



City Council Chambers 214 SE 8th
Street, 2nd Floor Topeka KS 66603
<https://www.topeka.org>

Governing Body Agenda

October 4, 2022
6:00 PM

Mayor: Michael A. Padilla

Councilmembers

Karen A. Hiller	District No. 1	Hannah Naeger	District No. 6
Christina Valdivia-Alcala	District No. 2	Neil Dobler	District No. 7
Sylvia E. Ortiz	District No. 3	Spencer Duncan	District No. 8
Tony Emerson	District No. 4	Michael Lesser	District No. 9
Brett D. Kell	District No. 5		

City Manager: Stephen Wade

Addressing the Governing Body: Public comment for the meeting will be available via Zoom or in-person. Individuals must 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 October 4th after which the City Clerk's Office will provide Zoom link information and protocols prior to the meeting. View the meeting online at <https://www.topeka.org/communications/live-stream/> or at <https://www.facebook.com/cityoftopeka/>.

Written public comment may also be considered to the extent it is personally submitted at the October 4th 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 October 4th for attachment to the meeting minutes.

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CALL TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. ROLL CALL:

2. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS:

- Hindu Heritage Month
- National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

3. APPOINTMENTS:

A. Board Appointment - Civil Service Commission

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Bernard Becker to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term ending October 4, 2026. *(Council District No. 7)*

B. Board Appointment - Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Council

ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT of Aricles "Wulf" James to the City of Topeka Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Council for a term ending October 4, 2024. *(Council District No. 6)*

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- Topeka Veterans Treatment Court
- Polk-Quincy Viaduct Activation
- Topeka and Shawnee County Get Digital Update

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Resolution - Designating Depositories

RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade naming banks and savings institutions that are designated as depositories for all City of Topeka accounts and authorizing signatories and rescinding City of Topeka Resolution No. 9300.

B. Resolution - Kansas Municipal Investment Pool

RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade concerning the City of Topeka's participation in the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool and rescinding City of Topeka Resolution No. 9301.

C. MINUTES of the regular meeting of September 6, 2022; September 13, 2022; and September 20, 2022

D. APPLICATIONS:

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Sessions are closed meetings held in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

(Executive sessions will be scheduled as needed and may include topics such as personnel matters, considerations of acquisition of property for public purposes, potential or pending litigation in which the city has an interest, employer-employee negotiations and any other matter provided for in K.S.A. 75-4319.)

9. ADJOURNMENT:



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DATE: October 4, 2022
CONTACT PERSON: Jane Murray, Executive Assistant to the Mayor DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT: PROJECT #:
CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY
CIP PROJECT: No
ACTION OF COUNCIL: JOURNAL #:
PAGE #:

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

- Hindu Heritage Month
- National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

POLICY ISSUE:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Hindu Heritage Month 2022

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

P R O C L A M A T I O N

By the Mayor

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third-largest religion in the world with one billion devotees worldwide and 4 million in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hinduism is one of the largest practiced religions in the world; and

WHEREAS, Hindus strive to achieve dharma, which is code of living that emphasizes good conduct, morality and non-violence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka recognizes our Hindu American community for their traditions, vibrancy, diversity, culture, contributions and values that enrich our great City; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October 2022, the Hindu community throughout the City of Topeka and across our great nation will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and the rich, diverse spiritual traditions that are rooted in India.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Padilla, Mayor of the city of Topeka do hereby proclaim October 2022 as:

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

In the City of Topeka, Kansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Michael A. Padilla, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby affix my official signature and the Official Seal of the City of Topeka, Kansas, on this 1st day of October 2022.

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor

WHEREAS, October 2022 marks 37 years that National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) has educated women/men about early breast cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer with national public service organizations, professional associations, and government agencies, who work together to ensure that the NBCAM message is heard by thousands of women/men and their families; and

WHEREAS, October 21, 2022 is National Mammography Day and on this day or throughout the month of October, women are encouraged to make a renewed commitment to follow recommended breast screening guidelines and to make a mammography appointment; and mammograms are the best method to detect breast cancer early when it is easier to treat; and breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women/men, except for skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, death rates from breast cancer have been steadily declining, and this change is believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening, increased awareness and improved treatment; and

WHEREAS, the awareness campaign is supporting those who are currently fighting the battle against breast cancer, remembering those who have lost their fight against breast cancer, standing with those who remember their loved ones and continuing to support our Nation's advocates with appropriate activities and programs increasing breast health awareness; and

WHEREAS, great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, there remains much to be accomplished, and the City of Topeka recognizes the importance of working together and supporting events such as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Padilla, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby proclaim month of October 2022 as:

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH and OCTOBER 21st AS NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY

In the City of Topeka and ask all employees and citizens to join in this worthwhile cause, to celebrate successes and memorialize lost battles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Michael A. Padilla, Mayor of the City of Topeka, Kansas, do hereby affix my official signature and the Official Seal of the City of Topeka, Kansas, on this 4th day of October, 2022.

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor



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CONTACT PERSON: Mayor Michael A. Padilla **DOCUMENT #:**
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT: Civil Service **PROJECT #:**
Commission
CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY 006 Communication / 005 Other
CIP PROJECT: No
ACTION OF COUNCIL: **JOURNAL #:**
PAGE #:

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

BOARD APPOINTMENT recommending the appointment of Bernard Becker to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term ending October 4, 2026. (Council District No. 7)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

At least five (5) votes of the City Council is required. The Mayor does not vote.

POLICY ISSUE:

The Civil Service Commission controls all examinations with advice from the police chief, fire chief, technical advisor and city attorney or their respective designees. The commission will provide uniform rules with respect thereto and shall hold such examinations as are necessary for the purpose of determining the qualifications and fitness of applicants for positions on the police and fire departments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Councilman Dobler nominates and Mayor Padilla recommends the appointment of Bernard Becker. for a term that would end October 4, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 18382. The Civil Service Commission has control of exams and the nature of the exams for the Police and Fire Departments. The Commission also certifies the list of eligible applicants and prepares an annual report for the City Manager. The City Manager may also request special reports from the Commission at any time.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Not Applicable.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

B. Becker - CSC Application & Resume

City of Topeka Boards and Commissions Application

Submission date: **14 August 2022, 7:35PM**
Receipt number: **59**
Related form version: **3**

Profile

First Name	Bernard
Last Name	Becker
Email Address	bbecker1952@hotmail.com
Street Address	4527 SW Crenshaw Dr
Suite or Apt	
City	Topeka
State	Kansas
Zip	66610
Are you a resident of the City of Topeka?	Yes
What district do you live in?	District 7
Pimary Phone	785-550-1038
Alternate Phone	
Employer	Retired (Stormont Vail Health)
Job Title	Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer (at time of retirement: 9/30/2017)
Which Board would you like to apply for?	Civil Service Commission
Are you a registered voter?	Yes

Are you currently a full or part-time employee of the City of Topeka? **No**

Which department do you work for?

