

# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

In 2018, Johnson County and sixteen of the twenty cities in the county renewed Cooperation Agreements allowing the county to continue its qualification as an “urban county”, namely, a jurisdiction with a population over 200,000. This qualification entitles the county to receive annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Federal Fiscal Years 2019-2021.

The “urban county” includes the county and the cities of De Soto, Edgerton, Fairway, Gardner, Lake Quivira, Leawood, Merriam, Mission, Mission Hills, Mission Woods, Olathe, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Spring Hill, Westwood, and Westwood Hills. The cities of Lenexa, Overland Park and Shawnee are not part of the urban county, since they are entitlement cities and receive their own CDBG funds. The city of Bonner Springs is only partially in the county and its seat of government is in Wyandotte County.

In 1994 the County qualified as a “participating jurisdiction” entitled to receive a HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) formula allocation. All of the urban county cities can participate in the HOME program. However, in order for the cities of Overland Park and Shawnee to participate in the HOME program, each city signed a Cooperation Agreement with the county, forming the Johnson County HOME Consortium, with the county as the lead agency. Lenexa has chosen not to join the HOME Consortium since they became a CDBG entitlement city in 2016.

This 2019 Action Plan covers the period beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The proposed activities in the plan are intended to benefit low to moderate-income Johnson County residents. Lenexa, Overland Park and Shawnee will prepare individual plans for their cities since they are entitlement areas.

## **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.

The objectives and outcomes for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are:

The objectives for 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan include:

1. Suitable Living Environment
2. Decent Housing
3. Economic Opportunity

The outcomes for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan include:

1. Availability/Accessibility
2. Affordability
3. Sustainability

## **3. Evaluation of past performance**

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

The priority needs listed in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan included: Housing, Public Facilities, Homeless, and Public Services. During 2017, Johnson County completed year three of the five year consolidated plan. During the 2017 Program Year, which covers January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, \$767,017.67 in CDBG funds was disbursed on the following categories:

\$110,855.00 funded Public Facilities

\$340,206.36 funded Housing Rehabilitation Projects

\$138,059.65 funded Public Service Projects

\$177,896.66 funded Planning and Administration

HOME Investment Partnership Funds

During the 2017 Program Year, which covers January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, \$715,155 in HOME funds was disbursed.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The primary purpose of the programs provided by the Citizen Participation Plan is to “improve communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and growing economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate-income people.” It is necessary that public participation genuinely involve the beneficiaries of these funds. Therefore, the goal of the Citizen Participation Plan is to encourage the participation of low- and moderate-income persons, particularly those living in areas where the use of CDBG and HOME funds is being proposed, as well as the participation of all interested citizens, social service providers and public agencies. This plan is designed to provide every opportunity for citizen participation and to insure openness and the freedom of access to information through each stage in the CDBG and HOME process.

This Action Plan is a result of public outreach, public hearings, input from agencies, groups, county agencies, and cities to assess the needs of low to moderate-income clients and residents. These groups included organizations involved in the development of affordable housing, agencies that provide health services, local housing authorities, fair-housing services, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, homeless persons, and representatives of low-income residents.

To broaden public participation in the development of the Action Plan and reach the entire community, public notices were placed on the front page of the Johnson County Community Development website, and information was shared with the local Continuum of Care and executive board. Input and comments were requested from community providers and a draft of the report was placed on the Community Development website and at the Community Development office with its availability published in [The Olathe News](#).

#### **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 following is a summary of comments that Johnson County received from the public, including entities interested in carrying out CDBG activities at the scheduled October 25, 2018 public hearing.

1. United Community Services-Julie Brewer summarized the Johnson County Continuum of Care (CoC) and United Community Service’s (UCS) responsibility to the County in addressing poverty and drastically reducing and ending homelessness. She described UCS’ role as the CoC lead, including the implementation of coordinated entry, coordination of the point-in-time count annually, securing grant dollars through the annual CoC competition, as well as, hosting monthly CoC meetings for community members to stay informed of resources and strategies to end homelessness. She provided recent statistics of homelessness in Johnson County and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their

continued support of the CoC through CDBG funds that contribute to the administration of the CoC.

2. Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas-Dani DeLeon provided a summary of services offered by Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas to support low income families and individuals in Johnson County. She explained the difference types of assistance they offer and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the emergency assistance program funded by CDBG that assists individuals and families with emergency rent and utility assistance.

3. Friends of Johnson County Development Supports (JCDS)-Janel Bowers provided an overview of Friends of Johnson County Developmental Supports which provides accessible, affordable living opportunities to low income disabled individuals. She described the lack of and barriers to affordable housing in the community and thanked the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the organization. The organization will continue to be able to make improvements to their properties to keep their housing affordable and accessible utilizing CDBG funds.

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

There were not any comments or views not accepted.

#### **7. Summary**

Johnson County Community Development is the lead agency and, the cities in the Johnson Consortium, non-profits with a 501(c)(3), faith-based organizations, and Johnson County governmental departments are partner agencies for the 2019 Action Plan.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	JOHNSON COUNTY	Community Development
HOME Administrator	JOHNSON COUNTY	Housing Services
ESG Administrator	JOHNSON COUNTY	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative

The lead agency for the Consolidated Plan is the Community Development Division of the Human Services Department, Johnson County, KS. This division and department oversaw the development of this plan.

The Community Development division of Human Services is responsible for the administration of CDBG and ESG funds, and the Housing Division of Human Services is responsible for the administration of HOME funds.

Additional assistance in the development of the plan was received by the Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee.

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## **AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

**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(l)).**

This action plan is a result of public outreach, public hearings, and input from agencies, groups, county agencies, and cities to assess the needs of low to moderate-income clients and residents. These groups included organizations involved in the development of affordable housing, agencies that provide health services, local housing authorities, fair housing services, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, homeless persons, mental health providers, and representatives of low-income residents. The directors of both the Johnson County Housing Authority and the City of Olathe Housing Authority were consulted in developing the Action Plan.

**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.**

In gathering information on the needs of homeless individuals and families, a number of agencies were involved. The Johnson County Continuum of Care was consulted on homeless needs and provided an analysis of gaps in the current homeless housing system. United Community Services provided input and responses to questions as the lead agency for the Johnson County Continuum of Care. The members of the CoC identified and prioritized numerous housing and supportive service needs.

**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**

Continuum of Care meetings have focused on factors influencing risk for homelessness/returning to homelessness. The discussion includes common barriers to getting housed by the group. The common barriers reported by Continuum members included: credit barriers, transportation, evictions, documentation, and housing close to employment. This information is used to identify gaps in services. The information obtained in meetings allows Johnson County to develop performance standards, to evaluate outcomes, and develop funding policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS.

