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City of Topeka announces new fellowship

TOPEKA, Kan. – The City of Topeka is accepting applicants for its new fellowship opportunity.

The fellowship is named after Ernest A. (Ernie) Mosher who was instrumental in the legislation that allows for Kansas cities to govern under Home Rule. Home Rule allows cities to pass legislation in areas the state has not legislated.

The Ernie Mosher Fellowship seeks candidates who, like Mosher, seek to innovate local government and increase capacity to deliver services that citizens need and want.

The fellowship is a one-year program that offers recipients the opportunity to gain real-life City management experience. The fellowship is a full-time, paid position with the City of Topeka.

The fellowship is housed in the Finance Department where fellows will have the opportunity to gain experience in budgeting, performance management and strategic planning. Fellows will have unfiltered access to each City Department and have the opportunity to work on projects that interest them city-wide.

Upon completion of the fellowship, the City will work with fellows on placing them in a permanent position that meets the fellow's interests and goals for their public service career.

The first fellowship will take place June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. The fellowship has an annual salary of \$43,000.

Apply by emailing your resume and cover letter to <u>budget@topeka.org</u>. More information about the Fellowship can be found <u>online</u>.