

SPARK Taskforce Joint Steering and Executive Committee

June 8th, 2020 | 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Eisenhower State Office Building, 700 SW Harrison Street, 4th Floor Auditorium, Topeka, KS

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions Lyle Butler, Chair | Cheryl Harrison Lee, Executive Director

Executive Director of the Recovery Office Cheryl Harrison-Lee and Chairman of the SPARK Taskforce Lyle Butler will welcome Executive and Steering Committee members, provide an opportunity for introductions, and introduce the work of the SPARK Taskforce with an emphasis on its goals as it relates to economic recovery in Kansas.

II. Review of CARES Act Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Executive Director

Cheryl Harrison-Lee will provide Executive and Steering Committee members with a brief overview of the CARES Act, including information on the major sources of funding, federal spending guidelines, and additional grant programs or funding opportunities specific to the COVID-19 response.

III. Review of Recommended Phases of Funding Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Executive Director

Cheryl Harrison-Lee will brief the Steering Committee on potential first-round allocations of CARES Act funds approved by the Executive Committee. Then, she will provide an overview of the second phase of funding, including examples from other states, timelines, funding requirements, and a process for determining investment priorities.

IV. Discussion of Funding Priorities Cheryl Harrison-Lee | Secretary Lorenz | Secretary Toland

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Kansas Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz, and Kansas Secretary of Commerce David Toland will help lead facilitated discussions with Steering and Executive Committee members on funding priorities for the second phase of investment. This discussion will include an overview of data associated with four critical areas of investment: education, infrastructure, health, and economic development. Groups will then report out ideas, additional requests for information, and next steps for collecting and prioritizing investment proposals.

V. Next Steps Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Executive Director

Executive Director Cheryl Harrison-Lee will discuss the meeting schedule and allocation timeline for SPARK funds and determine a date for the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment