

Governing Body Minutes – June 6, 2023

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The Governing Body members of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Hiller, Valdivia-Alcala, Ortiz, Emerson, Kell, Naeger, Duncan, Dobler and Hoferer -9. Mayor Padilla presided -1.

Public comment for the meeting was available via Zoom or in-person. Individuals were required to contact the City Clerk's Office at 785-368-3940 or via email at cclerk@topeka.org by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 6, 2023, after which the City Clerk's Office provided the Zoom link information and protocols prior to the meeting start time. Written public comment was also considered to the extent it was personally submitted at the meeting or to the City Clerk's Office located at 215 SE 7th Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas, 66603 or via email at cclerk@topeka.org on or before June 6, 2023, for attachment to the meeting minutes.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order Councilmember Duncan provided the invocation.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by meeting participants.

Mayor Padilla reported there was a need for an executive session and asked the City Attorney to state the motion to be considered.

Amanda Stanley, City Attorney, stated the motion would be to recess into executive session for a period of time not to exceed 1-hour for consultation with the City Attorney to discuss attorney-client privileged matters regarding a specific employment matter as justified by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the City Council Chambers. The

Governing Body will relocate to the 1st Floor Municipal Court Room to conduct the Executive Session. The following Staff was necessary to assist the Governing Body in its deliberations: City Attorney Amanda Stanley.

Councilmember Ortiz moved to recess into executive session as stated by the City Attorney. The motion seconded by Councilmember Emerson carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

Following a 1-hour time period, the meeting reconvened into open session and Mayor Padilla announced no action was taken during the executive session.

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Marisol Marcelo to the Topeka Human Relations Commission to fill an expired term ending June 6, 2025, was presented. (*Council District No. 6*)

Councilmember Kell moved to approve the appointment. The motion seconded by Councilmember Naeger carried unanimously. The Mayor does not vote. (9-0-0)

CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 9421 introduced by Councilmember Karen Hiller, approving a special event known as 99.3 The Eagle Cruisin' the Capital Car Show 2023, was presented. (*Council District No. 1*)

RESOLUTION NO. 9422 introduced by Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz, granting Randy Wheat an exception to the provisions of City of Topeka Code Section 9.45.150, et seq., concerning noise prohibitions, was presented. (*Council District No. 3*)

APPROVAL of Human Resources CONTRACT NO. 51393 between the City of Topeka and Clear Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$24,065.75 for implementing an additional software platform for advanced onboarding, was presented.

APPROVAL of Public Works Engineering CONTRACT NO. 51391 between the City of Topeka and BG Consultants, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$87,500 for engineering services, was presented.

MINUTES of the regular meeting of May 16, 2023, was presented.

APPROVAL of the following Cereal Malt Beverage license applications was presented:

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
29 th Gas & Shop	1611 SE 29 th St
Buy & Ride #7	810 SE 15 th St
CVS #8605	2835 SW Wanamaker Rd
CVS #10244	3901 SW 21 st St
Fairlawn Express	706 SW Fairlawn Rd
Good Trip	1320 SW 6 th Ave
Mi Pueblito Meat Market	621 SE Swygart St
Natural Grocers	5836 SW 21 st St
SQRL 1006	3834 SW Topeka Blvd
Target T-0355	2120 SW Wanamaker Rd
Top City Beverage	2525 SW 29 th St
Walgreens #03069	1001 SW Topeka Blvd
Walgreens #03772	2901 SE California Ave
Walgreens #04557	2121 SW Fairlawn Rd
Walgreens #04782	3696 SW Topeka Blvd
Walgreens #04981	3630 SW Wanamaker Rd
Walgreens #07778	1001 SW Gage Blvd
Walgreens #15601	2101 NW Topeka Blvd
Walgreens #16314	3900 SW 29 th St

Councilmember Naeger moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion seconded by Councilmember Dobler carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

PUBLIC HEARING

On the advisability of establishing a community improvement district (CID) at the corner of SW 32nd Terrace and SW Topeka Boulevard and levying a 2% CID sales tax within the CID, was presented.

Rhiannon Friedman, Interim Planning and Development Director, provided an overview of the proposed 5-acre redevelopment district, the site plan, the anticipated \$15 million of investment with a 2% CID request to commence on January 1, 2025, with a maximum dollar reimbursement set at \$3.2 million. She reported the South Topeka TIF District was established in October of 2022 and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposal on April 17, 2023. She noted the ordinance establishing the district would be considered for action on June 13, 2023.

Councilmember Duncan asked if the additional 2% sales tax would end when the maximum reimbursement amount was reached or after a certain time period.

Amanda Stanley, City Attorney, stated the maximum time limit is 22 years; however, it would expire with the maximum amount of reimbursement amount was reached.

Councilmember Hiller referenced both City of Topeka Policies for TIF and CID developments and questioned the “but-for” phrasing and asked Mr. White to explain how the reimbursement amount was determined.

Jeff White, Columbia Capital Management, reported the “but-for” calculation was consistent with the approach used throughout the region. He stated they located a number of commercial real estate surveys that identified for the region what the capitalization rate would be on this type of retail use. They then calculated the hypothetical sale price at the end of 10 years along with the review of cash flow for each year, and finally calculating what the developer’s rate of return would be without incentives. In this particular case, they found the rate of return was negative as the cost to acquire the project, to demolish buildings, install infrastructure and build new buildings was such that there would not be a market rate of return established, therefore, at that point it was determined “but-for the presence of the incentives” there would not be a project.

He noted the history of the SW Topeka Boulevard corridor was also considered. He reported they recommended offering enough incentive to cause the developer to move forward with the project but not so much that it would be an unfair tax.

Councilmember Hiller referenced the \$2 million reimbursement cap for the CID and \$1.2 million cap for the TIF. She inquired on the allowance of reallocation of funds between the two districts.

Jeff White confirmed that the totals could shift between districts, however, as outlined in state statute the TIF District has a shorter list of qualified expenses compared to the CID. He reported the amounts listed was the developer's estimates and they remain indifferent on those totals. He expressed his confidence that the \$3.2 million reimbursement cap would be the right amount of incentive to generate an acceptable rate of return.

Councilmember Duncan expressed concern with the proposed CID and labeling the additional 2% sales tax on citizens as an economic incentive for the developer as opposed to a TIF District, which is budgeted and absorbed by the City of Topeka.

Councilmember Emerson stated the CID was an avoidable tax and only paid by those patronizing businesses in the District; however, communications need to improve on the disclosure of additional sales tax to customers.

Councilmember Kell spoke in support of creating an incentive to help revitalize the area and bring services to east Topeka.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala spoke in support of providing additional notice to customers if additional sales tax applies.

Councilmember Dobler stated he agrees it was an avoidable tax; however, at this time developers are having extreme difficulty due to increased costs. He thanked the developer for choosing Topeka and investing in an area that desperately needs economic development.

Mayor Padilla opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak to the matter. No one appearing the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING

For the purpose of considering adoption of a Project Plan in the area of SW 32nd Terrace and SW Topeka Boulevard in the South Topeka Redevelopment District.

Mayor Padilla opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak to the matter. No one appearing the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Hiller referenced the \$1.2 million reimbursement amount and asked how many years the agreement was in place and at what percentage of tax increment will be received.

Jeff White, Columbia Capital Management, reported the agreement would expire in 20 years and the TIF would capture only property tax with the exclusion of the 20 mill statewide property tax levy for schools; the 9.5 mill 501 Unified School District property tax levy; and the 1.5 mill State Building property tax levy.

Councilmember Dobler stated recent TIF District proposals are different from those approved years ago because the developments are now pay-as-you-go posing very little financial risk for the City.

DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION on recent homelessness efforts including camp cleanups and ordinance enforcement, was presented.

