# City of Neosho

#### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

REQUESTED COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

October 05, 2021

ITEM: RISE Neosho

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

ATTACHMENTS: Community Report

**ROUTING ORDER:** 

CITY MANAGER: David Kennedy DATE:
CITY ATTORNEY Jordan Paul DATE:
DEPARTMENT HEAD: Rachel Holcomb DATE:
CITY CLERK: Cheyenne Wright

FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Daphne Pevahouse DATE:

#### **PURPOSE:**

To answer a request from RISE about the use of the Lampo.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Neosho RISE is completely volunteer-based & community supported. They plan meet one night per week, hopefully on Tuesday evenings, January - December 2022. They would like to ask Council if they can use the Lampo at no charge.

Neosho families will be recruited who are stuck in poverty & wanting to improve their quality of life. The families join as "members" of RISE (a year-long program). Each week the group meets for dinner (boxed dinners provided by Hope Kitchen), followed by a 45-min lesson. The curriculum is provided through the Drew Lewis Foundation and focuses on setting and achieving personal development goals, budgeting - finance - banking - debt management - credit scores, and building community. Our team provides facilitators to teach the material, and personal development managers to mentor/coach each family.

The RISE Initiative has shown wonderful success in Springfield, as shown in the attached 5-year report. Also enclosed is the 'needs assessment', which shows an astonishing need in Neosho.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is asking council for direction.

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TANF (cash assistance)

families per month

county households

SNAP (food stamps)

6,983 recipients per month 12 %

county individuals

Medicaid

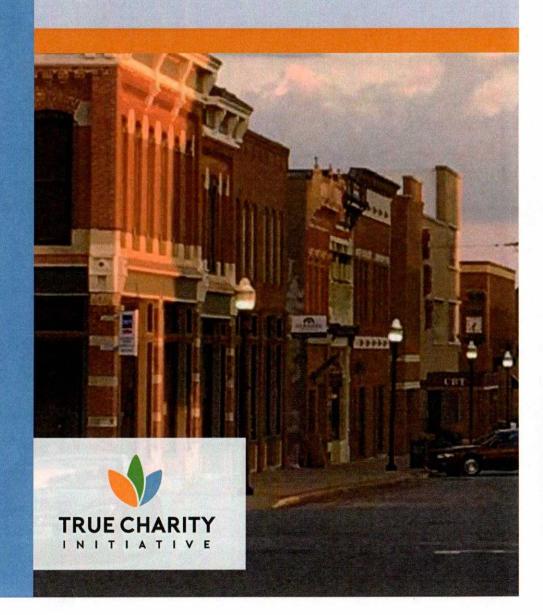
10,038 recipients per month 17 %

county individuals

\$88.3 MILLION spent annually

\*Newton County data

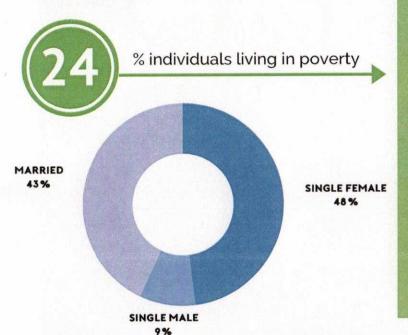
## NEOSHO, MO COMMUNITY REPORT



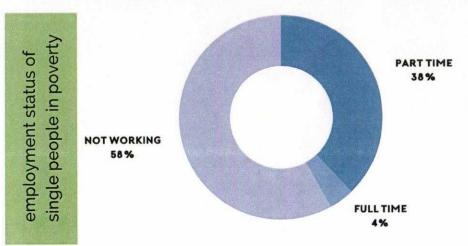
### POVERTY

## SOCIAL CAPITAL

total population 12,054



households in poverty marital status of



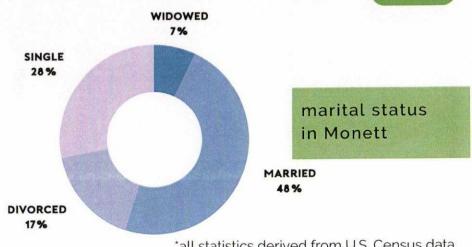


individuals (age 16+) not participating in the labor force \*national average: 37%

**ROOTEDNESS** individuals who changed living situations in the past year \*national average: 14%



% unwed mothers 15-19 years old



\*all statistics derived from U.S. Census data