Johnson County Community Development held an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) meeting for organizations interested in applying for Supplemental FY2017 funds on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. In the meeting it was discussed how to best focus funds strategically throughout the County. Valorie Carson from United Community Services, the Continuum lead agency, was there to assist in the process.

Johnson County received 6 applications for supplemental ESG funds. The applications were reviewed by members of the Housing & Community Development Advisory committee and a representative from the Continuum of Care (CoC) who allocated the one-time \$337,745 award.

## **2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations**

**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Olathe Housing Authority
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Public Housing Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted through e-mail, phone calls, and meetings. Johnson County Community Development Office met multiple times with the directors of both the Johnson County Housing & Olathe Housing Authorities, including during the Johnson County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee meetings. During the meetings, the needs and gaps in services were discussed, and options for addressing those needs. The Olathe Housing Authority has an annual meeting with residents to get input for any wanted changes to program. Following the meeting, they publish a notice for comments on the Housing Authority's Annual Plan to announce the public comment period and public hearing date.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	JOHNSON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - County Regional organization

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted through E-mail and phone calls. Johnson County Community Development Office met multiple times with the directors of both the Johnson County Housing & Olathe Housing Authorities, including during the Johnson County Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee meetings. During the meetings, the needs and gaps in services were discussed, and options for addressing those needs.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Other government - County
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted through Continuum of Care meetings.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County Other government - Local Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted through email, phone calls, and group meetings.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	United Community Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Planning organization
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted through meetings, email and phone calls.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Johnson County Community Development
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - County Agency responsible for CDBG funds.
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	All sections of the Annual Plan.

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted through meetings.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Kansas Housing Resources Corp.
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Consulted through State consolidated plan, emails, and phone calls.

8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Johnson County Continuum of Care on Homelessness
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Federal Other government - State Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

<p><b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b></p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless  Homeless Needs - Families with children  Homelessness Needs - Veterans  Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth  Homelessness Strategy  Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>
<p><b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b></p>	<p>Johnson County Community Development staff attend the monthly Continuum of Care (CoC) meetings. The CoC is a collaboration that seeks to improve the community's response to poverty and homelessness. The CoC is made up of private and public organizations and agencies who either serve those who are currently homeless or those who are most at risk. Together, the members of the CoC work to create a comprehensive safety net for those who need it and assists them to regain stable housing.</p>

**Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting**

Not Applicable.

**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	United Community Services	Johnson County departments have been a recipient of Continuum of Care grant funds. United Community Services publishes reports throughout the year regarding poverty and at-risk populations in Johnson County.
Strategic Priorities Report	Johnson County Board of County Commissioners	The BOCC has decided that addressing poverty in Johnson County be one of the key strategic priorities. The goals of the BOCC were implemented into the prior year applications to see which CDBG activities would address these issues, and continued for 2019 applications.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
2014-2018 Kansas Consolidated Plan	Kansas Housing Resources Corporation	Johnson County Community Development reviews the State's policy framework for federal community development and housing programs.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	Kansas City, Missouri	Johnson County participated in the Kansas City metropolitan wide efforts to identify impediments to fair housing choice. The report is used to identify local efforts to increase housing choice.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

## **AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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**

On February 10, 2018, a newspaper ad appeared in The Olathe News to inform the broad community of the needs assessment hearing for 2019 CDBG projects. Citizens were invited to attend the hearing or submit comments to the Community Development Coordinator. On February 8, 2018, a notice was sent out to a community partners email distribution list with the date and time of the hearing. Throughout the remainder of February and into March 2018 a notice was placed on the front page of the Johnson County Community Development website until the needs assessment hearing was held March 7, 2018.

On March 31, 2018 a public notice was published in The Olathe News to inform interested applicants about the 2019 application workshop. Outreach for the 2019 application workshop including sending letters to Mayors and members of the community development distribution list to notify them of the FY19 CDBG application process and timeline. CDBG staff conducted the application workshop on April 17, 2018 to give an overview of CDBG opportunities and inform attendees of responsibilities when administering the grant.

On September 22, 2018 a public notice was published in The Olathe News announcing that the public comment period would be open September 23rd through October 22nd and that October 25th was scheduled as the public hearing date for the proposed 2019 Action Plan. The public hearing was conducted at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on October 25, 2018.

## 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	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	54 individuals/agencies were notified of the Housing and Community Development Needs Assessment Hearing to be held on March 7, 2018.	Received questions on what the needs assessment hearing was for. Our department informed them it was a way for the citizens, cities and agencies to provide comments on needs or express where they feel there are service gaps in Johnson County.	There were no comments not accepted.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	No written comments were received in response to public notice on the Needs Assessment Hearing published in The Olathe News on February 10, 2018.	No written comments were received.	There were no comments not accepted.	

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	Community Leadership letter on April 16, 2015	City Leadership of consortia cities	Letters were sent out to the sixteen mayors of the consortia cities to inform them of the 2019 Application Workshop held on April 17, 2018.	No written comments were received.	There were no comments not accepted.	

4	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	54 contacts were notified of the 2019 application workshop scheduled for April 17, 2018.	<p>No written comments were received however; there was good attendance at application workshop. Comments after the training were about grant requirements, allowable costs, and the process and timeline of applying for CDBG funds. There were questions from public service agencies about income qualification, and which city residents could be served due to Lenexa, Overland Park, and Shawnee being entitlement cities.</p>	There were no comments not accepted.	
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5	Newspaper Ad	Interested applicants for 2016 CDBG funding.	Public notice in The Olathe News on March 31, 2018 with information regarding 2019 application workshop.	There were no comments received.	There were no comments not accepted.	
6	Community Leadership Letter	Non-targeted/broad community	4 city representatives attended the 2019 application workshop.	No comments were received.	There were no comments not accepted.	
7	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Public notice announcing 30 day public comment period on FY 2019 Annual Action Plan on September 22, 2018.	No comments were received.	There were no comments not accepted.	

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)
8	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: As requested</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Three persons attended the October 25, 2018 meeting on behalf of the CDBG and HOME programs, and three people spoke at the public hearing.</p>	<p>The speakers included: Julie Brewer, United Community Services, Dani DeLong, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, and Janel Bowers, Friends of JCDS. Each speaker informed the Board of how they will utilize the recommended funding to benefit low to moderate income residents during the 2019 program year and thanked them for their continued support of the CDBG program.</p>	<p>There were not any comments not accepted.</p>	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The proposed goals in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2018 Action Plan are based upon the basis of level funding in future years of the Consolidated Plan. The goals and estimated serve will be dependent upon actual amounts received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Congressional appropriations and any possible changes in the program requirements.