Are you or any immediate family member related to any city governmental official or employee? **No**

Who are you related to and how are you related?

Are you or have you been a party to any civil litigation involving the City of Topeka? **No**

Please explain the litigation and your role in it:

Are you delinquent in payment of any taxes, fees, fines, or special assessments owed to the State of Kansas, Shawnee County or the City of Topeka? **No**

Please explain your delinquent payment situation.

Please state why you are interested in serving on this board or commission:

I believe my 40 years of professional Human Resources experience, primarily in executive roles, would bring significant expertise to the Civil Service Commission. In many of these positions, I had administrative responsibility for corporate security officers, including armed personnel. Additionally, I served 3 years active duty in the US Army Military Police Corps. I understand the challenges facing the city in recruiting and retaining law enforcement and fire fighting staff, as well as the legal environment involving interactions with employees covered by collective bargaining agreements.

Interests & Experiences

Please describe your education, experience, and expertise including any honors, awards, civic, cultural, charitable or professional organization memberships that relate to the position you are seeking.

BGS, Personnel Administration, University of Kansas, 1979
MA, Personnel Management, Central Michigan University, 1982
Life certification, Senior Professional in Human Resources (Society for Human Resources Management)
38 years human resources experience (primarily health care) in Topeka, Kansas City, St. Louis, Detroit, Battle Creek and Lansing, MI

List any professional licenses you hold in Kansas and advise if they are current. (We reserve the right to request a copy of your license prior to approval of your appointment.)

N/A

****Please upload a resume or any additional information you believe may be helpful in considering your application.**

Voluntary Self Identification

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Acknowledgements and Verification

Purpose of Information being submitted.

I Agree

The information I am submitting is true and correct.

I Agree

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Notification to applicants for City Board/Commissions

Please be advised that your application and any documents that you attach are public records and, as such, are available to the public, upon request, pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act.

If you are appointed to the position, your application and resume will be included in the governing body meeting agenda which is posted online.

Bernard H. Becker, MA, SPHR(L), SHRM-SCP

Bernie Becker is Vice President & Chief Human Resources Officer of Stormont Vail Health, an integrated healthcare delivery system in Topeka, KS with over 5,000 employees in 40 locations, and annual gross revenues of over \$1.9 billion. He has responsibility for multiple departments and functions, including Talent Acquisition, Total Rewards, Employee Relations, Employee Health, Learning & Talent Development, Medical Education, Health Sciences Library, Spiritual Care Services, Volunteers & Auxiliary and Child Care Center.

Prior to assuming this role in 2001, Bernie served as the chief human resources officer for multiple hospitals and healthcare systems in Michigan and Missouri ranging in employee size from 1500 to over 6000. He also worked for almost 3 years as vice president / consultant for a national healthcare human resources and labor relations consulting firm, and served as senior human resource executive for a major healthcare information technology firm.

With almost 40 years of HR experience, Bernie holds the life certification of Senior Professional in Human Resources, the Society of Human Resources Management Senior Certified Professional credential, and is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration. He has served on and chaired numerous community and corporate boards, taught as adjunct professor and guest lecturer for multiple colleges and universities, and is a frequent presenter at national conferences and seminars. From 2007 to 2015, Bernie served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Born and raised in Kansas City, and a Vietnam War-era US Army veteran, Bernie has a bachelor's degree in Personnel Administration and Psychology from the University of Kansas, and a master's degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan University. He and his wife Barb have 2 sons and 7 grandchildren.



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ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT of Aricles "Wulf" James to the City of Topeka Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Council for a term ending October 4, 2024. (Council District No. 6)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

At least five (5) votes of the City Council is required. Mayor does not vote.

POLICY ISSUE:

The ADA council seeks to enhance the community by the contributions of persons with disabilities; to make a positive difference in their relationship with the community by working toward providing full access to facilities, programs, services and activities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Councilmember Naeger nominates and Mayor Padilla recommends the appointment of Aricles "Wulf" James to the City of Topeka ADA Advisory Council for a two-year term ending October 4, 2024. This position requires that the appointee be an individual with a disability of one of the major six life functions. Mr. James meets these requirements.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Topeka ADA Advisory Council is to support the civil rights of and full integration into Topeka community life for all people with disabilities. The ADA Council will be comprised of 10 members. At least six of

the members must be individuals with disabilities, representing the six major life functions as much as possible. Members will serve a two-year term and shall not be eligible to serve more than four consecutive terms pursuant to Topeka Municipal Code Section 2.80.010.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to the City.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

A. James - Application & Resume

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Submission date: **24 August 2022, 9:18AM**
Receipt number: **79**
Related form version: **4**

Profile

First Name	Aricles "Wulf"
Last Name	James
Email Address	WulfJames@pbpnation.org
Street Address	3322 SW Huntoon
Suite or Apt	
City	Topeka
State	Kansas
Zip	66604
Are you a resident of the City of Topeka?	Yes
What district do you live in?	District 6
Pimary Phone	7855599107
Alternate Phone	
Employer	PBPN
Job Title	VR Counselor
Which Board would you like to apply for?	American with Disabilities Act Advisory Council
Are you a registered voter?	Yes

Are you currently a full or part-time employee of the City of Topeka? **No**

Which department do you work for?

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The Topeka Shawnee County Public Library was one of the first experiences I had when I first began exploring the idea of moving to Topeka. The library has consistently been a source of community, support, and wonderful resources. It is, however, not without its problems. My hope is that by becoming further involved in the library, and the Topeka/Shawnee County community, as an advocate for indigenous people and people with disabilities (like myself, and my clients). I am happy to discuss appointment to other boards or commissions, or committee work, if desired.

Interests & Experiences

Please describe your education, experience, and expertise including any honors, awards, civic, cultural, charitable or professional organization memberships that relate to the position you are seeking.

I currently hold a Master's degree in Indigenous & Organizational Leadership. I have served on boards and as leadership for nonprofits for more than a decade. I currently work as a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Prairie Band Pottawatomie Nation. In addition to my professional and academic experiences, I am a published poet and photographer.

List any professional licenses you hold in Kansas and advise if they are current. (We reserve the right to request a copy of your license prior to approval of your appointment.)