Councilmember Dobler moved to defer the item until July 11, 2023. The motion seconded by Councilmember Emerson carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

DISCUSSION regarding the evaluation of options by the City Manager for the redevelopment of Hotel Topeka at City Center located at 1717 SW Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, Kansas, subject to a Development Agreement approved by the Governing Body, was presented. *(Deferred from the May 30, 2023, Special Meeting)*

Jeff White, Columbian Capital Management, reported the City has submitted a bid for the Hotel that will close on June 7, 2023. He provided an overview of the following development plan scenarios used by other communities:

- (1) 100% Public Owned
- (2) Mostly Public Owned with Partial Private Owner
- (3) Public Owned with Complete Private Operator
- (4) 100% Privately Owned

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala questioned if a Shawnee County Commissioner or the Shawnee County Legal Counselor was present to answer questions. She expressed concern with the process being rushed and the lack of transparency, and requested a better understanding of why the City was dealing with this issue instead of Shawnee County.

Jeff White reported in general cities have a great deal more latitude to work these types of deals compared to counties.

Amanda Stanley, City Attorney, stated she does not have an answer.

Leo Hafner spoke in opposition of the City purchasing the hotel and believes the taxpayers do not want the government to bail out private businesses. He referenced the action taken by the Governing Body on May 30, 2023, and stated he believes there was a total lack of transparency and the meeting was a violation of the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA).

Pam Ensley, Topeka JUMP member, stated he concurs with the statements made by

Leo Hafner. She expressed her anger related to the time of the meeting and the lack of public input allowed. She stated she believes there should have been more discussion by the Governing Body and constituents have questions about the purchase of the Hotel that need to be addressed.

DISCUSSION of the proposed 2024-2033 Capital Improvement Plan and 2024-2026 Capital Improvement Budget, was presented. *(Continued from the meeting of May 16, 2023)*

Freddy Mawyin, Chief Financial Officer, reported Staff has no additional information to present and recommends approval on June 13, 2023.

Adam Vaughn, City Budget Manager, confirmed Staff conducted project audits and analysis to identify excess fund balances.

Councilmember Duncan asked if Staff plans to discuss alternatives to the SW Huntoon Project to be considered by the Governing Body.

Braxton Copley, Public Works Director, reported the SW Huntoon Project would take place in phases over several years. He recommended the Governing Body allow him to move forward with public engagement on the project design and hire a consultant to create different cost proposals for different levels of repairs.

Councilmember Kell referenced the excessive cost of the Elevation Parkway Project and stated he continues to receive input from constituents opposing the project. He spoke in support of using the funds for other much needed improvements.

Councilmember Emerson requested Staff provide a summary of the changes made to the final CIP.

Budget Manager Vaughn stated he would provide a summary of the changes to the Governing Body.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala referenced the excessive cost of the Elevation Parkway Project. She expressed concern with loss of trust by constituents in general and noted, they do not believe their voices are being heard.

Councilmember Naeger requested to be a part of the SW Huntoon Street Project discussions and expressed the importance of looking to the future as it relates to spending tax dollars wisely, implementing a green approach, and ensuring the improvements will last for years.

Councilmember Hiller distributed a handout outlining her recommended changes to the proposed CIP. (*Attachment A*). She stated her preference would be to transfer \$7 million into the General Fund with \$5 million from General Obligation (GO) Bonding and \$2 million from the Half-Cent Sales Tax Fund. She noted there are additional items that she believes should be moved from GO Bonding to the General Fund and believes bonding was created for large projects and not meant for annual items.

Councilmember Emerson expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Hiller for distributing her handout and stated he concurs with her statement regarding the elimination of bonding annual items. He questioned if the proposed cash funded annual items could be absorbed in the 2024 budget.

Budget Manager Vaughn reported the preliminary estimate for 2024 is unknown at this time as they have not yet received Shawnee County Property Tax numbers. He stated the end of year surplus spent on GO bond avoidance was \$1.5 million in 2020; \$1.4 million in 2021; and \$4.5million in 2022 with the inclusion of the design fee fund. He noted GO bond avoidance remains a high priority with Staff as they continue to review CIP project funds.

Councilmember Dobler expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Hiller and stated

he believes the Half-Cent Sales Tax fund was created to provide relief for the City's inability to fund street maintenance from the General fund and the Motor Fuel Tax. He spoke in support of shifting FIRM Program funds into the operating budget and using excess funds for Traffic Signals instead of GO bonding.

PUBLIC COMMENT was submitted via email by William Brandlin, ShaMecha Simms, and LaZone Grays (Attachment B) and provided by the following individuals:

William Brandlin distributed a map related to the proposed housing development (*PUD 23/02*) located near NW Rochester Road. He stated he believes the traffic study consultant should not be chosen by the Planning Commission; and if a traffic study is not completed then he would request that the PUD be denied based on lack of due diligence to address concerns. He spoke to the extension of NW Sprotan Lane, NW Walnut Lane and NW Sanford Street and reported the streets are narrow and could not accommodate additional traffic that would be generated from the proposed development.

Chris Deister questioned why the discussion on homelessness strategies was deferred. He referenced a recent pit-bull dog attack and asked why the breed has not been outlawed in the city of Topeka because he believes this breed of dog was dangerous. He spoke to the terrible things that happen when people do not abide by laws.

Steve Schiffelbein, Topeka JUMP Member, expressed his excitement for the Topeka Housing Trust Fund balance reaching \$1 million. He asked the Governing Body to move forward with the next step of convening the Review Committee and expressed the importance of affordable housing being a top priority of the City.

Lazone Grays referenced the packet of information he sent to the Governing Body via

email on June 6, 2023. He spoke to new Kansas Laws related to SNAP (food assistance) and the work requirements. He asked the City to consider what action could be implemented to take advantage of these opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CITY MANAGER, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL;

Councilmember Ortiz offered her condolences to the family of Tommy Green and recognized the great contributions Mr. Green made to the community. She announced various Juneteenth events would be taking place across the city; and 2023 Fiesta Mexicana events would begin in July.

Mayor Padilla moved to suspend the Governing Body Rules & Procedures to add several items to the agenda. The motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Dobler carried unanimously.

(10-0-0)

Mayor Padilla moved to accept City Manager Stephen Wade's request for a leave of absence effective immediately. The motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Dobler carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

Mayor Padilla moved the introduction and passage of RESOLUTION NO. 9420 introduced by Deputy Mayor Neil Dobler concerning the designation of Acting City Manager. The motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Dobler carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

Mayor Padilla moved the authorization, negotiation and execution of an Employment Agreement with Richard U. Nienstedt as Acting City Manager. The motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Dobler carried unanimously. (10-0-0)

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

(SEAL)

Brenda Younger City Clerk

CIP Changes to Recommend 6-5-23

In short, top preference is to move \$7,000,000 into General Fund from their current “buckets” - \$5,000,000 from GO Bonding and \$2,000,000 from ½ Cent Sales Tax. There are additional items that should be moved from GO Bonding to General Fund, but this will be a start.

\$7,000,000 Total

\$2,000,000	FIRM	from GO to General Fund	(annual)	Maintenance
\$1,000,000	Traffic Signals	From GO to General Fund	(annual)	Annual Repeat
\$2,000,000	Fire Apparatus	From GO to General Fund	(annual)	Annual Repeat
\$2,000,000	Prevention and Sealing	From ½ Cent to General Fund	(annual)	Maintenance

Supporting Documentation**Financial – per Finance staff May 2023**

20-year: \$1,000,000	20-year: \$2,000,000
Estimated rate: 4.75%	Estimated rate: 4.75%
Principle: \$1,000,000	Principle: \$2,000,000
Interest: \$582,430	Interest: \$1,164,859
Cost of Issuance: \$20,000	Cost of Issuance: \$40,000
Annual Cost: \$80,121	Annual Cost: \$160,243
Total Cost: \$1,602,430	Total Cost: \$3,204,859

Debt Policy – selected from City of Topeka Resolution 8818

(I.17) Employ the use of debt to complement, and not to supplant, recurring commitments of annual appropriations for capital purposes

(I.77) The City shall not fund the costs of current operations or routine maintenance with long-term debt financing.

