

## Definition of Low and Moderate Income Neighborhoods

Due to a limited number of dollars available for the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program, the City of Knoxville has asked the East Tennessee Foundation (ETF) to concentrate those dollars in neighborhoods with the most need.

As in the past, the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program will be limited to low- to moderate-income neighborhoods, but the program's reach is being expanded to include more moderate-income neighborhoods while continuing to pay special attention to low-income neighborhoods.

To identify eligible neighborhoods, the City of Knoxville is using the most reliable and accessible income data available at a neighborhood level — the household income statistics gathered by the U.S. Census Bureau in 1999 and reported in the 2000 census.

The smallest area for which income data is available is the block group. A block group may consist of dozens of blocks. A census tract is composed of one or more block groups.

For the Neighborhoods Small Grants Program in 2009, a low or moderate income neighborhood is defined as one which overlaps a block group whose 1999 median income is equal to or less than \$35,581 – which is 95% of the 1999 median household income of \$37,454 in Knox County.

*Example #1: The Green Gardens neighborhood is located in, includes or overlaps Block Group 1 in Census Tract 101. The median household income for Block Group 1 in 1999 was \$34,000. Since this is less than \$35,581, Green Gardens is considered a low- to moderate-income neighborhood.*

*Example #2: The Red Gardens neighborhood is covered by block groups 2 and 3, also in Census Tract 101. The 1999 median household income for both blocks groups was over \$35,581, and therefore Red Gardens is not eligible to apply for a neighborhood small grant in 2009.*

*Exception: If a neighborhood does not qualify on the basis of block group income, but believes it IS low or moderate income—or it has a project which targets and benefits a low-income area of a more affluent neighborhood—then the neighborhood may suggest other means to establish eligibility. ETF reserves the right to judge such applications on a case-by-case basis.*

## How to Determine if Your Neighborhood is Eligible

You may call the Office of Neighborhoods at 215-3232 to find out if your neighborhood is a designated low or moderate income neighborhood.

Or you can research this yourself by taking the following steps:

1. On the Web, go to [www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov)
2. In the left-hand column, in the Address Search section, click on “street address”.
3. On the Address Search Screen:
  - Select the Address Search tab and Census 2000.

- Enter your street address.
- Enter Knoxville Tennessee and your zip code.
- Click GO.

4. Your census tract and block group will appear. (To see a map of your block group, highlight “block group” and click “Map It”.) Note that your neighborhood may include more than one block group.

5. Once you know the relevant census tract and block group number(s), refer to the table below. These are the census tract (CT) block groups (BG) whose 1999 median household income ((HH Income) is equal to or below 95% of Knox County’s 1999 median income.

<u>CT</u>	<u>BG</u>	<u>HH Income</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>BG</u>	<u>HH Income</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>BG</u>	<u>HH Income</u>
1	1	10,426	16	3	24,408	30	2	24,464
2	1	18,536	17	1	23,657	30	3	26,477
3	1	16,646	17	2	22,083	30	4	22,708
4	1	15,237	18	2	26,723	32	1	30,153
5	1	23,611	18	3	28,578	32	2	22,727
5	2	9,132	19	1	20,250	32	3	26,298
5	3	19,046	19	2	20,556	34	1	29,146
6	1	9,597	20	1	21,912	34	3	31,484
6	2	11,594	20	2	11,969	35	1	34,063
6	3	12,250	20	3	23,333	36	1	0
7	1	5,431	21	1	20,969	37	1	14,612
7	2	7,932	21	2	31,161	37	2	12,151
8	1	22,692	22	1	31,042	37	3	17,227
8	2	15,221	22	2	18,309	38	3	27,366
8	3	13,942	22	3	24,643	39	1	22,292
9	1	21,250	23	1	20,827	39	2	29,688
9	2	7,000	23	2	27,782	39	3	27,619
9	3	8,939	24	1	19,258	39	4	35,187
10	1	5,625	24	2	20,694	40	1	27,134
10	2	12,466	24	3	27,404	40	2	26,458
11	1	9,078	24	4	15,903	40	3	23,700
11	2	13,445	26	1	19,444	41	2	31,328
12	1	13,080	26	2	18,500	42	3	28,771
12	2	16,750	27	1	19,667	43	1	29,423
13	1	15,880	27	2	27,879	43	2	27,634
13	2	18,083	27	3	22,903	44.02	4	34,668
14	1	13,203	28	1	27,386	44.02	5	13,971
14	2	15,577	28	2	22,118	46.05	4	33,644
14	3	7,258	28	3	7,923	47	2	35,250
15	1	26,917	28	4	23,315	48	1	30,739
15	2	21,250	29	1	15,506	48	2	32,955
15	3	22,092	29	2	27,772	48	4	32,153
16	1	18,250	29	3	29,861	49	2	31,607
16	2	26,031	30	1	30,945	50	2	19,784
						51	2	23,429