None at this time

**Please upload a resume or any additional information you believe may be helpful in considering your application.

[Resume-Aricles-'Wulf'-James.pdf](#)

Voluntary Self Identification

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan Native Aleutian

Gender

Nonbinary or third gender

Acknowledgements and Verification

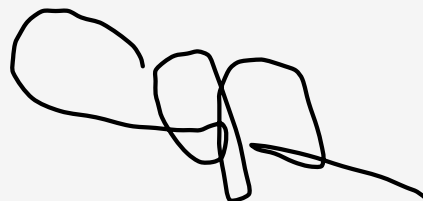
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Aricles 'Wulf' James

Topeka, Kansas, United States

 aricles.james@gmail.com

 785-559-9107

 [linkedin.com/in/wulfroby](https://www.linkedin.com/in/wulfroby)

Summary

Indigenous leader with a background in a diverse range of disciplines including public speaking and community engagement. Professional writer and content designer with capabilities in program and training management. Advocate for marginalized communities including people with disabilities, ethnic and cultural minorities and the LGBTQIA+ community.

Experience



Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Aug 2022 - Present (1 month +)

- Collect all required documentation and determine eligibility for each potential participant.
- Develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) jointly with each participant.
- Conduct or provide assessments and evaluations for TVR participants to determinate eligibility services as outlined in the IPE.
- Assist participants with supportive services according to program policy, procedure and budget.
- Work as part of a cohesive team who recognize and understand their role within the larger departmental team.
- Assist each participant in becoming active in his/her rehabilitation program, and aid them in making meaningful and informed choices about the selection of a vocational and/or other rehabilitation services.
- Develop a knowledge base on community resources to assist participants achieve their vocational goals.
- Participate in Integrated Case Management meetings for participants who are working with other internal/external agencies or natural supports.
- Coordinate the delivery of program services with the Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and other Social Services agencies to maximize the availability of services to participants in an efficient, professional and timely manner.



Executive Director

Ardmore Literacy Leadership

Sep 2019 - Jun 2021 (1 year 10 months)

- Headed re-branding, including updating the name to Arbuckle Literacy Leadership.
- The vision of ALL is to meet the literacy needs of Southern Oklahomans through a variety and multitude of services; provided support for expanded services.
- Obtained additional grant funding through networking and proposal writing for new and existing programs



Co-Founder

Southern Oklahoma LGBTQ+

Jun 2020 - Present (2 years 3 months +)

- Leadership, resources and community activism for local LGBTQ+ group.
- Provide education and connection to further resources and information for community action agencies and businesses.
- Monthly membership/social meetings.



Transcriptionist

Kaplan ICC

Nov 2018 - Nov 2019 (1 year 1 month)

- Created written records of audio and video recordings, meetings and live conversations with specific guidelines for each customer regarding formatting and style.
- Utilized research and proofreading skills along with customer-provided information to ensure document accuracy.
- Handled files with sensitive and/or disturbing material with tact and professionalism.
- Managed time and deadlines effectively to ensure all files were completed with ample time for review and submission before deadlines.



Senior Information Officer

The Chickasaw Nation

Jan 2019 - Aug 2019 (8 months)

- Prepared information, photographed events and created content designed to keep the public informed of Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging's programs, services, accomplishments and/or other information pertaining to elders.
- Acquired, organized and distributed information in printed form and other media.
- Identified, selected, ordered and managed information in a variety of media, such as books, journals, newspapers, leaflets, videos, CDs, DVDs and computer databases.
- Responsible for overseeing and managing the content of the website for Aging Division.
- Coordinated the production of the Elders Voice, a monthly newsletter.
- Assisted in the development of information materials.
- Developed, updated and promoted brochures and other literature as necessary.
- Compiled and writes articles for use in other media outlets, when needed and as approved by proper authority, i.e. newsletter, progress report, press releases, etc.
- Assisted in compiling various reports, mailings and correspondence.



Reporter

GateHouse Media

Jan 2018 - Jan 2019 (1 year 1 month)

- Developed feature and daily news stories, including follow up and investigative reporting, including event and news photography.
- Assisted managerial staff with all aspects of building and publication of 5 papers per week.
- Developed social media strategy to increase web traffic.



Regional Manager

Aug 2015 - May 2016 (10 months)

Development of strategic partners to enroll qualified clients in reduced or no cost wireless plans
 Create market awareness of subsidized wireless benefits available to eligible customers
 Oversight of enrollment staff employees in market

Delivery of monthly lead growth coaching
Training and development of new hires



Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

The Chickasaw Nation

Jan 2011 - Apr 2014 (3 years 4 months)

- Managed caseload of 40-135 vocational rehabilitation consumers.
- Researched, prepared, and taught a class on written communication for the Education Division.
- Attended local, state, and national trainings with both tribal and state colleagues.
- Certified in Mental Health First Aid.



Writer

GALA Magazine

Mar 2011 - Sep 2011 (7 months)

Writing, editing, conducting interviews.



Counselor Assistant

Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation

Feb 2010 - Jan 2011 (1 year)

- Assisted counselors with all aspects of case management.
- Transported counselors with disabilities as needed.
- Managed caseloads while counselor(s) are out of office for an extended period of time.



Staff Writer

ECU Journal

Aug 2009 - Dec 2009 (5 months)

- Worked with team of journalists and editors to publish a weekly newspaper.
- Wrote articles weekly in addition to office and other responsibilities.
- Assisted circulation manager with efforts to boost readership.



FreelanceWriter-Editor

May 2003 - Aug 2009 (6 years 4 months)

Writing, editing, freelance, business letters, correspondence, email templates, spreadsheets, organization, telecommute, web content, website creation, data entry.



Floor Supervisor/Customer Service

1-800-FLOWERS.COM, INC.

Apr 2001 - May 2003 (2 years 2 months)

Training, handling escalated calls, organizing event schedules.

Education



Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Master's, MSNAL: Native American Leadership, Marketing/Social Media

2019 - 2020

This degree program highlights leadership-related skills like communication, presentations, critical thinking and problem-solving, in addition to fostering an understanding of the complex culture and history influencing modern Native American communities.



East Central University

Bachelor of Arts - BA, English Education

2007 - 2013

Worked for the award-winning campus newspaper, The Journal, winning two state awards for my work. Taught visiting high school students at language arts event yearly while enrolled. Assisted professors with promotion and organization of the years Scissortail Writing Festival. Won several awards for writing, including the Paul Hughes Memorial Scholarship. Had work published in the University's literary magazine, Originals.