GO Bond to General Fund (for simplicity purposes, using the 20-year financing model for all 3 lines)

If we are ever going to get these moved, now is the time. Looking at the fact that, with financing costs and interest, we would be paying 60% more than cost for these items that we do every year.....our savings for the switch of the three would start at \$400,607 in the first year and \$1,922,906 every year by the 20th year....or, looked at differently, a total savings of \$3,012,148 just for these three project lines alone. That savings can be used for operating budgets to pay-as-you-go finance other projects or for debt service on the truly major projects for which debt financing is intended or overall property tax reduction, if all of the totals work out.


Half Cent Sales Tax

Similar to the City’s policy for debt financing, the ½ Cent Sales tax was passed to rebuild our streets, not for routine and preventive maintenance. Moving this item back to the General Fund/Operating Budget will make this amount of ½ Cent Sales Tax available to cover the increase in costs for our currently planned street projects and/or get more of those projects under way.

Tonya L. Bailey

From: WILLIAM BRANDLIN <graybeard18@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 7:19 AM
To: Michael Padilla; Karen A. Hiller; Brett Kell; Christina Valdivia-Alcala; Hannah Naeger; Michelle A. Hoferer; Neil Dobler; Sylvia Ortiz; Spencer Duncan; Tony Emerson; Amanda L. Stanley; City Clerk
Subject: PUD 23/02 Traffic Study and related issues regarding extension of Sproaton Lane
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Good Morning:

I would ask the governing Body to keep the following issues in mind when voting on PUD 23/02.

1. The traffic study suggested by the Governing Body should be (1) performed by a contractor independent of both (a) the Planning Commission and (b) the developer and (2) address both (a) extending Sproaton Lane and (b) not extending Sproaton Lane.
2. In the event the Planning Commission does not require the traffic study suggested by the Governing Body at the May 2, 2023 Governing Body Meeting , PUD 23/02 should be rejected by the Governing Body due to the failure of the Planning Commission to exercise reasonable due diligence in spite of (1) the concerns of the Governing Body, as is evidenced by their reasonable traffic study suggestion at the May 2, 2023 Governing Body Meeting, and (2) the traffic problem concerns voiced by the residents of the PUD 23/02 affected area at the March 20, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting.
3. In the handout distributed at the last Governing Body Meeting (and delivered into each Governing Body member's mailbox), it is clear that the streets comprising Walnut Lane, Sproaton Lane and Sanford Lane are too narrow to accommodate any increased traffic. Vehicles legally parked on these thoroughfares render each street a one lane road which must be utilized by vehicles traveling in opposing directions. If the parked vehicles happen to be trucks, service vehicles or any vehicle larger than a normal automobile these roads often become impassible.

Please consider the foregoing very carefully and seriously.

WILLIAM AND CELESTE BRANDLIN
641 NW Walnut Lane
Topeka, KS 66617-1254
785-670-0677

Tonya L. Bailey

From: ShaMecha Simms <sl.simms@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 9:26 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: 6/6/23 Public Comment Submission: Hotel Topeka Purchase

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Greetings Members of City Council, Mayor Padilla, and City Manager Wade:

My public comment with regard to the purchase of Hotel Topeka is to both provide highly cautious support and to raise concerns that, if answered, may increase my support to the realms of enthusiastic.

First, I see the vision (or at least think I do). I definitely am a believer in “*scared money don't make money*”. I'm thinking this is a way to generate revenue independent of taxes and punitive fees — which is important.

The Genuine Progress Indicator suggests that this could be a better use of funds as it generally is a common good — meaning there are more benefits categorically. This is opposed to spending more money on, say, public safety. The latter of which means that incidents must proliferate to warrant having more, for example, LEOs and firefighters to respond to them (which we don't really want higher crime); and jails with more occupancy and correctional officers (again, not what we want). We want economic participation to increase without creating more social burdens.

But I invite you to linger over these thoughts:

-How can this space be used to lift up the least among us? Can it be used as a safe space for DV victims? Can work opportunities with living wages be accessible to those who need time to get back on their feet? This space has to have some level of socioeconomic intentionality to it if the city takes it over.

-How can the revenue from this investment RADICALLY disrupt the status quo of how money is spent in Topeka? How will the City of Topeka surprise and regale us with its unlocked levels of fiscal awesomeness? Even a dedicated 5-10% of revenue to the things the city typically says no to would be phenomenal. Please see Point 1.

-What is the worst case scenario? We need to know what's on the line if the same issues that got Hotel Topeka (and whatever iterations came before it) befall the City taking it over.

In conclusion, I'm not against the idea but if the city will treat this acquisition as business per usual — it's hard to get beyond pleasantly optimistic.

Thank you for walking with me down this thinking path.

Sincerely,

ShaMecha King Simms

Ms./She/Her

From: [W. Lazone Grays](#)
To: [Tonya L. Bailey](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#); [Stephen M. Wade](#); [Amanda L. Stanley](#)
Subject: Re: FW: New Work Requirements for those 18 - 59 seeking Food Assistance (SNAP)
Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 2:52:11 PM

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Thank you.

Lazone Grays

www.ibsa-inc.org
www.streetsuniversity.org
www.everyoneon.org/ibsa

On Tue, Jun 6, 2023 at 2:20 PM Tonya L. Bailey <tbailey@topeka.org> wrote:

Received.

Your email will be forwarded to the Governing Body, City Mayor, and City Manager.

This email confirms you are signed up to speak at the June 6th Governing Body Meeting under general public comment; Agenda Item 7. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 214 SE 8th Street, 2nd Floor, Topeka. You will have 4 minutes to address the Governing Body.

Do you plan to appear in-person or via Zoom?

Tonya L. Bailey

Administrative Officer, City Clerk

Office: 785-368-3940

tbailey@topeka.org



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From: W. Lazone Grays <lazoneg@ibsa-inc.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 2:04 PM

To: City Clerk <ccclerk@Topeka.org>

Cc: Stephen M. Wade <swade@topeka.org>; IBSA, Inc. <admin@ibsa-inc.org>

Subject: Re: New Work Requirements for those 18 - 59 seeking Food Assistance (SNAP)

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Greetings,

I am sending this email to sign up for 'public comment' at this evening's Topeka city council meeting. I have provided attachments and more information in this email so that council members, our mayor and city manager can be more informed of the content of my comment.

Thank you in advance.

Lazone Grays

Citizen of Topeka

(913) 240-6247

Kansas law on receiving SNAP (food assistance)

Re: Work Requirements

City of Topeka Leadership,

Last year in July Kansas law changed whereas anyone 18 to 49 considered able-bodied, with no dependents and wanting food assistance will have to submit to work requirements.

- Working 20 (or) 30hrs per week?
- Participating in a DCF approved job training program
- Or participating in an approved secondary activity like work experience, workplace readiness or volunteering?

This went into effect for Kansans in July of last year (2022).

This July (2023) those 50 to 59 will have the same work requirement in order to receive food assistance (SNAP).

And now through the debt-ceiling legislation, the same work requirements for those able-bodied with no dependents will become federal policy.

Whether one likes the policy or not; it's still state law. Meaning, complaining won't do and we must proactively prepare our own city to meet any needs that might arise in our community.

Back when the welfare reform policy was passed in 1996 I brought the issue up with then-Mayor Joan Wagnon and she convened for lack of better wording, a WtW Coalition. (*see attached*)

I've attached a document that best explains this a little better.

I think the city should start talking about and working on this right now; instead of later. And our neighborhood resource center project funded through the City ARPA grant will be a part of the solution!

Those in positions of leadership should be discussing where these job training programs are, who will be delivering them, will DCF be paying for training and/or support services, and how can organizations provide the job coaching/readiness services and/or the 'secondary' options mentioned like volunteering with nonprofits or workforce readiness activities for 20/30hrs a week?

I hope Mayor Padilla will follow the same path of convening relevant social service agencies and such to sit and discuss this important turn of events. Especially those awarded; or to be awarded any federal funds received by the City of Topeka i.e. CDBG, ARPA, IIJA (infrastructure law), etc...?

I also believe any 'coalition, group or whatever' should be led by government administrators and not a nongovernmental organization. So hopefully the mayor & city manager can host this effort... within a committee of something????

