



New economic relief grants offer housing and utility assistance to KCMO residents in the Central City Economic Development Sales Tax District

Beginning Jan. 11, applications will be available for CCED Essential Services and Community Stabilization Funds

Jan. 5, 2021 – KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The application period opens January 11, 2021 for two new COVID-19 relief funds which will provide help to a limited number of households and neighborhood organizations in the [Central City Economic Development \(CCED\) Sales Tax District](#). The **Essential Services Fund** and **Community Stabilization Fund** will both be administered by the [Community Capital Fund](#) (CCF), a local community development organization which seeks to help stabilize neighborhoods within the CCED Sales Tax District.

The CCED Sales Tax District Board and the KCMO City Council approved funding from the CCED Sales Tax, a 1/8th cent sales tax passed in 2017 to fund economic development projects in the Central City. The CCED Sales Tax District includes the area bounded by Ninth Street on the north, Gregory Boulevard on the south, The Paseo Boulevard on the west, and Indiana Avenue on the east.

“The CCED board wants to make sure that we are helping the residents and neighborhood organizations in this time of extreme need,” said DJ Pierre, CCED board chairman. “Economic development must benefit people, and this is a way to provide direct and immediate economic assistance in the district during this crisis.”

Details on the two grant programs are as follows:

Essential Services Fund

- For CCED residents who are experiencing extreme economic hardship, including job loss or potential eviction/foreclosure.
- Up to \$3,000 available per approved household
- Covers rent, mortgage, utility, grocery, transportation, or quarantine-related hotel expenses.

Community Stabilization Fund

- For neighborhood associations within the CCED Sales Tax District
- Up to \$2,500 available per approved application
- To assist at-risk CCED residents with minor property maintenance.



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“Keeping people in their homes is the top priority for this initiative” CCF Executive Director Megan Crook said. “CCF has long supported neighborhood-led community development, and the assistance provided through the CCED Essential Services Fund is a direct path toward neighborhood stabilization in this economically disruptive period.”

The CCED board recommended that CCF administer the program after the board completed a competitive RFP process. Grant funds are limited. CCF expects to fund approximately 140 households and ten neighborhood associations with this round of CCED funding. Residents and neighborhood organizations can apply online starting Jan. 11, 2021 at www.ccfkansascity.org. Printed copies will be available for pickup and submission between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm on January 11 – 13 at the Mohart Multipurpose Center, 3200 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109. Other dates and locations will be announced.

Application information and guidelines are available at www.ccfkansascity.org Follow CCF on Facebook and Twitter (@ccfkansascity) for program updates. For more information about CCED, visit www.kcmo.gov.cced and follow the City of Kansas City @KCMO on Twitter and @KCMOgov on Facebook and Instagram.

About the Community Capital Fund (CCF)

Since 2012, the Community Capital Fund (CCF) has invested in innovative and measurable community development that aligns with and strengthens the financial, human, and social capital of under-resourced neighborhoods in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. CCF has deployed more than \$1,000,000 to neighborhoods and grassroots organizations, organized eight Community Development Workshops that have collectively drawn more than 2,000 community leaders, and fiscally sponsored ten social ventures that have raised more than \$1,500,000.

About the Central City Economic Development Sales Tax District Board (CCED)

Approved by Kansas City voters 2017, the one-eighth-cent Central City Economic Development (CCED) Sales Tax will run for 10 years and is expected to generate about \$10 million annually. The City of Kansas City, Missouri Planning and Development Department prepared the [Central City Sales Tax District Databook](#) with information about the demographics of the area, development trends, and redevelopment opportunities. The focus of the CCED Sales Tax is on commercial/industrial and residential development. The sales tax is used for catalytic and incremental projects.

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

To Apply for the Essential Services Fund:

1. **Review the guidelines and required documentation** for the Essential Services Fund at www.ccfkansascity.org.
2. **Prove current legal residency in the CCED Sales Tax District**, the area bounded by Indiana Avenue on the east, The Paseo Boulevard on the west, 9th Street on the north, and Gregory Boulevard on the south.
3. **Demonstrate financial hardship.** CCF will accept an unemployment letter or dated letter from employer stating furlough/layoff/termination/reduction of hours and/or a notice of eviction/foreclosure.
4. **Demonstrate that household income does not exceed 80% of Area Median Income (AMI)** as set by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
5. **Submit a completed Essential Services Fund Application when the application period opens on Jan. 11, 2021 at www.ccfkansascity.org.** Also beginning on Jan. 11, printed copies will be available for pickup and submission between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm on January 11 – 13 at the Mohart Multipurpose Center, 3200 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109. Other dates and locations will be announced.

To Apply for the Community Stabilization Fund:

1. **Review the guidelines and required documentation** for the Community Stabilization Fund at www.ccfkansascity.org.
2. **Be a registered neighborhood organization** with the City of Kansas City, Missouri's Neighborhoods and Housing Services Department.
3. **Provide proof of good standing from the MO Secretary of State.**
4. **Provide proof of neighborhood organization bank account.**
5. **Provide current neighborhood organization bylaws.**
6. **Submit a completed Community Stabilization Fund Application when the application period opens on Jan. 11, 2021 at www.ccfkansascity.org.** Also beginning on Jan. 11, printed copies will be available for pickup and submission between the hours of 8:30 am and 6:00 pm on January 11 – 13 at the Mohart Multipurpose Center, 3200 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64109. Other dates and locations will be announced.