



# Housing Assessment Tool (HAT)

#### FOUNDATION OF HOUSING APPLICATION



#### HAT's four parts:

Part 1: Stakeholders and

Organizations

Part 2: Demographics

Part 3: Past actions and current

Infrastructure

Part 4: Analyze the Data

### **Housing Interagency Advisory Committee (HIAC)**

- Created to provide guidance about housing programs
- HIAC is not a requirement but five points will be deducted from application if not attended
- Agencies involved:
  - Commerce
  - KHRC
  - USDA-RD
  - Federal Home Loan Bank



## **HAT/HIAC Process**

- Community completes HAT
- Submit HAT and HIAC profile two weeks prior to meeting
- Meetings are scheduled for May 19, June 16, July 7, and November 17, 2021
  - Teams meetings, or
  - Video Conference locations include:
    - Hays, Iola, Newton and Topeka
- Community members <u>MUST</u> be in attendance



# Typical Meeting

- Meeting scheduled for 1 ½ hour
- Community makes a presentation
  - Given approximately ½ hour
- Agencies provide guidance, about an hour
  - About HAT
  - About Programs
  - Funding Possibilities and Sources



# Pre-HAT/HIAC

- Fill out a Pre-HAT profile
- Submit to <u>Linda.Hunsicker@ks.gov</u>
- Will schedule for the next HIAC meeting
- Meeting will be one hour in length
- All agencies will explain their programs
- Community can ask questions to each agency



# **Eligible Activities**

#### **CDBG Homeowner Rehabilitation**

#### Minor Rehabilitation

- This is funding for health and safety reasons
- Must include weatherization

#### Moderate or Substantial Rehabilitation

- Significant repairs are made to the home
- Sometimes called "whole-house rehabilitation"

Abatement is rehabilitation over \$25,000 of federal funds.







# Eligible Activities (cont.)

### **Rental Rehabilitation**

- A single family home
- Conversion of existing non-housing structures to new housing
- Mixed-income rental
  - 51% of the units must be occupied by Low-to-Moderate Income



# Eligible Activities (cont.)

#### **Demolition**

Can only be housing units

#### **Permanent Relocation**

Can be used if a home can not be rehab

#### **Neighborhood Development**

- The addition of infrastructure in target area
- Must match infrastructure improvements 50/50

#### **Emergencies**

 City can elect to expend 20% of rehab funds for urgent needs outside of target area





## **National Objectives**

#### Low to Moderate Income (LMI)

- Rehabilitation
  - Owner occupied must be LMI
  - Rental Units Tenant must be LMI
  - If homeowner is non-LMI they must contribute 25% of the rehabilitation
  - If homeowner is LMI they must contribute 15% of the rehabilitation
- Neighborhood Development
  - Submit copy of target area and ND activity you intend to complete we will advise you who need to be surveyed

Slum and Blight = Demolition

Urgent Need = 20% of grant cost



# Ineligible Communities

These receive funding directly from HUD

- Kansas City
- Wichita
- Topeka
- Lawrence

- Leavenworth
- Manhattan
- Overland Park
- All of Johnson County

Grantees of Open 2019 CDBG projects



### Pre-selection of Professional Services

### Select with Request For Proposal

- Administrator
- Housing Inspector
- Risk Assessor
- Asbestos Inspector (for demo)





### **Maximum Amounts Allowed**

Rehabilitation and/or Demolition	\$300,000
Neighborhood Development	\$500,000
Administration Fees	
\$250,000 or over	\$25,000
If under \$250,000	\$20,000
Housing and Radon Inspection	\$1,000
Risk Assessment	\$1,000
Lead Base Paint Clearance testing	\$300
LSWP/Cleaning for Clearance	10% of CDBG rehabilitation cost
Temporary Relocation	\$5,000 per grant
Demolition Inspection Fees	\$500



Maximum and
Minimum spent for
rehab and demo –
MUST BE REASONABLE



#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### **Citizen Participation**

- Public hearing notice must mirror what is being applied for.
- Incorrect public hearing will threshold/disqualify an application.
- One legal public hearing 15 days prior to application submittal date.
- Give yourself time to republish if error is found.

#### **Public Hearing Notice**

- Notice shall be published at least five full days before public hearing- starting one day after the publication and not counting the date of the hearing.
- Must contain:
  - Detailed Project Description
  - Exact Project Location
  - All Activities
  - CDBG grant amount and total project cost





#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **Conflict of Interest**

- Applies to employees, elected officials, agents, consultants, officers or immediate family member or business partners of the aforementioned.
- Conflict of interest applies when procuring goods and services for the purpose of undertaking a CDBG funded project.
- Conflict of interest waiver
  - Disclosure of the nature of the conflict
    - Notice in newspaper
    - Public hearing
  - Recording of minutes
  - An opinion from the applicant's attorney
  - Letter from chief elected official requesting the conflict of interest waiver
  - The only persons who do not qualify for a waiver are the

City or County Commissioners.





