City of Lawrence Outside Agency Annual Report For Calendar Year 2017

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at <u>dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org</u> by Thursday, February 15th 2018 at 5:00pm. For the following questions please refer back to your <u>2017 application for funding</u>.

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2017

Agency Name: The Salvation Army on behalf of Multiple Agencies for Bus Passes

- 1. Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program. Transportation is a significant barrier for homeless individuals and those without income. The National Coalition for the Homeless' Homeless Employment Report, 2010 (the most recent report on record), shared findings that 30.8% of homeless reported that their primary barrier to employment was transportation. Additionally the same report found that 25% of homeless reported the reason they had not received assistance from agencies was due to lack of transportation. The City of Lawrence provides a comprehensive bus transport system for individuals to use; however homeless and no-income residents do not have the financial means (nor do the agencies they often come in contact with) to access this much needed resource to remove employment barriers.
- 2. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide a <u>brief</u> narrative of the activities funded with City funds. The city has historically funded this program as a way to provide free public transportation to homeless and no-income individuals. By having local agencies determine eligibility for the program and distributing passes for verifiable purposes, it eliminates the need for the city to determine needs and means testing for the public who might otherwise seek free transportation though the city. Additionally, through provision of transportation assistance, the city is helping those without income secure the means to become part of the local economy through increased community engagement, employment and benefits that lead to permanent housing in Lawrence.
- 3. Refer to your 2017 application for funding; provide <u>specific</u> detail (use supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes. The City of Lawrence provides a comprehensive bus transport system for individuals to use; however homeless and no-income residents do not have the financial means (nor do the agencies they often come in contact with) to access this much needed resource to remove employment barriers.
- 4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2017 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why? Funds provided by the City of Lawrence Non-Alcohol Grant for Bus Passes were used to support the program as planned in our application.