#### 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	1,000,000	80,000	0	1,080,000	0	The FY2019 allocation is estimated at \$1,000,000. The City of Olathe expects to receive program income of approximately \$80,000 in FY2019.

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	962,404	123,030	0	1,085,434	0	Funding of \$962,404 in 2019. Program income is not predictable, however based on historical data; we anticipate an estimated \$123,030 in program income.

**Table 2 - 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**

For CDBG funds, leveraged funds come from grant applicants to better utilize CDBG funds.

The HOME Rehabilitation Program is administered by Johnson County Housing Services. This program requires a 25% match. These funds are provided by participating cities in Johnson County, KS. Through a cooperative agreement between Builders Development Corporation (BDC) and Johnson County Housing Services, the private funds are used as in-kind match from the acquisition of properties that were HOME funded projects.

The City of Olathe leverages a variety of resources. They vary from soft costs covered by general funds, volunteer hours directed toward Habitat for Humanity/CHDO homes, waived taxes, general funded street, sewer, or water projects benefiting HOME projects, donations and other resources. Olathe continues to explore ways to match federal funds on home improvement projects.

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

There is no public owned property that has been identified as being appropriate to address the needs identified in the plan at the present time.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Homeless	2015	2018	Homeless		Homelessness	CDBG: \$44,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 60 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 1000 Persons Assisted
2	Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing		Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$295,075	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1200 Household Housing Unit
3	Public Facilities	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$484,925	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6413 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 134 Households Assisted
4	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$106,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 434 Persons Assisted

**Table 3 – Goals Summary**

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Provide outreach and prevention, assistance to emergency shelters and day centers, and work with homeless housing providers to preserve and increase supply of transitional and permanent supportive housing.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Preserve and increase renter and owner-occupied affordable housing, support low-income families to become homeowners, further fair housing and address community opposition, and identify barriers to affordable housing in Johnson County.
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Johnson County will focus on supporting projects that support improvements in low-income eligible areas to maintain and improve the quality of the built environment.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Johnson County will support activities that create new or expanded access to a service or benefit for low-income residents of Johnson County.

## AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

### Introduction

The 2019 Action Plan contains a list of projects that are to be funded for the program year with CDBG funding of \$1,000,000 and \$80,000 estimated program income. The public services funding can only be funded at a maximum of 15% of the total award amount. The rating team of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee provided recommendations for project funding. If funds received are higher than estimated, the rating team recommended Johnson County Parks and Recreation be increased up to a total \$25,000 award and any additional remaining in the 15% to public services go to Catholic Charities and United Community Services equally. Under the Housing and Public Facilities categories, fully fund Friends of JCDS up to an additional \$5,000 and allocate the remaining balance with 50% to Roeland Park, and then 25% remaining split between Merriam and De Soto. If funding is less than estimated, public services will be reduced by an equal reduction of funds across the 5 Johnson County projects. For public facility and housing projects, the reductions will occur on the lowest scored projects in full. The City of Olathe funded projects based on the formulas in the agreements with Johnson County, and recommended by their rating team and approved by City Council. If additional funds are allocated by the federal government, the committee is recommending they be disbursed between Community Enhancement Officer, Taxi Coupon Program and Catholic Charities equally. If funds are reduced by federal government, all applicants will receive an equal percentage reduction based on funding.

The HOME program projects are funded with an award of \$962,404 for FY2019 and estimated program income of \$123,030. If funding is increased or decreased, funding decisions will be made based upon allowable percentages to sub-categories.

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
3	De Soto Sidewalk Improvements
4	Evergreen Community of Johnson County
5	Friends of JCDS-547 W. Santa Fe
6	Jo Co Housing Services-Minor Home Program
7	Jo Co Interfaith Hospitality Network-Case Management
8	Johnson County Parks & Recreation
9	Merriam Street Visibility Project
10	Olathe-Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
11	Olathe - Community Enhancement Officer
12	Olathe - Housing Rehabilitation Administration

#	Project Name
13	Olathe-Parkview Manor Elevator
14	Olathe Parkview Manor Security
15	Olathe-PH Scattered Site Chestnut
16	Olathe-Salvation Army
17	Olathe-Taxi Coupon Program
18	Olathe-YMCA of Greater Kansas City
19	Roeland Park-El Monte Street
20	Salvation Army
21	United Community Services
22	Olathe Deferred Rehabilitation Loan Program Income
23	Johnson County-HOME Program Rehabilitation
24	Johnson County Housing Services-Homebuyer Assistance
25	Johnson County Housing Services - Home Program Administration
26	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
27	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)- Operating

**Table 4 – Project Information**

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

The allocation priorities are listed in the Johnson County 2015-19 Consolidated Plan. On the application, the applicant must explain how the proposed activity meets one of the listed Consolidated Plan needs and also one of the Johnson County strategic priorities, which are included in the application handbook.

The rating team receives a summary from the needs assessment hearing to factor in where there may be proposed gaps in services, and how those gaps could be addressed through CDBG activities. The applications are scored by the rating team who are members of the Johnson County Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee. A score sheet is completed by each member for each proposed activity. Scoring criteria include: need, the project feasibility, budget and timeliness, and performance measures.

The largest obstacle to addressing underserved needs is adequate funding from HUD to fully fund proposed projects on an annual basis.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities Housing Homeless Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development Affordable Housing Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$150,000
	<b>Description</b>	General oversight of CDBG Program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A
	<b>Location Description</b>	11875 S. Sunset Drive, Suite 1300, Olathe, KS 66061
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	General oversight of CDBG Program.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Offer an average of \$300 per household towards rent or utility payments.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	168 low to moderate income persons.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Johnson County-excluding cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Requested funds will be used to help households reconnect utility accounts that have been disconnected or maintain utilities for those served disconnect notices. For rent, funds will be utilized for individual served an eviction notice or a three day letter to quit.