## Housing Points - Form E

- HAT/Community Needs/Public Interest (25 points)
- Development of Project (15 points)
- Solution of Need (25 points)
- Target Area/Pre-application vs. proposed project (35 points)
- Site Visit (25 points)
- Bonus Points: Ten points to those applicants who has not received an award in the last five years



# **Application Checklist**

### **Application Summary**

- Form A Community Needs Form
- Form B Project Budget Form
- Form C Housing Log
- Form D Does not apply to Housing
- Form E Narratives, including HAT
- Form F Pre-Selection of Professional Services





# **Application Checklist**

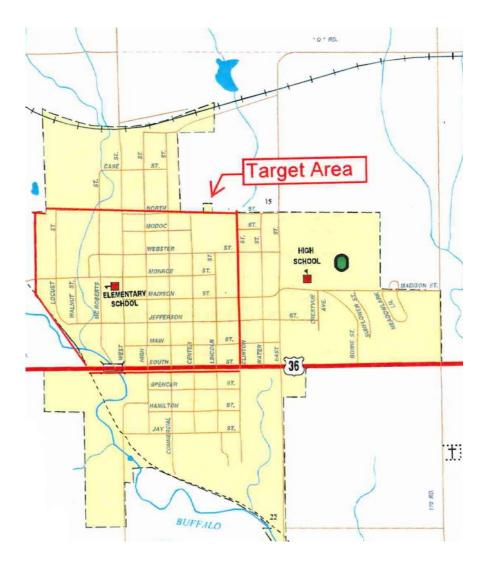
- Statement of Assurances and Certification
- Resolution of Governing Body
- Commitment of other funds Must commit funds for Environmental Review

- Disclosure Report
- Anti-displacement
- Determination of Level of Review
- Public Hearing Legal Affidavit



Map of "Self-Imposed" target area in relationship to the City

The PH notice must describe the same area



## Map of Proposed Project





#### **Demolition**

1D - 312 S. Jones

2D - 342 S. Jones

#### Rehabilitation

1 - 302 E. Main

2 – 210 N. Jones

3 – 215 E. Madison

4 – 205 N. High

5 – 219 N. High

6 – 302 N. Lincoln

7 – 423 N. Center

8 – 514 N. Commercial

9 - 622 N Commercial

10 – 519 N. West St.

11 - 323 N. Monroe



## Threshold Requirements

- Application must be submitted on or before August 31, 2021
- Applicant must be eligible
- Preliminary Engineering Report for Neighborhood Development projects
- Survey information for Neighborhood Development project
- Funds requested over \$300,000 (housing/demo) or \$500,000 (ND)
- Public Hearing Notice meets all required dates and funding
- Maps included:
  - Map showing target area in relation to the City
  - Map showing pre-application within target area

If problem can be fixed, you will be given two weeks to correct.



# Points You Could Forgo

### In the 2022 application:

Not attending HIAC will result in five points deduction on applications

 If the City has not submitted every required documents - to include ALL forms and letters – there will be a 10-Point deduction.



### Reminders

### <u>DO</u>

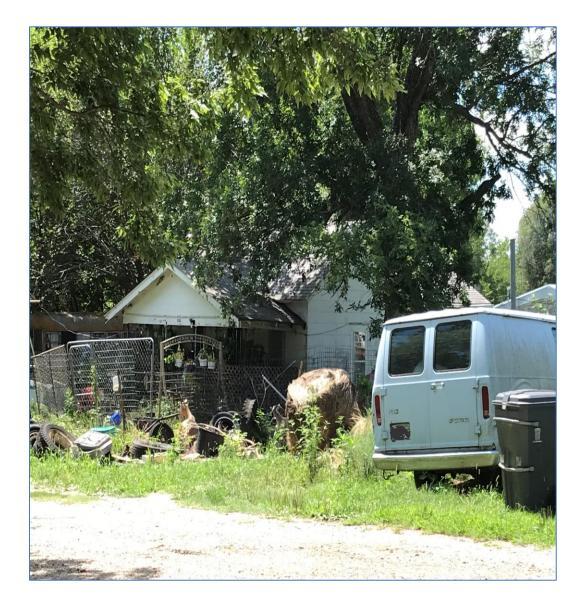
- Take time with HAT process
- Use pictures of pre-applications homes
- Make sure maps and housing log is accurate

### Remember

- Submit application only when ready
- Support letters are not necessary in housing applications
- Pre-applications will only be reviewed at a site visit



### **Best Practices**



- Truthful Housing Assessment
- Good Target Area
- Qualified Administrator and Inspector/Risk Assessor
- Pre-Applications rehabs and Demo
- Committed Contractors
- Dedicated local staff
- Make sure City is cleaned up before applying!



## THANK YOU

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