If the city moves forward, I am sure we can get the top DCF folks in a room to fully explain the new policy and to answer questions for all involved... Then we can plan our work... and work our plan?

Doing nothing is an option, but I wouldn't suggest it.

Thank you all in advance for your time, attention and future effort.

Lazone Grays

President/CEO

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New Kansas Work Requirement Policy to Receive SNAP (Food Assistance)

NBC News - April 28, 2023

"The new law, set to take effect in July, tightens work requirements for older Kansans to keep or qualify

for SNAP benefits. It extends the age limit of those legally considered to be able-bodied adults without dependents from 18-49 to 18-59"

That means most food assistance **recipients ages 50-59 will soon need to work at least 30 hours per week or attend mandatory job training** to qualify"

Overview of Kansas SNAP Program 2023

<https://www.dcf.ks.gov/Agency/Testimony/Documents/2023/1.19%20H%20WF%20DCF%20SNAP.pdf>

Work Requirement Under New Debt Ceiling Legislation Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Current: Able-bodied adults without dependents who are between ages 18 and 49 can only receive food stamps for three months out of every three years **unless** they work or participate in other activities at least 20 hours a week.

New: The number of people subject to the mandate will be broadened in phases so that by 2025, it will apply to those between the ages of 18 and 54.

But veterans and people experiencing homelessness of all ages, as well as adults under age 25 who were previously in foster care, will be exempt under the debt ceiling bill.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Current: States must ensure that a certain share of those receiving cash aid from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program participate in specific work-related activities – 50% for all families and 90% for two-parent households.

Only certain activities, including employment, training, job search assistance and community service programs, satisfy the mandate.

About 540,000 families who received cash assistance from TANF were subject to the work requirements in 2021, according to LaDonna Pavetti, a senior fellow at the center. The families included about 975,000 children.

New: The legislation tightens the current work requirements, primarily by adjusting the work participation rate credits that states can receive for reducing their number of cases. Starting in October 2025, the formula will compare the current count with what it was in 2015, instead of 2005.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/06/02/politics/food-stamps-debt-ceiling-work-requirements/index.html>

Welfare Reform Act

BACKGROUND. Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), also known as the Welfare Reform Act, was signed into law on August 22, 1996. Its primary goal is to move families off public assistance by helping them become self-sufficient...

The bill's primary requirements and effects included the following:

- Ending welfare as an entitlement program;
- Requiring recipients to begin working after two years of receiving benefits:
- Placing a lifetime limit of five years on benefits paid by federal funds;
- Aiming to encourage two-parent families and discouraging out-of-wedlock births;
- Enhancing enforcement of child support, through the creation of a New Hire Registry where each employer would be required to report all new hires in order to enforce unpaid child support orders; and
- Requiring state professional and occupational licenses to be withheld from undocumented immigrants.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_Responsibility_and_Work_Opportunity_Act

**Kansas Department for Children and Families
Family Services Division
Economic and Employment Services**

**Caseload Detail for Selected Assistance Programs
SFY2023**

**SFY2023 Caseload Detail Report for Selected Assistance Programs
Households in SFY2020 by Management Region (July/2022 – JUNE/2023)**

Monthly Averages July 2022 - June 2023		Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)				Food Assistance (SNAP)				Child Care Assistance (CC)	
County of Residence	DCF Mgmt Region	Households	Adults	Children	Total Persons	Households	Adults	Children	Total Persons	Households	Children
Allen	EAST	15	11	22	33	734	876	546	1,423	32	55
Anderson	EAST	9	3	12	14	226	278	189	468	10	17
Atchison	KANSAS CITY	16	11	26	37	690	815	596	1,411	38	72
Barber	WICHITA	3	1	4	5	109	139	111	250	4	7
Barton	WEST	31	20	57	77	1,125	1,301	967	2,268	85	149
Bourbon	EAST	25	15	43	59	863	1,077	821	1,898	38	55
Brown	EAST	5	3	9	12	418	500	310	811	18	35
Butler	WICHITA	74	42	126	168	1,872	2,205	1,628	3,833	138	230
Chase	WEST	2	0	2	2	67	74	51	125	13	28
Chautauqua	EAST	2	0	2	3	175	223	150	372	8	15
Cherokee	EAST	23	16	45	60	1,099	1,344	857	2,201	41	61
Cheyenne	WEST	0	0	1	1	51	67	45	112	1	3
Clark	WEST	2	0	5	6	47	57	52	109	0	0
Clay	WEST	6	1	9	10	186	221	147	368	12	19
Cloud	WEST	14	5	17	22	322	393	274	668	38	55
Coffey	EAST	13	4	25	29	282	343	239	581	14	23
Comanche	WEST	0	0	0	0	40	49	26	74	0	0
Cowley	WICHITA	94	50	162	211	2,014	2,303	1,780	4,083	147	268
Crawford	EAST	51	27	89	115	2,134	2,459	1,703	4,161	118	167
Decatur	WEST	0	0	0	0	71	89	72	161	3	4
Dickinson	WEST	11	10	24	34	508	598	453	1,051	49	83
Doniphan	EAST	3	2	4	6	195	248	186	433	4	8
Douglas	KANSAS CITY	57	28	89	117	2,564	2,844	1,901	4,746	237	340
Edwards	WEST	1	0	1	1	94	111	90	201	5	8
Elk	WICHITA	4	2	10	12	119	151	83	234	2	3
Ellis	WEST	13	9	18	27	617	678	464	1,142	40	56
Ellsworth	WEST	0	0	0	0	129	159	132	291	10	22
Finney	WEST	59	54	115	169	1,201	1,334	1,351	2,685	67	110
Ford	WEST	52	43	87	130	1,058	1,118	1,026	2,144	78	110
Franklin	EAST	27	14	42	56	943	1,084	625	1,709	59	114
Geary	WEST	39	30	59	90	1,309	1,504	1,298	2,802	95	155
Gove	WEST	1	0	1	1	27	35	25	60	0	0
Graham	WEST	1	0	2	2	65	76	34	109	3	7
Grant	WEST	10	7	19	26	159	183	250	434	14	25
Gray	WEST	3	1	6	7	53	56	57	113	4	5
Greeley	WEST	1	1	2	2	17	24	16	40	1	1
Greenwood	WICHITA	4	2	11	14	293	354	205	559	12	19
Hamilton	WEST	3	1	9	10	59	53	76	129	0	0
Harper	WICHITA	2	1	5	6	205	236	183	419	10	14
Harvey	WEST	31	24	52	76	1,184	1,351	865	2,216	57	97
Haskell	WEST	2	1	4	5	59	70	73	143	2	3
Hodgeman	WEST	1	1	2	3	30	34	35	69	0	0
Jackson	EAST	10	5	18	23	306	341	256	597	23	42
Jefferson	EAST	5	4	9	13	316	386	249	634	24	34
Jewell	WEST	0	0	0	0	73	96	64	160	2	3
Johnson	KANSAS CITY	171	113	282	396	5,977	6,534	5,178	11,712	904	1,440
Kearny	WEST	3	2	7	9	57	62	77	139	1	1
Kingman	WICHITA	1	1	3	4	170	213	164	378	8	13
Kiowa	WEST	2	0	4	4	68	79	43	122	2	3
Labette	EAST	28	12	43	55	1,208	1,414	879	2,293	106	191
Lane	WEST	1	1	3	4	42	45	38	82	0	0
Leavenworth	KANSAS CITY	88	57	152	209	1,788	2,076	1,651	3,726	202	380
Lincoln	WEST	1	0	1	1	86	99	60	159	5	9
Linn	EAST	12	9	29	38	421	506	352	858	18	31
Logan	WEST	1	0	1	1	72	82	53	135	3	4
Lyon	WEST	42	27	77	104	1,207	1,378	847	2,224	92	150
Marion	WEST	8	3	10	13	267	338	225	563	9	13
Marshall	EAST	3	1	5	6	222	259	200	458	16	28
Mcpherson	WEST	15	11	22	33	619	706	467	1,173	50	78
Meade	WEST	2	2	3	5	82	95	91	187	7	10