Murray State College

AA, English

2004 - 2006

Skills

Public Speaking • Storytelling • Community Outreach • Social Media • Creative Writing • Public Relations • Resume Writing • Writing • Marketing • Strategic Planning

Honors & Awards



3rd Place Poetry, Anoli Writing contest - Chickasaw Nation

Feb 2018



1st place for two poems, Te Ata Fisher Employee Art Show - Chickasaw Nation

Feb 2012



Accepted proclamation on behalf of Domestic Violence Task Force - City of Ardmore

Oct 2018

Mayor Ellis delivered a proclamation declaring October 2018 "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".
<https://www.ardmoreite.com/news/20181005/uniting-together>



2nd Place 2019 Anoli Creative Writing Contest - Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities

May 2019

2nd place in poetry for 'exhibition'



2nd place poetry Anoli Creative Writing - Chickasaw Nation

Feb 2013



1st place, poetry, Southern Oklahoma Writers' Guild contest - Southern Oklahoma Writers' Guild

Apr 2014



2019 POZ Top 100 - POZ Magazine

Nov 2019

<https://www.poz.com/article/2019-poz-100>



2nd place, Poetry Anoli Creative Writer's Award - Chickasaw Nation



2020 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Environmental Excellence Awards Finalist - KOB

Sep 2020

Team Builder finalist for joint event with Scouts BSA Arbuckle Area Council ARBUCKLE BOOK TRADE



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DATE: October 4, 2022
CONTACT PERSON: Stacy Downey, Veteran Justice Program Specialist; Rhiannon Friedman, Downtown Topeka, Inc., President; and Scott Gowan, TSG Get Digital Coalition Chair
DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT: PROJECT #:
CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY
CIP PROJECT: No
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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

- Topeka Veterans Treatment Court
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

POLICY ISSUE:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program Summary
Downtown Topeka Polk Quincy Viaduct Presentation

TSC Get Digital Presentation

Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program – Department of Transportation

Summary

This grant program is intended for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.

It offers technical assistance as well as planning and capital construction grants for addressing infrastructure, community connectedness, and quality of life.

Funding

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) allocates up to \$195 million for the RCP program. \$50 million of this total will be reserved for planning grants, while the other \$145 million is intended for capital construction grants. Funds will be dispersed on a reimbursement basis.

- DOT anticipates that Planning Grants may range from \$100,000 to \$2 million.
- DOT anticipates that Capital Construction Grants may range from \$5 million to \$100 million.

There is a 20% match required for Planning grants and a 50% match for Capital Construction grants.

This can include in-kind funds.

Applications are due 11:59 PM EDT on Thursday, October 13, 2022 and a lead applicant may submit up to three applications.

Project Considerations

Two categories of grants:

Planning- \$100,000 Min, \$2 Million max

- Public engagement activities such as community visioning
- Planning studies to assess the feasibility of a future project
- Other planning activities in advance of a project

Capital Construction - \$5 Million Min, \$100 Million Max

- Preliminary design activities
- Environmental studies
- Predevelopment/Preconstruction
- Permitting
- Removal, retrofitting, or mitigation of an eligible facility
- Other project development activities for a construction project

“Eligible facilities” are highways or other transportation facilities that create an obstacle for community connectivity. This includes barriers to mobility, access, or economic development due to high speeds, grade separations, or other design factors.

Examples: limited access highways, viaducts or any other principal arterial facilities, and other facilities such as transit lines, rail lines, gas pipelines, and airports.

Projects will be judged based upon how they contribute to the following:

- 1) Equity, Environmental Justice, and Community Engagement
- 2) Mobility and Community Connectivity
- 3) Community-based Stewardship, Management, and Partnerships
- 4) Equitable Development and Shared Prosperity



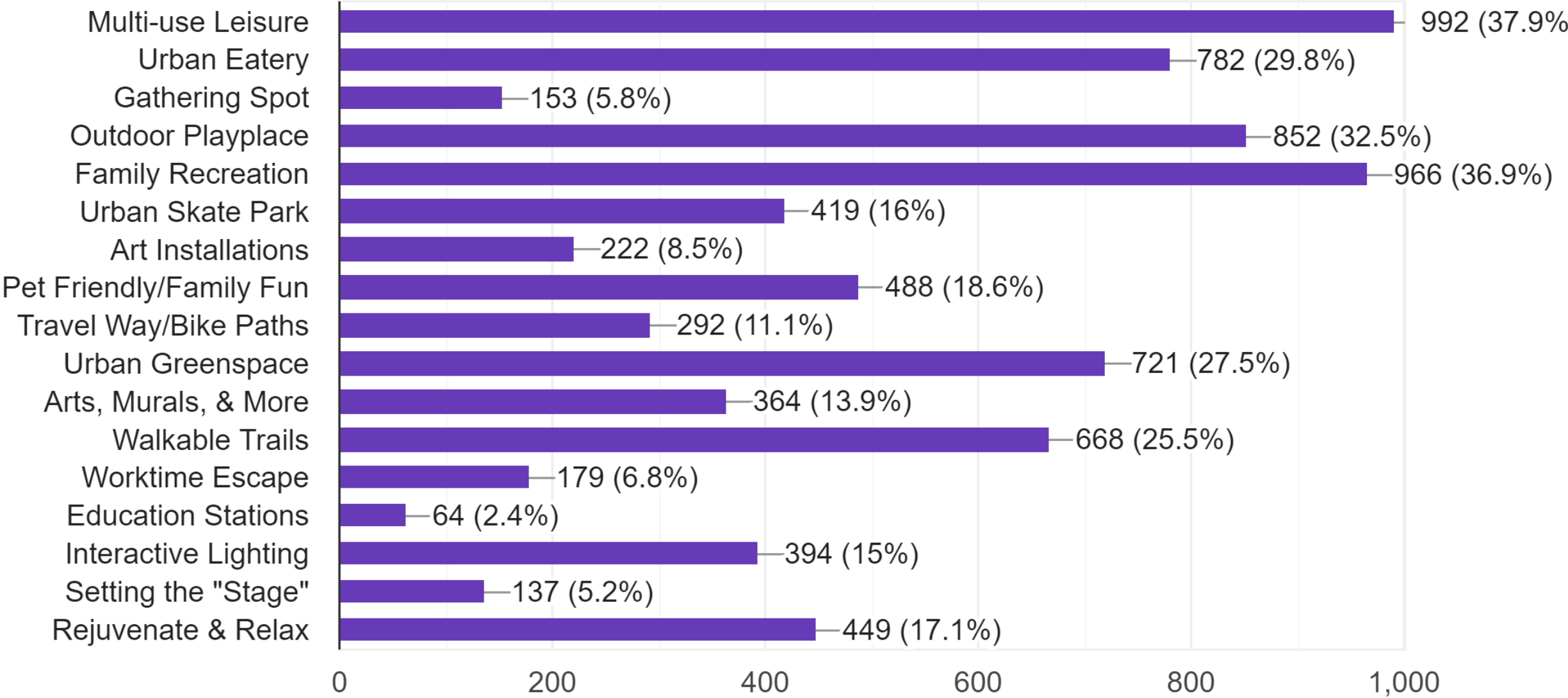
Polk-Quincy Viaduct Activation Task Force

- City of Topeka
- Shawnee County
- NOTO Arts District
- Downtown Topeka, Inc.
- Arts Connect
- Riverfront Advisory Council
- Greater Topeka Partnership

Polk-Quincy Viaduct Activation Survey Results

Pick your top 3 favorite themes for the space based on the photos below.

