



## **KANSAS HOUSING SEEKS A CSBG PARTNER FOR NORTHWEST KANSAS**

--New Community Action Agency to Provide Antipoverty Programs; Serve as Advocate for Low-Income Kansans--

**Topeka** - Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, as the lead agency for the Kansas Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), seeks to identify qualified organizations interested in serving as the Community Action Agency for Northwest Kansas. As such, the newly designated agency would receive funding from the Kansas CSBG program to design local strategies that impact the causes and effects of poverty within Northwest Kansas communities.

Targeted Kansas counties are Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham, Rooks, Osborne, Wallace, Logan, Gove, Trego, Ellis, Russell and Rush.

Not-for-profit organizations with IRS 501(c)3 status that are working on issues impacting low-income Kansans and that have a presence in or adjacent to the targeted counties along with existing Kansas CSBG-eligible entities may potentially apply for the designation.

The newly designated CSBG entity will be required to comply with certain statutory and policy requirements. Most significantly, the program requires community action agencies to:

- be governed by a volunteer, tripartite board of directors
- conduct a triennial community assessment
- operate the program to ensure results and accountability
- produce and submit quarterly and annual program reports

Details regarding statutory and policy requirements can be found within the Federal legislation authorizing the Community Services Block Grant (<http://www.kshousingcorp.org/display/files/CSBG/1998%20Reauthorization.pdf>) and the Kansas Policy Manual for the Community Services Block Grant ([http://www.kshousingcorp.org/documents/csbg\\_forms.shtml](http://www.kshousingcorp.org/documents/csbg_forms.shtml)).

Other informative websites include one hosted by the National Association for State Community Services Programs ([www.nascsp.org/CSBG.aspx](http://www.nascsp.org/CSBG.aspx)).

Letters of interest will be accepted through June 25, 2010 and should be addressed to: Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, Attn.: CSBG Program Manager, 611 S. Kansas Ave., #300, Topeka, KS 66603-3803. The letter is to include an organizational profile, a statement of and reason for interest and agency contact information. Should interest warrant, an invitation to participate in an application workshop, which will further define expectations and the application process, may follow.

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