

Summary of Proposed Projects from Consult meetings and Public Input

Projects can include construction, improvements, or renovation. Eligible types of structures include non-residential buildings including historic buildings; ADA improvements for any facility or infrastructure such as community centers, senior centers, homeless shelters, youth centers, sidewalks, parks and recreational facilities, flood drainage improvements, street improvements, child care centers; or any other public facility that serves low- to moderate-income (LMI) populations including presumed benefit populations, and predominantly LMI neighborhoods. LMI is anyone earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income. LMI neighborhoods are where 51% or more of the population is LMI.

Examples of completed CDBG projects include the Old Blue River Trail Connection, building improvements to the Douglass Community Center; sidewalk replacement in the block surrounding Manhattan Municipal Court; kitchen renovations at the Riley County Seniors' Service Center; pedestrian crosswalk relocation and improvements on Anderson at Lee School; Long's Park and area Improvements; and 11th and Fremont Intersection Improvements.

The following are suggestions received during the Consultation and Public Input Process.

Strategic Plan:

In addition to Grant Administration, there are five Broad Project Categories that the City currently uses to determine CDBG fund allocation each Year:

Planning (used to determine or discover needs)-Housing (Rehabilitation, Development, Relocation, Counseling)-Public Services (non-construction, people focused); Facilities (public or non-profit facilities used to serve low to moderate neighborhoods or specific populations such as homeless, or elderly (i.e.: shelters or community centers); Infrastructure (streets, utilities, sidewalks, trails, etc. in Low to Moderate neighborhoods).

Should the City keep them all?

Yes: 17 No: 2

If you think the City should make changes to the categories please describe the changes:

Economic Development: 2

Other Comments:

Manhattan: 3 (no explanation given for this answer)

Remove the sales tax on food (2 mentions)

Use \$250,000 to help homeowners avoid foreclosure

Provide a Public Veterinarian

Stop giving so much money to the Zoo – turn it into a non-profit.

Give it back to the tax payers

Cut Taxes – spending beget more spending

A \$200 clothing allowance per K-12 child

If you have an example of a project, location, or service in mind as a top priority, please describe it.

Planning Studies/Feasibility (under Admin)

- A facilities and renovation plan for the Roundhouse (Floral Hall) in City Park.

- Child Care Center study
- Douglass Community Center Annex Needs Study

Public Facilities:

- Funds to construct new Crisis Center
- Funds to improve parking and Utility upgrades for Breadbasket and Douglass Center Annex building (move parking lot freezer out of the middle of it, bury utilities, demolish storage structure to expand parking lot)
- Flint Hills Breadbasket Improvements (non-specific, 3 mentions)
- Shelter for homeless youth (18 to 24 yr olds)
- Expand Emergency Shelter
- Child Care Center (publically supported)
- Youth centers (2 mentions)
- Improvements to Facilities in LMI neighborhoods (non-specific 3 mentions)
- Create Community Gardens in accessible locations (current areas are not even assessable by bus, and are small compared to the overall community size).
- Tornado Shelters for Mobile Home Parks
- Covered Bus Shelters in LMI neighborhoods (2 mentions- one “especially by hospital/medical centers)
- Benches at Bus Stops, at the very least.
- More Senior Centers closer to neighborhoods
- Clean up and demolish abandoned buildings near Wildcat Creek off of Anderson. (recommends conversion to Swimming/Rec Center)
- Substance abuse/detox center (2 mentions)
- Build a YMCA

Infrastructure:

- A striping project to put a bike lane on Sunset from Claflin to Thackrey. (The project location runs through both an LMI and non-LMI area, but the total of the two block groups are still predominantly LMI)
- Sidewalk/Trail Connection on South Manhattan Avenue
- A multi-use trail/sidewalk from Northview area to commercial area to the south.
- Pecan Circle ADA Access improvements
- Flood/Drainage Improvements (3 mentions)
- Cross walks at major Tuttle Creek Boulevard (TCB) and Ft. Riley Boulevard (FRB) Intersections
- Sidewalk Improvements:
 - on both sides of Casement (3 mentions), and along (TCB)
 - In residential areas west of 4th street and east of 17th,
 - Along the south side of Highway 24 from Mall east to Hotel and on the north side to Levee Drive,
 - Leavenworth and 5th street intersection side walk improvement (north sidewalks are narrow and steep, and make a good acceleration ramp for people in wheelchairs and on bikes).
- Improved facilities for Abused and Neglected Children
- Sidewalk improvements along Anderson Avenue,
- Install Sidewalk on FRB from Richards Drive to Westwood Road.
- Create more bike/scooter lanes and provide bike and scooter parking infrastructure.

Public Services:

- Support for Affordable Child Care Public (2 mentions)
- 11 youth-centric programs were identified and recommended for grant funding.
- Teach youths Financial Literacy Skills
- Basic Computer Literacy Skills (maybe through agency partnerships)
- Expanded Shelter Services
- Outreach program for Un-sheltered Homeless
- Programs to encourage people to transition from 4 wheel vehicles to optional transportation
- Improve Bus system routes and have it run longer hours. 3 Mentions (also need routes to go out to the Mobile home parks on the North east of the city)
- Scholarships for Childcare
- Provide funds for “re-homing” people.
- Scholarships to LMI families to attend Technical schools to develop employable skills.
- Provide Food boxes for low/no income .
- Lower the cost of housing
- Provide a free holiday event at Mall,(It’s already decorated and some people families have nowhere to go)
- Assistance for unpaid utilities.
- Assistance for ‘moderate income’ earners – more than LMI but not enough to pay all bills.

Housing:

- Workforce Housing, 1
- Create a Housing Trust Fund
- Down payment assistance for homebuyers
- Housing for people difficult to house (i.e. those recently released from incarceration, and those navigating a mental illness.
- Create Affordable Housing (6 mentions, 2 specifically - Tiny Homes/Micro homes, and rent to own, or rent to LMI persons, 1 specifically for High school student).
- Expand Rehabilitation Programs
- Convert 9th Grade Center to apartments for needy families and provide services to tenants that teach life skills
- The City should provide land where people with solar powered small houses could locate.
- Provide assistance to “flood proof” homes.

Economic Development:

- Douglass Recreation Center
- Raise wages