<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	De Soto Sidewalk Improvements
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$75,000
	<b>Description</b>	ADA Sidewalk improvements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2,605 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	83rd Street and Valley Springs Drive, De Soto, Kansas 66018
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Construct ADA compliant 800 L.F of sidewalk and other improvements to provide for pedestrian access across Kill Creek from Valley Springs Senior Apartment complex.
	<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Goals Supported</b>		Public Facilities
<b>Needs Addressed</b>		Non-Housing Community Development
<b>Funding</b>		CDBG: \$35,000
<b>Description</b>		Memory support renovations to nursing center
<b>Target Date</b>		6/30/2020
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>		183 people
<b>Location Description</b>		11875 S. Sunset Drive, Suite 100, Olathe, KS 66061
<b>Planned Activities</b>		Memory support renovations include construction of a wall, installation of new doors and finishing.
<b>5</b>		<b>Project Name</b>
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$30,000
	<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitation of 547 W. Santa Fe, Gardner, Kansas

	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 housing unit, 5 adults with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.
	<b>Location Description</b>	547 W. Santa Fe, Gardner, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rehabilitation of house for five adults with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities at 547 W. Santa Fe, Gardner, Kansas.
<b>6</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Jo Co Housing Services-Minor Home Program
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide minor home rehabilitation and accessibility modifications to low and moderate-income households in Johnson County, excluding the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	20 Households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Johnson County, excluding the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide minor home rehabilitation and accessibility modifications to low and moderate-income households in Johnson County, excluding the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
<b>7</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Jo Co Interfaith Hospitality Network-Case Management
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network seeks to help end homelessness in Johnson County by providing case management for homeless guests residing in JoCo IHN.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	60 homeless people
	<b>Location Description</b>	Johnson County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network seeks to help end homelessness in Johnson County by providing case management for homeless guests residing in JoCo IHN.
<b>8</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Johnson County Parks & Recreation
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$23,725
	<b>Description</b>	Provide working, low and very low-income qualified parents a sliding scale based childcare scholarship for residents in Johnson County excluding the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	28 low to moderate income persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Johnson County-excluding Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide working, income qualified parents a sliding scale based childcare scholarship for residents in Johnson County excluding the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
<b>9</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Merriam Street Visibility Project
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$27,775
	<b>Description</b>	Remove existing cobra head style streetlights with new brushed aluminum higher efficiency residential streetlights in the Vernon Place No. 4 and Bryan Place Neighborhoods.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2,300 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	Vernon Place No. 4 and Bryan Place Neighborhoods, Merriam, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Remove existing cobra head style streetlights with new brushed aluminum higher efficiency residential streetlights in the Vernon Place No. 4 and Bryan Place Neighborhoods.
<b>10</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe-Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$5,392
	<b>Description</b>	Offer an average of \$300 per household towards rent or utility payments.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	45 persons
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Requested funds will be used to help households reconnect utility accounts that have been disconnected or maintain utilities for those served disconnect notices. For rent, funds will be utilized for individual served an eviction notice or a three day letter to quit.
<b>11</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe - Community Enhancement Officer
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$28,333
	<b>Description</b>	Correction of code violations on private property within the CDBG area.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,200
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe CDBG area
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Correction of code violations on private property within the CDBG area.
<b>12</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe - Housing Rehabilitation Administration
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$56,742
	<b>Description</b>	All eligible CDBG housing rehabilitation program administrative costs associated with the program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Reported elsewhere.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	All eligible CDBG housing rehabilitation program administrative costs associated with the program.
<b>13</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe-Parkview Manor Elevator
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$113,625
	<b>Description</b>	The costs of a new elevator controller and hoist way for one elevator and consultant to prepare the scope of work, cost estimate, and oversee project management.
	<b>Target Date</b>	06/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	66 households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe, KS

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The costs of a new elevator controller and hoist way for one elevator and consultant to prepare the scope of work, cost estimate, and oversee project management.
<b>14</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe Parkview Manor Security
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$64,467
	<b>Description</b>	Security improvements to Parkview Manor.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	66 households
	<b>Location Description</b>	300 N. Chestnut, Olathe, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Security improvements to Parkview Manor.
<b>15</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe-PH Scattered Site Chestnut
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$33,058
	<b>Description</b>	To conduct modernization, energy efficient and accessibility improvements on a public housing unit that is 40+ years old.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1 household
	<b>Location Description</b>	619 N. Chestnut, Olathe, KS 66061
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	To conduct modernization, energy efficient and accessibility improvements on a public housing unit that is 40+ years old.
<b>16</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe-Salvation Army
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$3,262

	<b>Description</b>	Emergency assistance program provides assistance to qualifying residents of Olathe to encourage stability, and help prevent homelessness with a maximum of \$450 in rent or utility assistance.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	22 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Emergency assistance program provides assistance to qualifying residents of Olathe to encourage stability, and help prevent homelessness with a maximum of \$450 in rent or utility assistance.
<b>17</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe-Taxi Coupon Program
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$36,204
	<b>Description</b>	The Taxi coupon/voucher program provides the opportunity for low-income, elderly, and disabled citizens to purchase transportation coupons at a reduced cost.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	80 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	The Taxi coupon/voucher program provides the opportunity for low-income, elderly, and disabled citizens to purchase transportation coupons at a reduced cost.
<b>18</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe-YMCA of Greater Kansas City
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$7,417

	<b>Description</b>	Scholarship assistance program allows the YMCA to offer Olathe's low to moderate income families scholarships for quality before and after school programs, that they otherwise not be able to attend based on stated rates.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	25 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Scholarship assistance program allows the YMCA to offer Olathe's low to moderate income family scholarships for quality before and after school programs, that they otherwise not be able to attend based on stated rates.
19	<b>Project Name</b>	Roeland Park-El Monte Street
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facilities
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$136,000
	<b>Description</b>	El Monte Street improvements.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1325 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	4708 to 4816 El Monte Street, Roeland Park, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Mill and overlay asphalt surface and curb replacement at 4708 to 4816 El Monte Street and street light replacement.
20	<b>Project Name</b>	Salvation Army
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Services
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000

	<b>Description</b>	Emergency assistance program provides assistance to qualifying residents of Johnson County to encourage stability, and help prevent homelessness with a maximum of \$300 in rent or utility assistance.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	66 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	Johnson County, excluding the cities of Lenexa, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Emergency assistance program provides assistance to qualifying residents of Johnson County to encourage stability, and help prevent homelessness with a maximum of \$300 in rent or utility assistance.
<b>21</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	United Community Services
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$24,000
	<b>Description</b>	UCS provides staff support and project coordination for the Johnson County CoC on Homelessness, a collaboration of public and private service provider, related organizations and individuals committed to improving the response to poverty and reducing homelessness in Johnson County.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2019
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	1,000 people
	<b>Location Description</b>	Johnson County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	UCS provides staff support and project coordination for the Johnson County CoC on Homelessness, a collaboration of public and private service provider, related organizations and individuals committed to improving the response to poverty and reducing homelessness in Johnson County.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Olathe Deferred Rehabilitation Loan Program Income