Miami	EAST	17	9	29	38	799	920	633	1,553	85	151
Mitchell	WEST	3	1	5	7	131	163	133	296	10	14
Montgomery	EAST	47	22	70	92	2,026	2,317	1,523	3,840	111	190
Morris	WEST	3	1	4	5	139	168	148	316	10	16
Morton	WEST	4	3	6	9	61	72	54	126	0	0
Nemaha	EAST	3	2	4	5	152	182	174	356	9	18
Neosho	EAST	18	11	28	40	801	955	632	1,587	46	82
Ness	WEST	3	1	6	7	44	48	43	92	2	5
Norton	WEST	3	2	5	7	137	157	120	278	16	34
Osage	EAST	15	6	23	29	526	617	423	1,040	20	44
Osborne	WEST	1	1	1	1	98	127	83	210	6	13
Ottawa	WEST	3	1	5	5	132	158	112	270	12	22
Pawnee	WEST	2	2	2	4	210	254	138	393	7	16
Phillips	WEST	1	0	2	2	107	123	77	200	11	24
Pottawatomie	EAST	10	8	23	31	341	411	420	831	32	52
Pratt	WICHITA	3	1	5	6	219	245	152	397	10	16
Rawlins	WEST	2	1	3	4	52	60	52	112	0	0
Reno	WEST	72	57	109	167	2,629	3,106	1,875	4,981	165	271
Republic	WEST	4	4	7	11	104	128	62	190	7	15
Rice	WEST	5	3	10	13	283	352	289	641	19	30
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Russell	WEST	4	1	6	7	240	291	197	487	11	14
Saline	WEST	64	39	115	153	2,225	2,475	1,694	4,170	184	296
Scott	WEST	2	1	3	4	81	93	70	163	5	7
Sedgwick	WICHITA	860	512	1,604	2,116	24,867	27,721	23,697	51,419	2,195	3,890
Seward	WEST	23	13	47	60	666	718	658	1,376	21	34
Shawnee	EAST	305	190	506	696	8,964	9,926	7,125	17,051	685	1,226
Sheridan	WEST	0	1	1	2	32	40	40	80	2	4
Sherman	WEST	4	3	5	8	203	237	149	386	3	5
Smith	WEST	2	1	4	4	106	121	58	179	16	29
Stafford	WEST	1	1	2	3	113	138	94	232	3	8
Stanton	WEST	2	1	2	3	21	22	27	48	1	1
Stevens	WEST	2	1	5	6	75	85	112	197	0	0
Sumner	WICHITA	39	22	67	89	871	1,048	761	1,809	67	120
Thomas	WEST	2	1	3	4	134	150	102	252	4	8
Trego	WEST	0	0	0	0	53	60	36	96	7	13
Wabaunsee	EAST	2	1	3	4	100	132	148	280	10	17
Wallace	WEST	0	0	0	0	27	39	33	72	1	2
Washington	WEST	0	0	0	1	94	104	71	175	5	7
Wichita	WEST	3	2	3	5	48	50	34	84	3	4
Wilson	EAST	11	5	16	21	426	520	324	844	14	19
Woodson	EAST	1	1	0	2	100	125	75	199	4	9
Wyandotte	KANSAS CITY	199	133	363	496	8,849	9,404	9,154	18,559	437	742
State Totals		2,896	1,800	5,093	6,892	95,196	107,646	84,175	191,821	7,322	12,467

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EAST	660	381	1,099	1,480	23,777	27,442	19,037	46,479	1,546	2,683
WEST	619	443	1,084	1,526	20,813	23,914	17,893	41,807	1,367	2,229
WICHITA	1,085	634	1,997	2,631	30,739	34,617	28,764	63,381	2,592	4,581
STATE TOTALS	2,896	1,800	5,093	6,892	95,196	107,646	84,175	191,821	7,322	12,467

Red ■ is bad, green ■ is good, blue ■ is not statistically different/neutral.

Compared to Distribution

- ↕ the value is in the best half of communities.
- ↕ the value is in the 2nd worst quarter of communities.
- ↕ the value is in the worst quarter of communities.

Compared to Target

✔ meets target; ✘ does not meet target.

Compared to a Single Value

↕ lower than the comparison value; ↕ higher than the comparison value; = not statistically different from comparison value.

Trend

↔ non-significant change over time; ↗ ↘ significant change over time; = no change over time.

Compared to Prior Value

▲ higher than the previous measurement period; ▼ lower than the previous measurement period; = no statistically different change from previous measurement period.

- ≡ Significantly **different** than the overall value
- ≡ No significant difference with the overall value
- ≡ No data on significance available

Households Receiving SNAP with Children (Count)

County: Shawnee

Measurement Period: 2017-2021

⚙ Filter: none (all Counties)

This indicator shows Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participating households with children as a percentage of ALL SNAP-participating households.

Why is this important?

i SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), previously called the Food Stamp Program, is a federal-assistance program that provides low-income families with electronic benefit transfers (EBTs) that can be used to purchase food. The purpose of the program is to assist low-income households in obtaining adequate and nutritious diets. According to the program, over 45 million people from over 20 million households receive SNAP benefits.

County: Shawnee

2,921

households

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year [↗](#)

Measurement period: 2017-2021

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Last update: February 2023

Filter(s) for this location: Public Health Preparedness Region: North East Corner Regional Initiative

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Trend

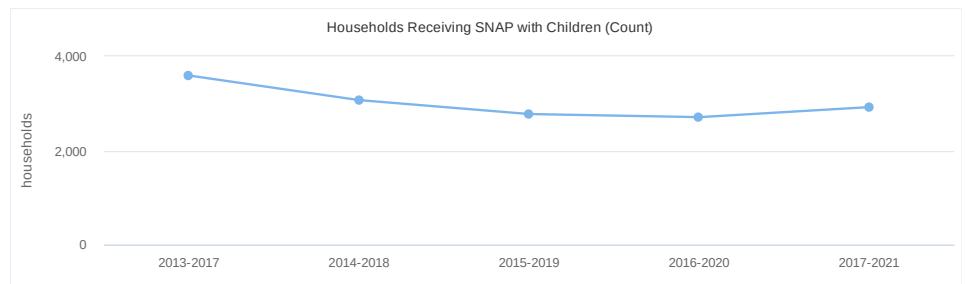
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Graph Selections

INDICATOR VALUES

Change over Time

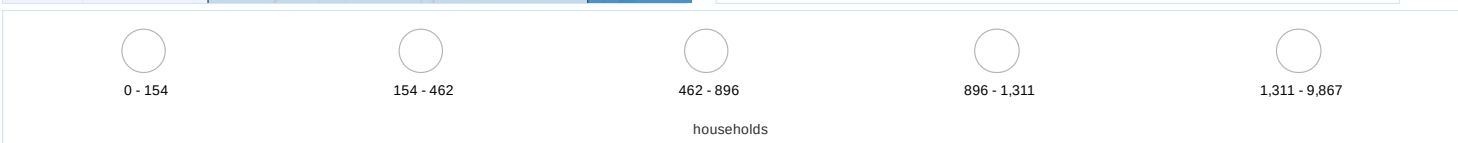
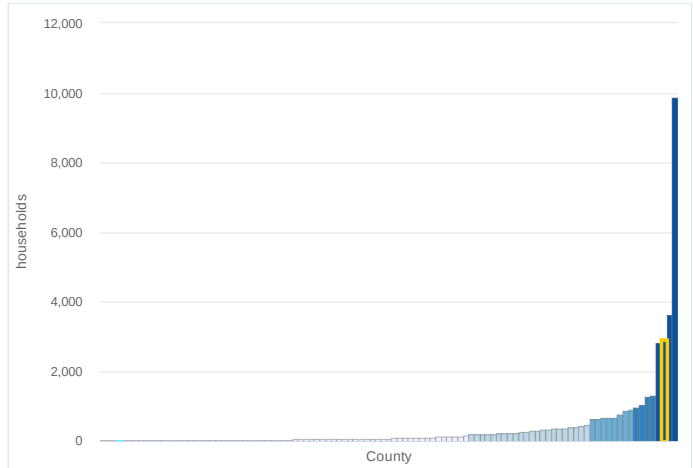
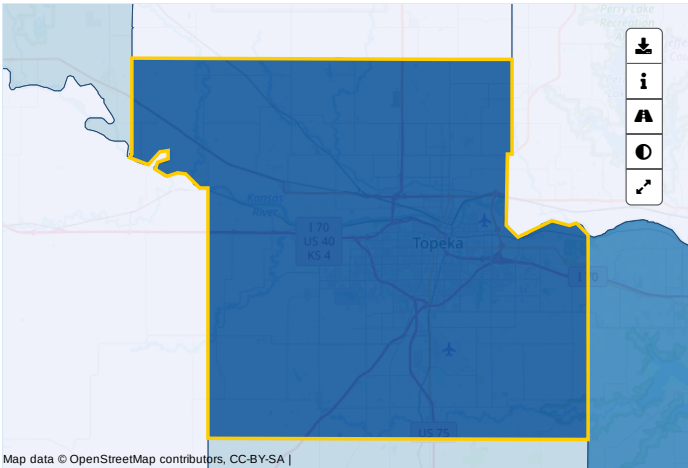


