

City of Lawrence
Outside Agency Annual Report
For Calendar Year 2021

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. To answer the following questions please refer to your [2021 application/agreement for funding](#).

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2021

Agency Name: Bert Nash CMHC

1. Refer to the program in which your agency received funding; provide a participant success story that helps demonstrate the accomplishments of the program. **A specific success story from the 2021 year concerns a long time, chronic homeless individual who the team has worked with for many years. During the winter of 2021 this individual experienced some significant health issues, including frost bite that resulted in a partial limb removal. As a direct result of the team's continued intervention, this individual was placed into permanent housing and has remained within their housing unit to date. Homeless Outreach support also assisted the household with accessing regular medical appointments necessary to manage the treatment and recovery process. The household remains in a significantly more stable state as a direct result of this service.**

2. Refer to your 2021 agreement for funding; provide a brief narrative of the activities funded with City funds. **Activities provided through the provision of city funding for Homeless Outreach services include: connection to services and basic resources; service navigation; financial assistance to obtain basic necessities and resources (food, hygiene products, clothing, survival/camping equipment), obtainment of necessary credentials (ID, Birth Certificate, state ID), medication assistance, assist with housing obtainment, travel to family supports etc.; emergent needs interventions; assistance connecting to other needed services (primary medical care, mental health and substance use treatment, housing subsidies, food assistance etc.).**

3. Refer to your 2021 agreement for funding; report what progress was made toward your proposed outcomes and comment as necessary.

Outcomes	List 2021 outcomes from agreement	Comment as necessary
Outcome #1	Assist an annual, minimum total of 85 households who are without housing move into permanent housing.	The team assisted 67 households obtain housing (the first time in the team's 15 year history that it underperformed in this goal area). The identified cause is a severe lack in accessible affordable housing resulting from a significant influx of COVID funding starting in 2020 which has resulted in a nearly 100% utilization of accessible affordable housing options for the target population.
Outcome #2	At least one Outreach Worker will ride along once per month with City of Lawrence Parks and Rec to coordinate about and outreach campers identified by Parks and Rec as needing assistance and to help support	Outreach arranged for and participated in regularly scheduled ride-along efforts with city parks and rec, occurring once every two weeks. Shifts in parks and rec staff duties curtailed this effort, which has

	other Parks and recs projects, such as the Woody Park camp and the cold weather shelter project.	subsequently been re-initiated on an as needed basis.
Outcome #3	The Outreach team will staff a weekly walk-in time and process at the Lawrence Public Library.	For a period, outreach staff regularly manned a table at the library to facilitate access to outreach services. COVID, low outreach staffing levels, and demand for outreach services in the community have challenged the team to sustain a weekly presence at the library.

4. Refer to the line-item budget provided in your 2021 application for funding; is this accurate to how your allocation was actually spent? If no, what changed and why?

Budget Categories	Requested Amount	Actual Amount	Comment as necessary
Personnel	\$201,647.00	\$141,087.00	
Fees & Services			
Estimates/Bids			
Travel	\$24,000.00	\$3,817.00	
Marketing			
Cost of Materials	\$21,600.00	\$5,995.00	
Operating Expenses	\$2,895.00	\$21,861.00	
Other	\$45,000.00	\$37,589.00	
Grand Total	\$295,142.00	\$210,349	City of Lawrence, KS award amount: \$135,000.00

The actual funding amount spent by the Bert Nash CMHC to operate the City of Lawrence, KS funded portion of the Homeless Outreach Program significantly differs from the line-item budget amount submitted in the 2021 application for City of Lawrence, KS funds. The reason for this discrepancy is that the \$135,000.00 award amount was significantly lower than the line-item budgeted amount. Bert Nash continued to try and operate the city funded portion of the program to not further reduce the level of service and support available to a significantly vulnerable and under-supported population, but was forced to alter the overall budget to manage the program with significantly less finding than was initially budgeted.