



Supporting our Neighbors

Ensuring services are delivered to Douglas County residents

The City of Lawrence is committed to prioritizing Douglas County residents in the distribution of services to our neighbors experiencing housing insecurity. There is also a process for offering short-term support to homeless individuals who are not from our community to facilitate their return to their place of origin.

Our five-step process for assisting non-resident homeless individuals:

- 1 Initial Assessment and Temporary Assistance**
Non-resident homeless individuals seeking assistance will undergo an initial assessment by the Homeless Response Team and, if eligible, can receive access to emergency shelter, meals and basic services for three business days. The Homeless Response Team will make referrals for services to agencies after the eligibility assessment is complete.
- 2 Development of Return Plan**
If the individuals are eligible for transportation, the Homeless Response Team will make transportation arrangements and coordinate any necessary support services as well as a way to contact relevant agencies in the home community.
- 3 Coordination with Origin Town Resources**
The Homeless Response Team will work to identify and connect the individual with resources and services in their town of origin.
- 4 Transportation Assistance**
Efforts will be made to secure the most cost-effective and safe transportation options.
- 5 Documentation and Follow-Up**
All actions taken, plans developed, and assistance provided will be documented by the Homeless Response Team. Follow-up checks will be conducted by the team to ensure the individual reaches their destination, and the team will verify that the individual has connected to their natural supports or services.

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

More information on the community-wide efforts to end chronic homelessness in Lawrence and Douglas County is available on the A Place for Everyone website: dgcoks.gov/aplaceforeveryone.

Find more information: Community members are also encouraged to tune in to the Collaborative Solutions Podcast to connect with the stories of people emerging from homelessness to homes.