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State **Counties** Zip Codes Census Tracts

SELECT A COMPARISON

Grouped Trend over Time



County	Source	Measurement Period	Households
Comanche	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	0
Lincoln	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	5
Pawnee	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	7
Hodgeman	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	10
Gray	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	11
Grant	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	12
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Lane	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	14
Kiowa	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	15
Morton	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	15
Sheridan	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	17
Wallace	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	17
Trego	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	20
Clark	American Community Survey 5-Year	2017-2021	22

[Download County Indicator Data CSV](#)

There are **105 County** values. The lowest value is **0**, and the highest value is **9,867**. Half of the values are between **34 and 280**. The middle (median) value is **84**.

Data Source

American Community Survey 5-Year

Filed under: Economy / Food Insecurity, Economy / Poverty, Economy / Government Assistance, Social Determinants of Health, Children

Note: This source uses Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ZCTAs) for its Zip Code data. [Learn more](#)

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Promising Practices [MORE](#)

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participation and Health Care Expenditures Among Low-Income Adults
- CDC COMMUNITY GUIDE: Early Childhood Development Programs: Comprehensive, Center-Based Programs for Children of Low-Income Families

- [Cooking Matters at the Store](#)

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OVERVIEW OF FOOD ASSISTANCE (SNAP) PROGRAM

SHANNON CONNELL, FOOD SECURITY AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR
ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ECONOMIC & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES




Director of Economic & Employment services – Sandra Kimmons

Economic and Employment Services (EES) provides a variety of programs that can help families achieve self-sufficiency. These include:

- Cash assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- Food assistance (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
- Child Care assistance
- Employment assistance
- Energy assistance
- Emergency Water Assistance Program

Kansas Benefits Card Support

 1-800-831-5235

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

- Persons who work but have a low income and those who are unemployed may be eligible.
- Persons who live together and buy food together may be eligible. Household members do not have to be related to be considered part of the household.
- Persons aged 60 and older and persons with disabilities may be eligible.
- Any single individual, household or group of individuals who live and eat together, whose income and resources are low and who meet certain basic program requirements may qualify.
- Able-bodied persons, age 18-49, without children, who work or attend an approved training program 30 hours per week or qualify for an exemption from work activities.

ABLE-BODIED ADULT WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

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- This provision is currently suspended by the USDA but will restart when the national public health emergency declaration ends.

As part of our continued effort to prevent the need for families to have formal contact with DCF, the agency is awarding grants to 10 Kansas communities to assist in the creation of Family Resource Centers.

"If we can help build the skills necessary for families to succeed, we can prevent the need for families to have contact with DCF, especially the child welfare system," Secretary Laura Howard said. "These centers will focus on parent resilience, social connections and important parent and child development skills which we believe will result in fewer youth in the foster care system."

The centers will serve as community hubs with sole purpose of supporting families in their own neighborhoods. Parents will have easier access to programs and services like job skills training, early childhood programs and nutrition services.

DCF awarded grants to:

Agency	Counties Served	Award Amount
Community Children's Center	Douglas County	\$208,300
Kansas Family Advisory Network SE	Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, and Wilson Counties	\$208,300
Kansas Family Advisory Network SW	Barton, Comanche, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Gray, Greeley, Harvey, Lyon, Marion, McPherson, Meade, Pawnee, Reno, Rice, Seward, and Stafford Counties	\$208,300
Kansas Children's Service League	Sedgwick County	\$208,333
KU Project Eagle	Wyandotte County	\$208,095
Live Well NWKS	Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Wallace, Logan, Gove, and Trego Counties	\$208,300
Pony Express	Marshall and Washington Counties	\$197,443
Turner USD 202	Wyandotte County; USD 202	\$84,000
Urban League of Kansas	67214 zip code in Sedgwick County	\$124,999
USD 252 Lyon Co.	Lyon County communities of Neosho Rapids, Harford and Olpe	\$106,142
Total awarded:		\$1,762,212

DCF partners with the Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) to administer the Family Resource Center network. KCSL will work with the communities to design and create their center. As the lead operator of the Parent Helpline, 1-800-Children, KCSL offers important insights on parenting and caregiver resources that will help ensure the success of each Family Resource Center.

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Family Services Division
Economic and Employment Services**

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KANSAS CITY	532	343	913	1,255	19,867	21,673	18,480	40,154	1,818	2,974
EAST	660	381	1,099	1,480	23,777	27,442	19,037	46,479	1,546	2,683
WEST	619	443	1,084	1,526	20,813	23,914	17,893	41,807	1,367	2,229
WICHITA	1,085	634	1,997	2,631	30,739	34,617	28,764	63,381	2,592	4,581
STATE TOTALS	2,896	1,800	5,093	6,892	95,196	107,646	84,175	191,821	7,322	12,467

SFY2023 Caseload Detail Report for Selected Assistance Programs
Households in SFY2020 by Management Region (July/2022 – JUNE/2023)

