box 708, Lawrence, KS 66044, or emailed to housinginitiatives@lawrenceks.gov .