2,620 responses

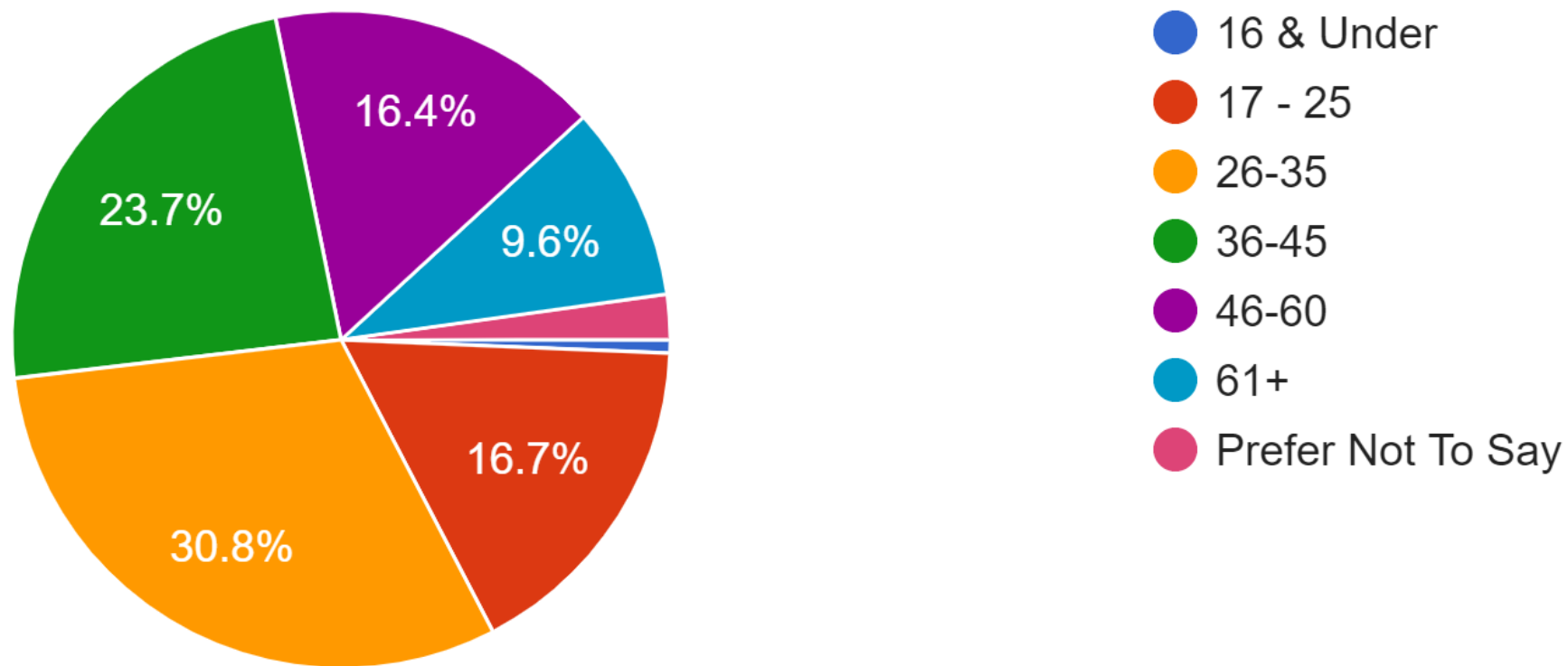


1 Multi-Use Leisure



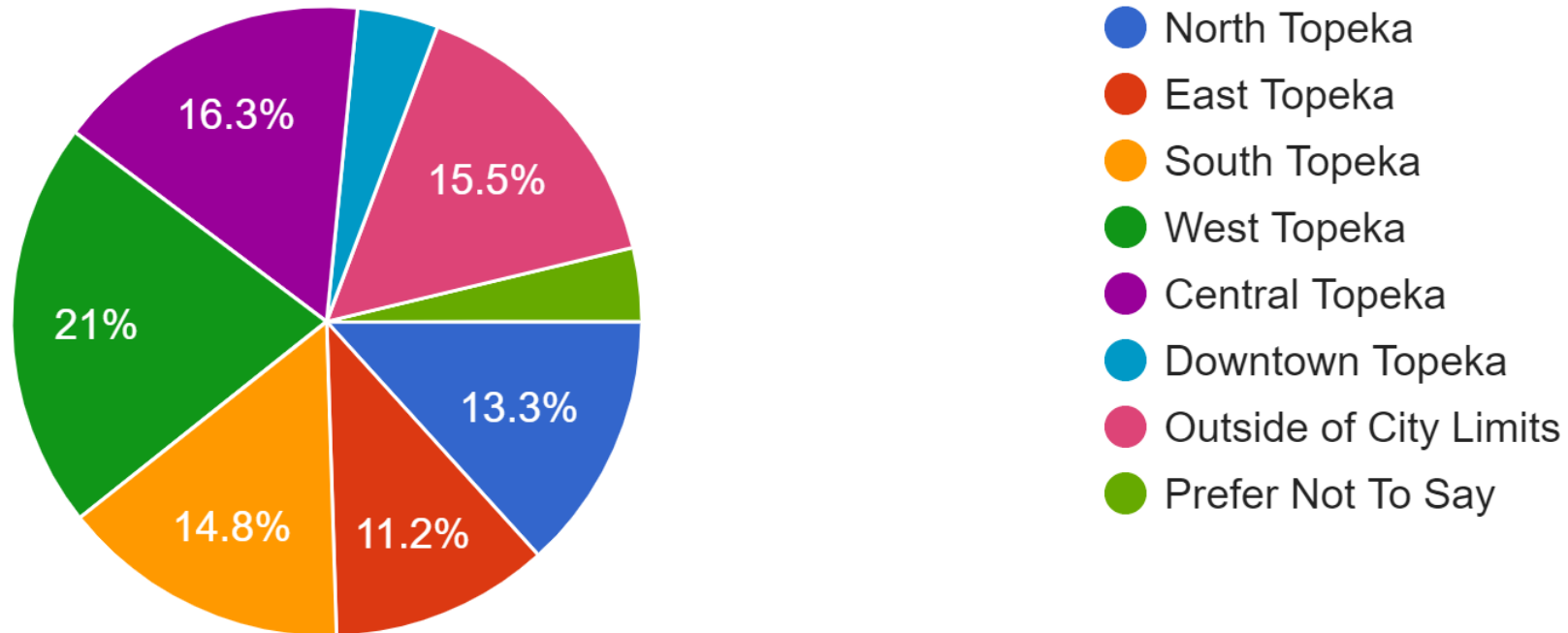
Age

2,620 responses



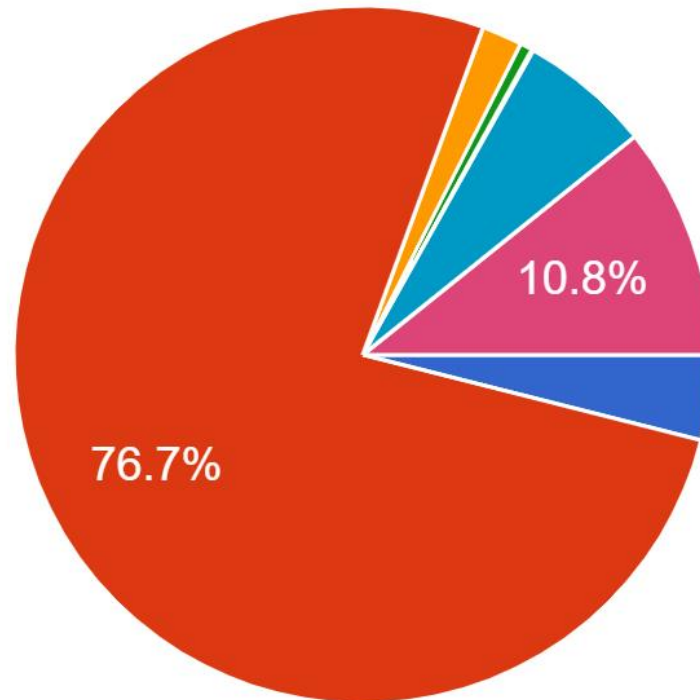
In an effort to include the entire community's input, please select the best region that fits your residence.

2,620 responses



Race

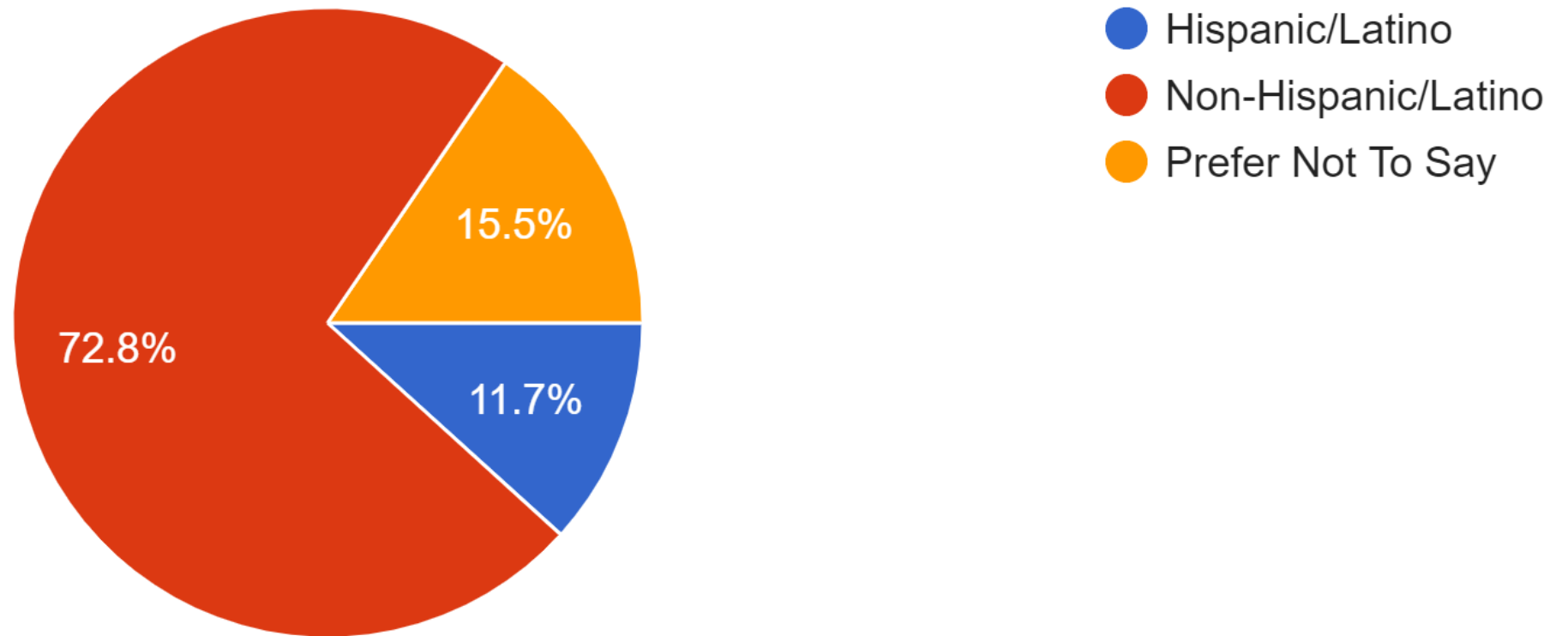
2,620 responses



- Black/African America
- White/Caucasian
- American Indian/Alaskan Native/Indigenous American
- Asian
- Native Hawaii or other Pacific Island
- More than one applies
- Prefer Not To Say

Ethnicity

2,620 responses



Next Steps:
October 13th Reconnecting
Communities Pilot Grant
Deadline

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant - Summary

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The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) established the new Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary grant program, funded with \$1 billion over the next 5 years.

The program's goal is to reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.



4 Components of Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant 11

#1 Equity, Environmental Justice, and Community Engagement –

Community involvement, socioeconomic disparities, how proposed solutions equitably distribute benefits and mitigate impacts.

#2 Mobility and Community Connectivity – Safe accommodation for all users, increased connectivity and mobility.

#3 Community-Based Stewardship, Management, and Partnerships – Community centered approach, partnerships, representative community advisory group.

#4 Equitable Development and Shared Prosperity – Resilient communities – Community restoration, economic development, redress inequities and barriers to opportunity.