Monthly Averages July 2022 - June 2023		Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)				Food Assistance (SNAP)				Child Care Assistance (CC)	
County of Residence	DCF Mgmt Region	Households	Adults	Children	Total Persons	Households	Adults	Children	Total Persons	Households	Children
Allen	EAST	15	11	22	33	734	876	546	1,423	32	55
Anderson	EAST	9	3	12	14	226	278	189	468	10	17
Atchison	KANSAS CITY	16	11	26	37	690	815	596	1,411	38	72
Barber	WICHITA	3	1	4	5	109	139	111	250	4	7
Barton	WEST	31	20	57	77	1,125	1,301	967	2,268	85	149
Bourbon	EAST	25	15	43	59	863	1,077	821	1,898	38	55
Brown	EAST	5	3	9	12	418	500	310	811	18	35
Butler	WICHITA	74	42	126	168	1,872	2,205	1,628	3,833	138	230
Chase	WEST	2	0	2	2	67	74	51	125	13	28
Chautauqua	EAST	2	0	2	3	175	223	150	372	8	15
Cherokee	EAST	23	16	45	60	1,099	1,344	857	2,201	41	61
Cheyenne	WEST	0	0	1	1	51	67	45	112	1	3
Clark	WEST	2	0	5	6	47	57	52	109	0	0
Clay	WEST	6	1	9	10	186	221	147	368	12	19
Cloud	WEST	14	5	17	22	322	393	274	668	38	55
Coffey	EAST	13	4	25	29	282	343	239	581	14	23
Comanche	WEST	0	0	0	0	40	49	26	74	0	0
Cowley	WICHITA	94	50	162	211	2,014	2,303	1,780	4,083	147	268
Crawford	EAST	51	27	89	115	2,134	2,459	1,703	4,161	118	167
Decatur	WEST	0	0	0	0	71	89	72	161	3	4
Dickinson	WEST	11	10	24	34	508	598	453	1,051	49	83
Doniphan	EAST	3	2	4	6	195	248	186	433	4	8
Douglas	KANSAS CITY	57	28	89	117	2,564	2,844	1,901	4,746	237	340
Edwards	WEST	1	0	1	1	94	111	90	201	5	8
Elk	WICHITA	4	2	10	12	119	151	83	234	2	3
Ellis	WEST	13	9	18	27	617	678	464	1,142	40	56
Ellsworth	WEST	0	0	0	0	129	159	132	291	10	22
Finney	WEST	59	54	115	169	1,201	1,334	1,351	2,685	67	110
Ford	WEST	52	43	87	130	1,058	1,118	1,026	2,144	78	110
Franklin	EAST	27	14	42	56	943	1,084	625	1,709	59	114
Geary	WEST	39	30	59	90	1,309	1,504	1,298	2,802	95	155
Gove	WEST	1	0	1	1	27	35	25	60	0	0
Graham	WEST	1	0	2	2	65	76	34	109	3	7
Grant	WEST	10	7	19	26	159	183	250	434	14	25
Gray	WEST	3	1	6	7	53	56	57	113	4	5
Greeley	WEST	1	1	2	2	17	24	16	40	1	1
Greenwood	WICHITA	4	2	11	14	293	354	205	559	12	19
Hamilton	WEST	3	1	9	10	59	53	76	129	0	0
Harper	WICHITA	2	1	5	6	205	236	183	419	10	14
Harvey	WEST	31	24	52	76	1,184	1,351	865	2,216	57	97
Haskell	WEST	2	1	4	5	59	70	73	143	2	3
Hodgeman	WEST	1	1	2	3	30	34	35	69	0	0
Jackson	EAST	10	5	18	23	306	341	256	597	23	42
Jefferson	EAST	5	4	9	13	316	386	249	634	24	34
Jewell	WEST	0	0	0	0	73	96	64	160	2	3
Johnson	KANSAS CITY	171	113	282	396	5,977	6,534	5,178	11,712	904	1,440
Kearny	WEST	3	2	7	9	57	62	77	139	1	1
Kingman	WICHITA	1	1	3	4	170	213	164	378	8	13
Kiowa	WEST	2	0	4	4	68	79	43	122	2	3
Labette	EAST	28	12	43	55	1,208	1,414	879	2,293	106	191
Lane	WEST	1	1	3	4	42	45	38	82	0	0
Leavenworth	KANSAS CITY	88	57	152	209	1,788	2,076	1,651	3,726	202	380
Lincoln	WEST	1	0	1	1	86	99	60	159	5	9
Linn	EAST	12	9	29	38	421	506	352	858	18	31
Logan	WEST	1	0	1	1	72	82	53	135	3	4
Lyon	WEST	42	27	77	104	1,207	1,378	847	2,224	92	150
Marion	WEST	8	3	10	13	267	338	225	563	9	13
Marshall	EAST	3	1	5	6	222	259	200	458	16	28
Mcpherson	WEST	15	11	22	33	619	706	467	1,173	50	78
Meade	WEST	2	2	3	5	82	95	91	187	7	10



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WELFARE REFORM

Now it's on to *how*

Every community in America will have to grapple with how to move people from welfare to work. The clock is running: Five-year lifetime limits on welfare benefits began last Jan. 1.

This community has a head start, however.

About 20 representatives from the public and private sectors gathered last week in Topeka to begin a dialogue to ensure that potentially hundreds of former welfare recipients here have alternatives.

Such as work.

Welfare reform "did not challenge people to get jobs in five years," said Lazonne Grays of the International Black Student Alliance. "It challenged cities to create jobs in five years."

Quite so.

But more than that, it will challenge us to create a more employable workforce.

Grays knows that. His independent

■ The community has already started a dialogue on how to move people to work. It's none too soon.

organization based in Topeka is hoping to become a major computer skills provider here.

Bootstraps, you see, come with a computer mouse these days.

No matter what the strategy, it is good to see the community coming together to get a start on it. Because we can't waste a life, we can't waste a day.

Welfare laws will be adjusted all along the way. But reform has already begun to alter the culture of welfare. We're no longer talking about *whether* we need to get people to work — but *how*.

It's only half the battle. The other half — the more difficult one — must now be joined. And we must all enlist.

Topeka Town Hall Meeting

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January 9, 1997

Mr. Lazone Grays
International Black Student Alliance
629 SE Quincy Room 902
Topeka, KS 66603

Dear Mr. Grays:

The Shawnee County Community Action Agency during 1995 expressed concern about what was happening to the poor within our community. This expression of concern manifested itself by providing two Town Hall Meetings for our community.

The Town Hall topics have been "**The Well-Being of Topeka?Topekans?**" and "**The Condition of Health-Care in Topeka**". The Town Hall meetings have been well received. We think the Town Hall meetings aid in the civic discussion of making Topeka an even better place to live.

Our next Town Hall meeting will be on the topic of the future of Topeka - 5 years - 10 years from now. It will be on April 29, 1997.

As a community leader we would like to have you serve as one of the panelists at our Town Hall Meeting scheduled for April 29, 1997.

The number on the panel will be 8-10. Each panelist will receive questions in advance of the meeting so you will have some idea as to the flow of discussion for the evening. Attached is a one page summary explaining the purpose of the meeting and an evaluation of the Town Hall Meeting on Health Care for your information.

INTRODUCTION TO WELFARE-TO-WORK

With the coming of welfare reform, the manner in which the State does its welfare business is undergoing significant changes.

States, counties and cities will be called upon to do strong work in relation to assuring welfare clients the possibility of work within two years and the capability of not needing cash assistance after the five-year limitation period.

With that in mind, Mayor Wagnon has called upon a variety of local service providers to develop a community-wide plan which would assure the maximum number of persons getting into and being maintained in a non-subsidized job.

The steering committee to the coalition was of the opinion that a jobs plan for Topeka-Shawnee County needed to be laid out on paper so it could be reviewed by all interested parties. The plan will be finalized on January 26 by the Coalition and implemented immediately.

The Welfare to Work initiative is based on seven key principles, designed to move welfare recipients toward unsubsidized employment:

- Develop public-private sector partnerships,
- Engage the whole community,
- Promote individual opportunity and responsibility,
- Ensure labor protections,
- Increase flexibility,
- Demand performance, and
- Build on what works.

Welfare reform is built, in part, on the basis of heavy demands on clients to accept personal responsibility for going to work. Service providers must also accept heavy federal demands for production, in the sense of getting clients into unsubsidized jobs. The expectation is a job within two years and no cash after the utilization of services over a five year lifetime limitation. These specific program outcomes have been outlined by the federal government.

The task is set before all of us. All of us need to join together to get the job done. We need to bring to a minimum the discomfort any welfare client may feel on a day-to-day basis.

The following charts indicate the way in which a client would be expected to go through the Welfare to Work process. Each step envisions the active involvement of a variety of local, human service agencies to get the work done. The expectation is that any community agency could participate initially in this massive Welfare to Work arena, but all participating agencies would be expected to meet predetermined and mutually agreed upon performance goals. Agencies not meeting these performance goals would be dropped from the Coalition and from participation.

The following are some implementing ideas which need consideration:

- Clients will be referred from SRS and off the street
- Participant agencies will be expected to develop on-going partnerships with the private sector.
- Heartland, Inc. as the funder will be expected to work cooperatively with the participating agencies on curriculum and performance standards.

- Heartland, Inc. as the funder will audit the programs but will not be a service provider.
- A master list of public/private partnerships will be kept at the Job Service Office.

This is expected to be a seamless system to the client. Problems will be worked out through the Coalition meeting on a regular basis.

Goals of the Welfare to Work Coalition

1. Provide entry level jobs for Welfare clients and help them develop skills required to perform tasks of the job.
2. Provide training to upgrade skills of existing employees through partnerships of business and education which will increase the availability of higher wage entry level positions.
3. Meet employer needs for skills workers.
4. Provide support services for clients while completing the Welfare to Work Program. Those services include child care, transportation and communication.
5. Provide training and preparation utilizing community providers through:

- Counseling and training *Job Coaches*
- Placement with an employer for work skills *B.E.S.T*
- Retention and follow-up *Job Coach*

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Litho Star Case
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Candy on
Pajamas

stake temporary *lead road to get people* *Elmer out VMW; advertisements* *Bus, billboard, bench*
to jobs or training then leads to jobs (Voc/Car)

Welfare to Work Agency Summaries

Community Action, Inc.