22	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$80,000
	<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitation of eligible owner occupied homes.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2 households
	<b>Location Description</b>	Olathe, KS
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rehabilitation of eligible owner occupied homes.
23	<b>Project Name</b>	Johnson County-HOME Program Rehabilitation
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$746,713
	<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitation of eligible owner-occupied homes.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	11 families
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations throughout Johnson County, excluding Lenexa.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Rehabilitation of eligible owner-occupied homes.
	24	<b>Project Name</b>
<b>Goals Supported</b>		Housing
<b>Needs Addressed</b>		Affordable Housing
<b>Funding</b>		HOME: \$50,000
<b>Description</b>		Homebuyer down payment and closing cost assistance for acquisition.
<b>Target Date</b>		6/30/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	6 families
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations throughout Johnson County, KS, excluding Lenexa.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Homebuyer down payment and closing cost assistance for acquisition.
25	<b>Project Name</b>	Johnson County Housing Services - Home Program Administration
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$96,240
	<b>Description</b>	General oversight, management, marketing and outreach, monitoring and coordination of the HOME rehabilitation and homebuyer programs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Reported elsewhere.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Johnson County
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	General oversight, management, marketing and outreach, monitoring and coordination of the HOME rehabilitation and homebuyer programs.
26	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$144,361
	<b>Description</b>	15% mandatory set-aside of the HOME allocation for the purpose of creating affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020

	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3 families
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations throughout Johnson County, KS, excluding Lenexa.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	15% mandatory set-aside of the HOME allocation for the purpose of creating affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income families.
<b>27</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)- Operating
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	HOME: \$48,120
	<b>Description</b>	CHDO may request for operating expenses for administrative expenses that are associated with creating and providing affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income families.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2020
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Reported elsewhere.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Various locations throughout Johnson County, KS, excluding Lenexa.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	CHDO may request for operating expenses for administrative expenses that are associated with creating and providing affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate income families.

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)**

### **Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

Johnson County does not target a specific geographic area or areas of minority concentration for special funding. CDBG funds for general neighborhood improvements are limited to census block groups in which 33.92% or more of the residents are low- to moderate-income. HOME funded housing rehabilitation usually involves the oldest housing stock, which also tend to be located in areas most in need of infrastructure improvement. Public services receiving CDBG assistance are open to income eligible residents throughout the county, other than in the Cities of Lenexa, Overland Park and Shawnee which have their own CDBG funding. The City of Olathe has identified the Community Development Block Grant areas for some projects based on a 33.92% or greater number of low to moderate income families determined by the United States Census Bureau. Projects that are family specific require the family to meet the income qualification for low to moderate income and can receive assistance if they live outside the CDBG designated area.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>

**Table 5 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Not applicable, Johnson County does not allocate investments geographically.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	20
Non-Homeless	1,402
Special-Needs	25
Total	1,447

**Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement**

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	1,447
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	25
Acquisition of Existing Units	8
Total	1,480

**Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type**

#### Discussion

The Johnson County Housing Authority's greatest need is to continue to fund the 1,447 Housing Choice Vouchers allocated. The Authority always needs additional funding to assist those families on the waiting list. There are currently 155 families on the waiting list.

The Housing Authority has an annual budget of \$9.96 million dollars to provide rental subsidies for extremely low to low-income families. Seventy five percent of all new admissions to the Housing Choice Voucher Program must be at the extremely low-income guidelines. Currently there are 1,447 families under lease. This figure includes 54 vouchers holders from other Housing Authorities across the nation. Twenty five (25) Housing Choice Vouchers are earmarked for and used for the mainstream participants (persons with severe disabilities). The Family Self Sufficiency Program, which helps families or individuals become independent of cash public assistance, currently has 30 families under contract, with the ability to contract up to thirty five (35).

## **AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

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

Every five years Olathe Housing Authority prepares a five-year plan outlining organizational goals and proposed capital improvement projects.

Annually, Olathe Housing Authority will submit a scaled down version of the five year plan discussing their organizational, operational and capital improvement goals for the upcoming year. These may involve proposed, new, updated, or eliminated services. The annual capital improvements goals are submitted annually but not as a part of the Annual Action Plan.

During the next year, Olathe Housing Authority will be implement updated or modified federal rules and regulations and incorporate the changes in Administrative Plan and the Admissions and Continue Occupancy Handbook; implement policy, create partnership/s, and issue up to five set aside Housing Choice Vouchers for homeless families; update the energy audit; enforce the No Smoking Policy and promote smoking cessation programs; explore the managing of NSP rental properties in Olathe; explore the addition of affordable housing in Olathe for lower income families; update the website and other issues or opportunities that may come about during the year that will benefit housing authority tenants and Olathe citizens in the areas of housing and transportation.

Apart from the capital improvements, the needs of tenants in public housing include affordable transportation and stabilization assistance. The County provides CDBG funds to the Olathe Taxi Coupon Program which enhances the quality of life for tenants by enabling them to meet basic needs associated with living independently, participating in community activities and addressing medical issues. Tenants that are being faced with case management, medical, utility, or emergency assistance may receive services and assistance through Johnson County Area Agency on Aging, Johnson County Human Service Outreach Services and from local not-for-profit agencies receiving funds from CDBG.

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

Management - Olathe Housing Authority has an active Tenant Council that meets throughout the year and represents the voice of the tenants. They provide recommendations for policy and procedural changes as well as capital improvement. Prior to Olathe Housing Authority's Annual Meeting the Tenant Council will provide their recommendations so they can be incorporated into the literature handed out at meeting and encourage other tenants to participate by attending public hearings, meetings, and open sessions. Tenant Council schedules activities and learning opportunities throughout the year based on funding availability from laundry proceeds and tenant activity fund.

Monthly, the Executive Director or designee will meet with the tenants of Parkview Manor, low-rise with

64 one bedroom units and 2 two bedroom units to discuss issues and concerns that impact their community.

As a component within the City of Olathe, the city has an interactive program called “Olathe Connect” which allows citizens to direct comments, concerns, or questions to the appropriate program within the city. Olathe Housing Authority is a part of that program and is another avenue for tenants to be involved in the management of housing.

Homeownership – Olathe Housing Authority does not have a public housing homeownership program however tenants wanting to become homeowners are encouraged to attend the Housing Choice Voucher Program Family Self-Sufficiency meetings. Staff will refer tenants to other organizations that offer services directed toward homeownership.

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

Olathe Housing Authority Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs are designated as “High Performers” by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development which means they have received SEMAP and PHAS scores above 90%. Current scores are 95% for public housing and 105% for Voucher Program.