CONNECT OUR NEIGHBORS



2022 Theme: Turning Our Moment into Movement

TSC - Get Digital Coalition

- City of Topeka
- Shawnee County
- Topeka Public Schools
- Topeka & Shawnee County Library
- Greater Topeka Partnership
- IBSA, Inc.
- Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
- Topeka Housing Authority
- Housing & Credit Counseling, Inc.
- Community Resources Council
- Ann Mah, Kansas Board of Education



Our Efforts in Early 2022

- Working on \$250,000 KHF Grant
 - Hiring navigator teams
 - Digital Navigator
 - Technical Navigator
 - Need additional resources
- Partnership with PCs for People
 - Collect & Refurbish Devices
 - E-Cycle Event April 16th
 - E-Cycle Event October 8th
- We really need to expand team

DIGITAL E-CYCLE EVENT



October 8th

9am - noon

City Hall Parking Lot
215 SE 7th St.
Topeka, KS 66603



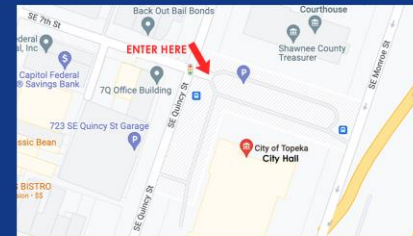
THIS WILL BE A DRIVE-THRU EVENT

DEVICES ACCEPTED

- Laptops
- Desktops
- Tablets
- Monitors

DEVICES NOT ACCEPTED

TVs, Phones, Game Consoles, Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Shredders, Cameras, DVD/Bluray Players, Cable Boxes, CD Players, Speakers, Any other electronic not listed under 'Devices Accepted'



After collection, PC's for People will safely wipe all existing data from donated computers.

For more information, contact Monique Glaudé at
785-368-4470 or mglaude@topeka.org

Our Efforts During the Summer

- \$140,000 Grant from JAAA
- Purchased refurbished desktops
- Target: Topekans over 60 only

Intake Services

- Application to confirm qualified
- Assist with the FCC's ACP
- Received 2000 Calls

Distribution Events

- Distributed 496 Desktop Kits
- Training for 91 participants



Are you over the age of 60?
If so, you may qualify for a FREE desktop computer!

Who is Eligible?

If you are 60 or older and reside in the City of Topeka city limits and receive SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Topeka Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension Benefit Program or have a household income that is less than 200% of federal poverty guidelines (see table in the right column), contact: US 785-368-3098 or see if you qualify for a FREE desktop computer.

Qualifying Income-Based Assistance Programs

Documents must be dated within the last year and/or show current coverage at the date of submission.

- Adult and Child Mental Health Case Management
- Employment Services (only if income-based in your state)
- Extended Food Stamp
- Food Support (A dated letter showing current eligibility is required)
- Financial Assistance, such as GA, TANF and (A dated letter showing current eligibility is required)
- Head Start (WHEAF)
- Medicaid or Medical Assistance (bring a document that says "MA" or "Medical Assistance" on it)
- The National School Lunch Program's Free or Reduced Lunch Program
- Section 8, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Group Residential Housing (GRIH)
- Social Security Disability (SSDI)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Pell Grant

Qualifying Income Documentation

For households that qualify under the Net Income level 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) the following documentation will be acceptable as part of the application process. Annual benefits must meet the FPL guidelines (see table to the right):

- The prior year's state, federal or tribal tax return (W-2's forms, or pay stubs are not acceptable)
- A Social Security statement of benefits
- A Veterans Administration statement of benefits (VA cards alone are not acceptable)
- An Income (pension/retirement) statement
- An Unemployment/Workers Compensation statement of benefits
- Federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance

Eligibility

ISC - Get Digital (City of Topeka) requires photo identification and income documentation for program qualification. Acceptable documents for income documentation are fall into 2 categories: 1) proof of income enrollment in an income-based government assistance program OR 2) documentation from a government source of current income under 200% of the Federal poverty level (see table to household size). Please note we do not check citizenship or immigration status.

Acceptable Forms of Photo Identification

- Driver's License or state ID card for non-drivers
- Passport
- Formal ID card (such as Veterans or student)
- Company or work-issued identification

Household Income Guidelines

1 - \$25,760 • 2 - \$34,840 • 3 - \$43,920 • 4 - \$53,300
5 - \$62,080 • 6 - \$71,160 • 7 - \$79,240 • 8 - \$89,320
Each additional person add \$9,080

The Following Documents Will NOT Be Accepted

- Food stamp documents
- Documents where the applicant is claimed as a dependent
- Medicaid
- W-2 forms or pay stubs
- Bank statements with deposit records
- EBT card screenshots
- Notices to appear for a benefit

***Any proof of eligibility is subject to approval by the City of Topeka. Additional documents may be required to unquestionably prove income or enrollment in a government assistance program.**

Qualified applicants ONLY
Please call 785-368-3098.

Please note that we will not accept phone calls from non-qualified individuals receiving equipment must be present to apply

Our Upcoming Efforts for Fall

- We will continue to distribute devices under the JAAA Grant for qualified neighbors over 60
- We are working on a potential event with Storytime Village (Wichita) and Shaquille O'Neal
- Seeking additional funding for staffing to support distribution
- Wanting to expand our reach to LMI Households below age 60
- Strong focus on Training Support

Digital Inclusion Handbook

Mission: Coordinate federal, state, and local resources to make available affordable internet services and devices for Topeka area families, with digital literacy training and support where needed.

Vision: Improve our neighborhoods, institutions, economy, and quality of life through affordable digital inclusion and participation.





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Questions?



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214 SE 8th Street
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October 4, 2022

DATE: October 4, 2022
CONTACT PERSON: Rachelle Mathews, Acting Director of Administrative and Financial Services DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT: Bank Depositories and Signature Requirements PROJECT #:
CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY 020 Resolutions / 005 Miscellaneous
CIP PROJECT: No
ACTION OF COUNCIL: JOURNAL #:
PAGE #:

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade naming banks and savings institutions that are designated as depositories for all City of Topeka accounts and authorizing signatories and rescinding City of Topeka Resolution No. 9300.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Action requires at least six (6) votes of the Governing Body.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval would name certain banks and savings institutions as designated depositories for all City of Topeka accounts and authorizing signatories.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Body approve the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

BACKGROUND:

Approval is necessary to allow staff members to complete daily duties. The following named banks and savings institutions are designated to be depositories which we can accept deposits from any and all accounts of the City.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to the City.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Resolution document

1 RESOLUTION NO. _____

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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade naming banks and savings
4 institutions that are designated as depositories for all City of Topeka
5 accounts and authorizing signatories and rescinding City of Topeka
6 Resolution No. 9300.
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8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA,
9 KANSAS that the following named banks and savings institutions are hereby designated to
10 be depositories which can accept deposits from any and all accounts of the City:

Alliance Bank	Intrust Bank
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Kaw Valley Bank
Capitol Federal Savings	Landmark National Bank
Central National Bank	Lyndon State Bank
Community Bank	Silver Lake Bank
CoreFirst Bank & Trust	Sunflower Bank
Denison State Bank	UMB Bank
Equity Bank	US Bank
Fidelity State Bank	Vision Bank
Heritage Bank	

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named banks and savings institutions
12 may accept all checks, drafts, bills of exchange, or other orders for the payment of money
13 when drawn on or addressed to any of the banks and savings institutions, if the *facsimile*
14 signatures of both the following persons are imprinted thereon:

15 City Manager: Stephen Wade

16 Interim Director of Finance: Rachelle Mathews

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any of the above-named banks and savings
18 institutions may accept *manually* drafted checks, drafts, bills of exchange, or other orders
19 for payment of money, when drawn on any of the banks and savings institutions, with the
20 proper dual signatures. The dual signatures will come from the persons listed below and
21 *require at least one signature* being the Director of Finance or Deputy Director of Financial
22 Services.

