

SPE Request for Proposal

Shawnee County Advocacy Council on Aging has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) dated March 2, 2020, for applicants wanting to receive Senior Social Service Program Funding. The applications can be found at our [website](#) in electric PDF format. To request an application in either Word or Excel Format, or a printed copy, contact Mary Thomas at (785) 233-1365. These funds are intended to underwrite programs for the elderly exclusively by Senior Programs for the Elderly (SPE) funded agencies to increase the quantity and the quality of life for senior adults in Shawnee County. The original proposal, (no copies needed) must be submitted on or before March 27, 2020 by 12:00pm., to Community Resources Council at CRC CARE Center @ Avondale East, 455 SE Golf Park Blvd, Topeka, KS 66605. The Grant Review Committee is scheduled to meet the week of April 20th. Agencies will be contacted to schedule a presentation. Questions may be directed to [Community Resources Council](#) at (785) 233-1365 or by email to mthomas@crcnet.org.

Deliberative Conversations

In 2020 there are [Deliberative Conversations](#) happening throughout the year at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, in partnership with Momentum 2022 and Heartland Healthy Neighborhoods. These discussions are using the [Hidden Common Ground](#) initiative to focus on issues that Americans across the political spectrum care deeply about. The next round of conversations will be about our Health Care System starting on Friday, March 6 from 9am to 11:30am in the Learning Center. Other topics will include our Immigration System and our Economy. View the schedule [here](#) or visit tscpl.org/conversations to register and receive an issue advisory for the topic. Additional dates and online sessions will be added periodically. The Deliberative Conversations are a way in which the public can come together to discuss issues that affect all of us. It is highly encouraged to invite someone to attend with you that has a different perspective, life experience or background.



International Women Build Week



Habitat for Humanity International and Lowe's unite across the United States, India and Canada for [International Women Build Week](#) from March 1-8. This event is to highlight the global need for safe and affordable housing. This year's build site will be at 2630 SW Buchanan, the future home of the Carpenter Family. During this week there will be more than 100 Women Build volunteers working on this house. View the weeks [schedule](#) to see who is participating with the build. For more information or to sign up for a Community Build Day visit Topeka Habitat for Humanity's [website](#) or call 785-234-4322.

Metros New App

Topeka Metro has a new app, [DoubleMap](#), that allows riders to view their bus in real time on its route. The app uses global positioning to track the location of buses to help make it easier for passengers to see when and where their bus is at for their stop. It lets the user choose which route they want to view, see the buses traveling, and look at the location of each bus stop. DoubleMap also alerts riders of detours and delays. With this new information available to all passengers, Topeka Metro is making the bus system easier and less confusing to use for those who have never ridden on our public transportation before. It is also a way to help cut down phone calls to Topeka Metro's customer service operators, thus allowing them to assist with other issues. This app can be found in [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#). It can also be accessed through Topeka Metro's website [here](#).



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