## **AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)**

### **Introduction**

**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**

In the 2019 Action Plan, Johnson County will fund multiple public service agencies that serve homeless individuals and access their individual needs. During 2019, Johnson County has recommended funding for Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas for emergency assistance, Johnson County Interfaith

Hospitality to provide case management services to homeless families, Salvation Army for an emergency assistance program, and United Community Services for staff support and coordination for the Johnson County Continuum of Care.

Johnson County was a direct recipient of FY2017 Supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of \$337,745. Johnson County Mental Health and reStart were awarded funds to provide street outreach.

All of these programs listed above work with the homeless population in Johnson County to provide assistance to homeless individuals and families.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

Organizations within the county continued work to expand and strengthen housing options for all households experiencing homelessness in coordination with KS-505 CoC members, with emphasis primarily on ES and TH for households without dependent children for whom there are few options for immediate housing. Through coordinated entry and a triage screening, immediate shelter is often arranged by diversion or through a system of one-night hotel vouchers until shelter beds are available or the household is accepted into a rapid re-housing program. Attendance at a cold weather shelter established in 2015 for homeless individuals continues to grow each year, clearly documenting the gap in emergency shelter, and has informed efforts to establish a year round low-barrier shelter for households without children. The 2018 Point-in-Time count of homeless individuals and families showed a significant increase in unsheltered homeless individuals and couples. Through Emergency Solutions Grant dollars, a new full-time street outreach position was established and new RRH beds were created for individuals experiencing homelessness. In July 2018 a transitional living program awarded by HHS' Administration for Children and Families to meet the need for housing transitional age youth experiencing homelessness in Johnson County opened and will serve up to 11 18-21 year olds. The full implementation of a coordinated entry system and by name list for permanent housing supports has assisted the CoC to prioritize those who are most vulnerable and more quickly and efficiently move

those currently in ES and TH to permanent housing, thus opening spaces for those experiencing a housing crisis now.

**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**

Several different strategies, with the framework of Opening Doors, are being implemented to improve outcomes for those experiencing homelessness and will be ongoing. This includes, but is not limited to, local schools districts actively working with McKinney Vento households to re-establish and maintain stable housing, growing rapid re-housing supports, supporting success through flexible services and supports in partnership with clients to reduce time experiencing homelessness and likelihood of returning to homelessness, building relationships between organizations and local landlords to improve housing opportunities and stability, further expanding a bridge to subsidized housing within additional local housing authorities for those experiencing homelessness. In 2018, the Johnson County CoC continues to assess its effectiveness as a system, use system level performance measures along with program level reviews to gauge its progress towards reducing lengths of time households experience homelessness, reducing returns to homelessness, and building households' income capacity in order to stably meet basic needs. In KS-505's most recent systems performance measures, the average length of time homeless decreased 10% between FY2016 and FY2017 and only 3% of those exiting from a CoC housing program to permanent housing returned to homelessness within 12 months. Additionally CoC members are working with organizations serving other vulnerable populations in the county to identify common strategies to expand affordable housing options for all.

**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.**

The County certifies a policy has been established for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. Reference Certification Sec. 91.22(c)(10). Case managers and resource developers work with clients to secure housing prior to discharge from custody. In some instances, voucher assistance is provided to help secure housing.

For 2019, Johnson County has recommended CDBG funds be utilized to assist low-income and homeless individuals by funding various public services. Specific activities include:

- Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas-Emergency assistance to income qualified residents to prevent homelessness, Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network-Funding for case management for homeless guests. Johnson County Parks and Recreation-Scholarships that allow working parents to have supervised care, Olathe Taxi Coupon Program-Provides funding to low income, elderly, and disabled citizens to purchase coupons for transportation at a reduced cost to allow individuals to work. Olathe-YMCA of Greater Kansas City-Allows YMCA to offer low income families scholarships for before and after school care to allow parents to work. Salvation Army-Funding provided for emergency assistance to Johnson County and Olathe residents to encourage stability and help prevent homelessness with rent and utility assistance. United Community Services-Staff support and project coordination for the Continuum of Care to improve response to poverty and reducing homelessness.

## **AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)**

### **Introduction**

**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**

Johnson County developed a more efficient means for delivery of resources community wide, not just county government resources. The “My Resource Connection” system was built in-house with staff from multiple county departments including: Automated Mapping Information Systems (AIMS), Department of Technology and Information (DTI), Mental Health, Developmental Supports, Corrections, Courts, Health and Environment, Human Services, and District Court Trustees.

The role of “My Resource Connection” is to assist individuals find and locate relevant resources at organizations. Individuals or case managers are able to perform searches for affordable rental housing, food pantries, transportation, health and medicine, counseling, employment, as well as many others, and contains mapping capabilities.

My Resource Connection is maintained and hosted by the government of Johnson County, KS. Significant contributions of data come from United Way 211 of Greater Kansas City, various departments within Johnson County government, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS. My Resource Connection can be found at: <http://ims.jocogov.org/rc>.

The strategic priorities of the Board of County Commissioners include advancing the self-sufficiency of vulnerable populations. A new focus is helping those who are housing insecure. The BOCC is currently working to identify resolutions before this becomes a crisis. A housing committee now meets to address the issues of affordable housing and shelters. It consists of Johnson County and community partners and is led by United Community Services. Members from Johnson County government include the following departments: Human Services, Developmental Supports, Mental Health, and Housing Services. Community partners include Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas and Salvation Army.

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

Johnson County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or other circumstance prohibited by federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation, including Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Johnson County Government does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, sex or gender, religion or creed, age, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, ancestry or national origin, military status or membership or service in the military. The County prohibits and will not tolerate unlawful discrimination by employees and elected and appointed officials against any employee or applicant for employment. In addition, the County prohibits discrimination on the basis of political affiliation or belief.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

In 2019, Johnson County proposes funding for the following underserved needs: United Community Services, Homeless Coordinator, (homelessness); Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network, case management (homelessness); Friends of JCDS, housing rehabilitation (disabled); and Olathe Taxi, transportation vouchers (elderly and disabled).

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

Improve the quality of existing housing through rehabilitation and increase the supply of housing affordable to low-income households. Support programs that provide rehabilitation of low-income renter and owner-occupied housing and/or provide emergency repair/replacement to address health, safety or accessibility issues. Support rehabilitation/purchase and/or new construction of housing units to be made available to low-income renters or buyers.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

On September 15, 1999, HUD published the “Lead Safe Housing Rule.” The lead hazard reduction requirements in this regulation apply to housing built before 1978; the year lead-based paint was banned nationwide for consumer use. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 40 percent of the county’s housing stock was built prior to 1978.

