

CDBG Success Story

ADA Accessibility Upgrades and Covid-19 Prevention

Johnson County, KS

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FJCDs has been the recipient of about \$126,950 in CDBG and CDBG-CV funds. These funds assisted them with several projects that improved the quality of life of several individuals with IDD living in Johnson County.

Problem or need addressed:

It is immensely difficult to find affordable housing in Johnson County, KS. It is even more difficult to find housing that accessible to individuals that need to use mobility devices such as wheelchairs or walkers. Pairing the two needs together makes it almost impossible.

Solution:

Friends of Johnson County Development Support has been able to create affordable and accessible housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Johnson County, KS due to the ability to access CDBG.

Results: The 5-bedroom house is home to 5 intellectual and developmentally disabled individuals who now have full access to a house, with bathrooms that wheelchairs easily fit into, and suitable space for them throughout the home. This house was specially built for individuals with IDD that are also diagnosed with Alzheimer's/dementia. Special considerations were given to continuous flooring, color scheme and how the home functions. Additional equipment includes Ceiling lifts for transferring, tilted mirrors, and even color toilet seats. We also created outdoor spaces that are fenced to address barriers to elopement. Rent is kept at or below 30% of the individual's income and we ensure the home is energy efficient. FJCDs was about to utilize CV funding to install air scrubbers in the HVAC systems which will help clean the air of contaminants and viruses.

