

## **Ord.220981-REPORT & ANALYSIS**

**Overview:** Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council is a 501(c)3 neighborhood organization that serves the community and its residents in a number of ways, including the provision of resources, events and programming, advocacy and support, and real estate development. For decades, Ivanhoe has established itself as a necessary resource for Ivanhoe residents, other organizations, and the city of Kansas City. At this time, Ivanhoe is in need of unrestricted funds to address operational needs for 2023. The allocation of these funds from city monies would be critical to the success of the organization and its ability to provide necessary resources for residents in need located throughout Ivanhoe neighborhood.

**Analysis:** Ivanhoe's core needs for unrestricted funding support encompasses four key areas: office expenses, transportation and equipment expenses, utilities, and community engagement. Critical to the success of the organization in 2023 is the ability to hire part-time and full-time staff to keep the Nutter Ivanhoe Neighborhood Center building open to the public. In doing so, necessary programming can continue and partnerships between Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council and key stakeholders throughout the city will be possible. In addition to funds for salary and wages, there are a number of expenses necessary for the functioning of the organization with staff. These include insurance to keep the building open and protect the organization from liabilities in case of injury, funds for the necessary repairs and maintenance of the facility, funds for a printer/paper/ink to handle day-to-day operations, janitorial and groundskeeping needs to keep the grass mowed or snow removed, technical support for the computers and phones servicing the building, board development and training costs, and support in accounting/bookkeeping and auditing. Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council and its board of directors wants to ensure good stewardship of any monies awarded by the city or private funders, and securing services from professionals will be necessary for accountability and advisement on strong financial practices for the organization. In addition to the aforementioned requests, Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council has identified funding needs for transportation & equipment, and utilities. In keeping with Ivanhoe's focus on the engagement of the community, its residents, and other stakeholders, there are a few costs to ensure timely (and relevant communication) of Ivanhoe's initiatives. Outlined in the budget requests are expenses for neighborhood meetings, funds for newsletter printing and dissemination, usage of a robocall provider to contact residents or stakeholders, and funding for special events like the Christmas Party, Night Out Against Crime, Neighborhood Cleanup, and many others. We believe this funding would be significant in helping Ivanhoe address some of its current financial challenges and continue to serve Ivanhoe Neighborhood as a resource for youth, family, and seniors.