In responding to HUD’s Lead Safe Housing Regulation, Johnson County Housing Services has two staff positions which require training and certification in Lead Safe Work Practices as Risk Assessment. As of July 2018, one (1) general contractor is certified Lead Activity Firm and six (6) general contractors are certified as Lead Renovation Firms. To further augment the county’s effort, the county contracts with Hernly and Associates to provide Lead-Based Paint inspection, risk assessment and clearance services. Hernly and Associates is certified to conduct Lead-Based Paint risk assessments by the Kansas

Department of Health and Environment.

The City of Olathe takes steps to ensure all homes built before 1978 and receiving rehabilitation assistance (CDBG, HOME) are inspected by a certified risk assessor. When a home has identifiable lead hazards, the homeowner is informed of the additional steps that will need to be taken on their property prior to rehabilitation starting. This information includes the notification, evaluation and corrective steps needed to address the lead based paint hazards in their home. The City has contracted with a certified risk assessor to provide a full risk assessment on all rehabilitation projects over \$5,000, which include a visual inspection, paint testing (samples and XRF), soil samples and dust wipes. If total cost of rehab on a home built before 1978 is over \$25,000, abatement be required.

A lead hazard risk assessment and lead-based paint inspection report is presented. This information is forwarded to the homeowner and the licensed contractor that will be performing the work.

If the testing reveals lead in or around the home the homeowner could receive a grant to address the lead issues. Depending on the cost to address the lead some expenses may be incorporated into a deferred loan. Once the hazard reduction work is completed, a clearance examination is performed with subsequent reports.

Both Johnson County Housing Services and the City of Olathe have always provided residents with the **Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home** brochure (English or Spanish version) and these brochures are also made available at the county's Community Outreach Centers.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

Over the past three decades, the poverty rate in the county has remained fairly level with 3.6 % in 1980, 3.6% in 1990 and 3.4% in 2000. But poverty in the county is increasing. In 2016 the poverty rate for Johnson County was 5.5%, a large increase over past decades. In 2016, an estimated 34,000 Johnson County residents were living below the federal poverty level. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey and United Community Services. In addressing poverty, the county operates programs and collaborates with many non-profit organizations. The county provides funding for a utility assistance program, which cities participate in through matching funds. The county provides Community Outreach Centers where residents have access to a variety of resources, including a self-reliance program. Through its CDBG program, the county has funded activities specifically designed to move people out of poverty, such as: Childcare so that people can gain an education or remain at work; Self-sufficiency programs that move people toward financial goals; Homebuyer and housing programs. The county's anti-poverty strategy will be focused on raising the incomes of persons at or below poverty. While continuing to support programs that help families continue an education, find and keep jobs or build skills, the county will place an emphasis on programs that help build wealth.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The Johnson County Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee is made up of eleven

citizen members with a County Commissioner serving as non-voting chair. Four of the members are appointed as representatives of persons with disabilities, of minorities, of low-income households and of the homeless. According to a Board Resolution, the purpose of the Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee shall be to insure that the needs of extremely low- to moderate income individuals and families, the elderly, disabled, minority and homeless populations are expressed and adequately reflected in Johnson County's housing and community development programs. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is managed by the Community Development Office and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program and home repair programs are managed by the Housing Services Office both within the Human Services Department. Other county departments or agencies involved in services to low-income households include the Area Agency on Aging, Developmental Supports, Human Services Outreach, Mental Health, Parks & Recreation, and Public Health.

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

The county has cooperation agreements for the CDBG program with the 16 of the 20 cities in the county. It also has cooperation agreements for the HOME program with the cities of Overland Park and Shawnee, both of which receive their own CDBG funds, but not HOME funds, as entitlement cities. Since only a small part of the City of Bonner Springs is within the county, that city does not participate in the county's programs. A city applies to the county for CDBG funding for activities approved by the city council after public hearings. As demonstrated in the yearly Action Plan, CDBG funds are provided to a number of supportive and social service providers. The county has numerous agencies, as well as faith agencies, which provide a variety of services to diverse low-income populations.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

The Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee has made recommendations for allocation of 2019 funding for CDBG and HOME funds. Final approval of the plan was made by the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners.

#### 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
<b>Total Program Income:</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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.	100.00%

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

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

Johnson County uses HOME funds in the forms of assistance as identified in the plan (i.e. grants, deferred loans). Johnson County does not use HOME allocations in other forms of investments (i.e. equity investments, advances, interest subsidies, guarantee loans made by lenders, etc.) that are not explicitly described in the plan.

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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:

**HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

**Resale/Recapture Provision**

Johnson County Housing Services exercises the Recapture Provision for homebuyer activities undertaken under the **Homebuyer's Assistance Program**.

Homebuyer's Assistance Program is a deferred loan program. Eligible applicants are provided down payment and closing cost assistance up to \$10,000 to purchase a home. A lien is placed against the newly purchased home as a second mortgage. The loan, which is interest free, is forgiven at a rate of 20% per year (one year means 12 months from the closing date of the home) of the original loan amount for a five (5) year period. At the end of the five (5) year period the loan will be forgiven and the mortgage will be released.

If, at any time during the five (5) year affordability period, the property is sold to any willing buyer, or its title is otherwise transferred, the remaining amount of the deferred loan must be repaid to the HOME Program from available net proceeds prior to release of the mortgage.

**Net proceeds** are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

**Foreclosure, Transfer in Lieu of Foreclosure-** If the property is foreclosed upon during the affordability period; JCHS will attempt to recoup any net proceeds that may be available through the

foreclosure sale in an amount up to the HOME Program direct subsidy.

***Non-compliance with the principal place of residency requirement by a homebuyer under the recapture provision is not considered a transfer and under these circumstances, JCHS will enforce full repayment of the HOME Program direct subsidy, which is not subject to prorated or other reductions included in the recapture provision described above. (See example below)***

A homebuyer receives \$5,000 in Homebuyer's Assistance to purchase a home. The direct subsidy funded through the HOME Program is \$5,000.00. The recapture agreement provides for pro rata reduction of the direct subsidy over 5 years. If the homebuyer rents the property in year 3, they would be in noncompliance with the HOME principal residence requirement and would be required to repay the entire \$5,000.00 HOME Program direct subsidy.

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:

**Johnson County Housing Services (JCHS) exercises the Recapture Provision for homebuyer activities undertaken by Johnson County Housing Coalition (CHDO) and Builders Development Corporation (CHDO).**

Johnson County Housing Services (JCHS) will exercise the recapture provision utilizing the model where in the JCHS, recaptures the entire direct HOME subsidy provided to the CHDO (Project Sponsor), if during the affordability period the property is transferred/sold to an entity other than the CHDO (Project Sponsor). If at the time of sale, there is a declining housing market, and net proceeds available at the time of sale are insufficient to recapture the entire direct HOME subsidy provided to the CHDO, only what is available from net proceeds will be recaptured.

***Net proceeds*** are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

HOME funds provided by the County shall be due and payable, and shall be returned to the County as Program Income. Any amounts in excess of the Direct HOME Subsidy disbursed to the CHDO (Project Sponsor) shall be retained by the CHDO Project Sponsor. Any agreement entered into by (CHDO) Project Sponsor providing for periodic reductions in the amount of the outstanding HOME funded balance during the affordability period shall not be binding upon any claim on sales proceeds or Program Income that may be made by the County.

The affordability period has previously been defined as the period after the Project is completed and final payments are made, in compliance with time limits dictated at 24 CFR 92.252(e), which term shall be not less than five years, nor more than twenty years, based upon total amount of HOME

funds invested in the Project and type of project undertaken.

This model, **Recapture Entire Direct Home Subsidy**, shall be used for Acquisition as well as New Construction developed by the CHDO.

**Foreclosure, Transfer in Lieu of Foreclosure-** If a CHDO owned property is foreclosed upon or transferred in Lieu of Foreclosure during the affordability period, JCHS will attempt to recoup any net proceeds that may be available through the foreclosure sale in an amount up to the full amount of the HOME Program direct subsidy, and/or recapture from the CHDO for the full amount of the HOME Program direct subsidy.

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:

HOME funds are not used to refinance existing debt.

## Attachments

# **Johnson County Community Development and Housing 2017 CAPER & 2019 Needs Assessment Public Hearing Meeting Minutes**

## **1. Call to order**

David Ward called to order the meeting of the 2019 Community Development & Housing Needs Assessment Public Hearing at 2:00 pm on March 7, 2017 at Johnson County Housing Multi-Service Center North Central Branch located at 12425 W. 87<sup>th</sup> Street PKWY, Lenexa, KS 66215. Each presenter was allowed to speak on behalf of their agency for 5 minutes. If there is more than one presenter representing the agency, each is allowed a maximum of 5 minutes each. Presenters were called in the order that they signed in and asked to speak loud and clear for the recording of the hearing.

## **2. Attendees:**

The Board consisted of members of the Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee:

Susan Metsker  
Ron Shaffer  
Kathy Rankin  
Brian Roby

The following persons were present representing various agencies and municipalities:

Kristin Brumm	Safehome, Inc.
Janel Bowers	Friends of Jo Co Developmental Supports
Valorie Carson	United Community Service of Johnson County
Dawn Myers	Catholic Charities
David Parnell	City of Olathe, Housing Division
Lorna Kerr	YMCA

Staff attendees:

Debbie Collins	Johnson County Human Services
Viki Schmidt	Johnson County Community Development
David Ward	Johnson County Housing Services
Sue Carter	Johnson County Housing Services
Jesse Mofle	Johnson County Housing Services

**David Ward** called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

The Board received two comments on the CAPER at the March 7, 2018 public hearing.

**Kristin Brumm:**

Safehome is Johnson County's only domestic violence agency and has served Johnson County for 38 years. The shelter services include a counseling program, education, transitional housing, court/legal services, and case management services. In 2017, 10,000 clients received direct services. Outreach served about 25,000 people in the community.

50% of the residents in the shelter are children. 262 kids were counseled last year. Due to the age of the playground, upgrades are needed to the surface to make it safe for use. Funding is also used to educate shelter residents.

Safehome mission is to stop the cycle of violence. It is a place to heal and promote healthy relationships.

**Janel Bowers:**

Friends of JCDS fills the gaps for their vulnerable clients. Assistance provided by Friends of JCDS includes affordable housing, accessibility items, personal items and medical / dental issues.

Friends of JCDS buys homes, which they modify and make accessible for their disabled clients. Ceiling lifts have a cost range of \$17,000-\$26,000. Ceiling lifts improved mobility around their home, quality of life, reduce accidents and also make previously unused areas in their home now useable by their clients.

They have taken on a project to build 2 new homes that will be designed to meet the needs of their disabled clients.

Hearing no other speakers for the CAPER, Mr. Ward closed the public hearing on the 2017 CAPER.

The hearing on the 2019 Needs Assessment was opened by Mr. Ward. The following speakers provided comments.

**Janel Bowers:**

Ms. Bowers also spoke during the needs assessment hearing on the need for ceiling lifts in housing for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). A straight track for a home to address mobility issues for this population can run \$17,000 and a multi-room track \$26,000. This allows residents more independence by increasing their mobility and less reliance on others.

**Valorie Carson:**

The Community Development Block Grant Program is a tool for local government to ensure affordable housing and provide services for the most vulnerable in its community, especially those persons of low-

and moderate income. United Community Services (UCS) recognizes the importance of safe and stable housing and improved economic opportunity for all local residents to assure a thriving Johnson County community now and in the future.

In 2016, 9 out of 10 households made less than \$35,000 paying 30% of their income for housing. 1 out of 2 are actually paying 50% or more for their housing. Fixed income with increase in utility and living costs increases the need for this population.

94,000 Johnson County residents are living in low income households. Median rent is \$1,045 per month without utilities. People cannot be shamed for not being able to afford housing. One in three jobs in Johnson County pay less than \$15 an hour.

Homelessness and emergency housing is needed in Johnson County.

UCS advocates for the use of CDBG funds to promote safe, affordable housing for those living in poverty, low income and homelessness plus supports to access economic opportunity for the most vulnerable populations.

**Dawn Myers:**

Catholic Charities assists low income residents in Johnson. This is valuable funding for those facing homelessness. Preventing clients from becoming a statistic. In 2017, 2,015 clients received housing assistance and 2,200 received utility assistance. It is hard to get jobs with livable wages. There are so many factors that enable clients to get a job including experience, transportation, etc.

Rising costs of living will lower the number of clients served.

**Dave Parnell:**

Needs arise from gaps in services. The Olathe Housing Program sees the need for affordable housing and transportation in the community. Also there is a need to seek partnerships and increase funding.

Taxi program served over 400 clients last year. Funding areas are decreasing. There is a need to work together to meet needs.

Hearing no other speakers, Mr. Ward closed the public hearing on the 2019 Needs Assessment.

**David Ward concluded the meeting at 3:05 pm.**