Community Resource Council

Doorstep, Inc.

Heartland Works

International Black Student Alliance

Kansans Respond

Ks. Dept. Of Human Resources (Labor Market Information Services)

Ks. Dept. Of Social & Rehabilitative Services

Kansas Legal Services, Inc.

Kaw Area Technical School

Let's Help

St. Francis Hospital

Shawnee Community Mental Health Center

Topeka Community Development Corp.

Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority

Topeka Public Schools

Topeka Youth Project

United Way of Greater Topeka

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<p>Ks. Dept. of Human Resources 401 SW Topeka Blvd. Topeka, KS 66603 see individual listing</p>	<p>James DeCoursey (Job Service, 296-1715) Bill Layes (Labor Market Info. 296-5058) Jill Crumpacker (Employment Training, 296-7874) David McGee (Labor Market Info., 296-5058)</p>
<p>Ks. Dept. of Social & Rehab. Services (Topeka Offices) see indiv. listings</p>	<p>R. D. "Bob" Miller (300 Oakley, 296-8382) Oliver Green (235 Kansas, 296-2500-0) Larry Lee (235 Kansas, 296-2500-0) Carla Layne (235 Kansas, 296-2500-0) Lois Martin (235 Kansas, 296-2500-0)</p>
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CITY OF TOPEKA

Joan Wagnon, Mayor
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Topeka, Kansas 66603
Phone 785-368-3895
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To Whom It May Concern:

Having been affiliated with many non-profit organizations and community based organizations, I feel that International Black Student Alliance, Inc. or known as IBSA, Inc. is to be commended on its initiative in being so actively and positively involved in the Topeka community.

IBSA, Inc. has been in the Topeka area since 1993 and has proven to have a very successful youth program which is based on the philosophy of youths teaching other youths. They are currently beginning a youth HTML program which will be instructed by a 13 year old student who has had all his computer training taught to him by IBSA, Inc. staff on a voluntary basis. He has been offered \$15 an hour for the two hour course.

IBSA, Inc.'s initiative to eliminate one of the three major obstacles involved in Welfare to Work include transportation, child care, and communications. IBSA, Inc. introduced a program called the Voice Mail Network that is available to people on SRS involved in the Welfare to Work program. A large majority of people in this category do not have telephones and the Voice Mail Network has provided voice mail to these clients in order to be accessible by prospective employers. Topeka Area SRS uses voice mail and it has become quite a success to the point that SRS offices all over the State of Kansas and other states are calling and requesting information on the service and how to get it provided to their SRS office. It has not only helped people find jobs, but it provides a means of communication in case of an emergency or if that particular person's SRS caseworker needs to contact them. It has been a great success and a great benefit to those in need of such a service.

Being the Mayor of Topeka, I must say that IBSA, Inc. is one of the best organizations in the Topeka area as far as providing services to people who would not normally have access to services such as computers, fax machines, copy machines, typewriters and an abundance of employment information that would help not just those being removed from welfare rolls, but to anyone in the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Wagnon".

Joan Wagnon
Mayor

JW:sm

Making a difference

Lazone Grays is showing what a difference one man can make.

The head of the Topeka-based International Black Student Alliance had a vision many months ago of providing centralized voicemail service to job-seekers who can't afford phones or answering machines at home.

Think about it, after all: Even if you work diligently to get a job — and they end up liking you enough to offer a position to you — how can they ask, and how can you accept, if they can't call you?

The idea came to Grays in the middle of the night about a year ago. But it didn't happen overnight: It has taken months of convincing others.

But to its credit — and through the dogged perseverance of Grays — the State Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services has contracted with IBSA to provide the service. SRS helped buy the equipment, and now pays IBSA \$10 a month per client, who gets the use of voicemail for 90-day increments or until work is found.

IBSA also provides job application and interview coaching, as well as invaluable training in computer skills — all outside the usual network of charitable agencies, and all on a shoestring.

What a difference he is making!

How many lives will Grays improve? How many tax dollars will he save?



KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
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P. O. BOX 1424 TOPEKA, KANSAS 66601-1424

ROCHELLE CHRONISTER, SECRETARY
OLIVER GREEN, AREA DIRECTOR

November 6, 1997

Lazone Grays
IBSA
629 S.E. Quincy - Suite 102
Topeka, KS 66603

Dear Lazone:

Thank you so much for hosting a tour of your agency for our Economic Assistance and Employment Preparation Services staff on October 31, 1997. The tour was very informative and the staff were impressed with all of the work you have been doing and the opportunities for participants who are working with your staff. The idea of the voice mail was also well received.

Once again, thank you for your time. We will be working with you soon on the referral and billing procedure for voice mail. Our goal is to keep it very simple.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Zeleznak".

Karen Zeleznak, Supervisor
Economic Assistance/Employment Preparation Services

cc: Laura Moore

STATE OF KANSAS

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 6, 1998

Mr. Lazone Grays
International Black Student Alliance, Inc.
629 SE Quincy # 102
Topeka, KS 66603

Dear Mr. Grays:

As the State of Kansas moves forward in placing the Welfare-to-Work population into gainful employment, it is essential that we eliminate employment barriers. The International Black Student Alliance (IBSA) has been very creative in its approach to reducing these barriers. The staff in the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services speak highly of the work of the IBSA in providing Comprehensive Job Development and Coaching Services to the Welfare-to-Work population.

Kansas' youth face many challenges today. IBSA's commitment, programming and work with at-risk youth is to be commended, particularly as IBSA works with them to earn income and develop valuable business skills.

I wish you much success in your programs for Topeka and the State. I also wish you success as you seek additional support for your programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Graves".

BILL GRAVES
Governor

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AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

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ROCHELLE CHRONISTER, SECRETARY
OLIVER GREEN, AREA DIRECTOR

July 30, 1998

Mr. Armand Corpolongo
Kansas Department of Human Resources
401 S.W. Topeka Blvd.
Topeka, Kansas 66603

RE: Welfare to Work Competitive Grants

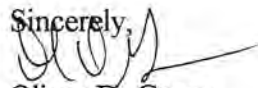
Dear Mr. Corpolongo:

We have reviewed the grant application from International Black Student Alliance entitled Project Re-Direct. Based on our review it does meet the requirements set forth in the Welfare to Work Competitive State Grant announcement.

The target group is identified and appropriate for this community. The number to be served through Project Re-Direct seems to be appropriate. Staff were consulted by IBSA as they prepared their application. Their program is unique in that they are looking at work experience and on the job training as their method of moving TAF recipients to full time unsubsidized employment.

In addition to being successful employment services providers, they had the foresight to design, develop and implement the Voice Mail system. This is a needed resource to TAF recipients seeking employment who may not have a reliable communication source. The Voice Mail system certainly addresses that identified barrier and need. We have long been supportive of the Voice Mail system and see it as beneficial to eliminating another employment barrier.

Their program is innovative and does not duplicate any other programs in this community. It is consistent with the Work First philosophy. We are supportive of this project.

Sincerely,

Oliver D. Green
Area Director

cc: W. Lazone Grays



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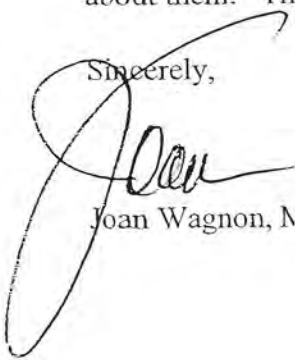
Lazone W. Grays
International Black Student Alliance Inc.
629 S.E. Quincy
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Dear Lazone:

I wanted to congratulate you on the article in the Capital Journal. What a difference you are making in Topeka. Through your perseverance you are bringing about some wonderful changes.

The citizens of Topeka are very fortunate to have a top quality individual such as you caring about them. Thank you for caring and giving so many a second chance. You are appreciated.

Sincerely,



Joan Wagnon, Mayor