23 Title City Manager Name Stephen Wade
24 Title Chief of Staff Name William E. Cochran
25 Title Acting Director of Financial Services Name Rachelle Mathews
26 Title Accountant III Name Krystle A. Williams
27 Title Accountant II Name Amanda Meyer

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks, drafts or other instruments for payment of
30 money drawn to the order of the City of Topeka shall, when properly endorsed, be
31 accepted by the banks and savings institutions for deposit only to the credit of the City of
32 Topeka.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 9300 is rescinded and that the
34 foregoing powers and authority outlined herein are to be continued until written notice or
35 revocation has been given to the banks and savings institutions by the City of Topeka.

36 This Resolution shall become effective after it is adopted and approved by the
37 Governing Body.

38 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing
39 Body_____.

40 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Mike Padilla, Mayor

46 ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk



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DATE:	October 4, 2022	
CONTACT PERSON:	Rachelle Mathews, Acting Director of Administrative and Financial Services	DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT:	Kansas Pooled Money Investment Board	PROJECT #:
CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY	020 Resolutions / 005 Miscellaneous	
CIP PROJECT:	No	
ACTION OF COUNCIL:		JOURNAL #:
		PAGE #:

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade concerning the City of Topeka's participation in the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool and rescinding City of Topeka Resolution No. 9301.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Action requires at least six (6) votes for the Governing Body.

POLICY ISSUE:

Whether to approve the City of Topeka's participation in the investment pool and authorizing signatories on the account.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Body approve the resolution as part of the consent agenda.

BACKGROUND:

Approval is necessary to allow staff members to complete daily duties.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to the City.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not Applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:**Description**

Resolution document

1 RESOLUTION NO. _____
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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Stephen Wade concerning the City of
4 Topeka's participation in the State of Kansas Municipal Investment Pool
5 and rescinding City of Topeka Resolution No. 9301.
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7 WHEREAS, the City of Topeka is a municipality, as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675a,
8 hereinafter referred to as "Participant," and from time to time has funds on hand in excess
9 of current needs; and

10 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of Participant and its inhabitants to invest funds
11 in investments that yield a favorable rate of return while providing the necessary liquidity
12 and protection of the principal; and

13 WHEREAS, the Pooled Money Investment Board, hereinafter referred to as "PMIB,"
14 operates the Municipal Investment Pool, hereinafter referred to as "MIP," a public funds
15 investment pool, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1677a, and amendments thereto; and

16 WHEREAS, the MIP is a permitted investment of the City under K.S.A. 12-1675.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY:

18 1. That Participant approves the establishment of an account in its name in the
19 MIP for the purpose of transmitting funds for investment, subject to the MIP Participation
20 Policy adopted by the PMIB, and Participant acknowledges it has received a current copy
21 of such Participation Policy. Participant's taxpayer identification number assigned by the
22 Internal Revenue Service is 48-6028701.

23 2. That the following individuals are officers or employees of Participant and are
24 each hereby authorized to transfer funds for investment in the MIP, to withdraw funds from
25 time to time, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary
26 or appropriate for the investment of funds upon submission of dual signatures. The dual

signatures will come from the persons listed below and requires at least one signature by the Director of Finance, City Controller/Treasurer or Accounting Manager:

Title City Manager Name Stephen Wade

Title Chief of Staff Name William E. Cochran

Title Acting Director of Financial Services Name Rachelle Mathews

Title Accountant III Name Krystle A. Williams

Title Accountant II Name Amanda Meyer

3. That notices required by the PMIB's Municipal Investment Pool Participant Policy shall be provided to:

Finance Department
215 SE 7th, Room 358
Topeka, Kansas 66603
785-368-2544
785-368-3975 (fax)

4. That this Resolution and its authorization shall continue in full force and effect until amended or revoked by the Participant and until the PMIB receives a copy of any such amendment or revocation, the PMIB is entitled to rely on same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Topeka Resolution No. 9301 is hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on _____.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Mike Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk



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SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT: Public Comment Protocol
CATEGORY/SUBCATEGORY
CIP PROJECT: No
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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

PUBLIC COMMENT PROTOCOL

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

POLICY ISSUE:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

Procedures for Addressing the Governing Body

In accordance with Governing Body Rules, the following protocols for public comment apply:

- Each person shall state his or her name and city of residence in an audible tone for the record.
- All remarks shall be addressed to the Governing Body as a whole -- not to any individual member.
- In order to provide additional time for as many individuals as possible to address the Governing Body, each individual signed up to speak will need to complete his or her comments within four minutes.

The following behavior will not be tolerated from any speaker:

- Uttering fighting words
- Slander
- Speeches invasive of the privacy of individuals (no mention of names) Unreasonably Loud Speech
- Repetitious Speech or Debate
- Speeches so disruptive of proceedings that the legislative process is substantially interrupted

Any speaker who engages in this type of behavior will be warned once by the presiding office (Mayor). If the

behavior continues, the speaker will be ordered to cease his or her behavior. If the speaker persists in interfering with the ability of the Governing Body to carry out its function, he or she will be removed from the City Council Chambers or Zoom meeting room.

Members of the public, Governing Body and staff are expected to treat one another with respect at all times.

Zoom Meeting Protocol

- Make sure your Zoom name, email and/or phone number matches what was submitted to the City Clerk when you signed up for public comment. Any misnamed or unauthorized users will not be admitted to Zoom.
- Please keep your mic muted and your camera off until you are called by the Mayor to give your comment.
- If you are cut off during your comment time due to an internet connection or technical issue, you will need to submit your comments in writing to the City Clerk at atcclerk@topeka.org or 215 SE 7th Street, Room 166, Topeka, KS 66603 for attachment to the minutes.
- If you break any of the public comment rules, you will receive one warning from the Mayor. If you continue any prohibited behavior, you will be removed from the Zoom meeting room and will not be allowed to rejoin.
- Public comment is limited to four minutes. You may receive an extension at the discretion of the Governing Body. The timer will be visible to you in the 'City of Topeka Admin' window on the Zoom app. Call-in users will hear one beep when a minute is remaining and then another beep when time has expired.
- Please do not share the Zoom login information with anyone. Any unauthorized users will not be admitted to the Zoom meeting room.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

SOURCE OF FUNDING: