SPARK Executive Committee

July 22, 2020

Agenda Item I

Meeting Called to Order

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I.   Meeting Called to Order

II. Director's Report

III. Review Survey Results

IV. Round 2 Proposals

  1) Presentation of Proposals

  2) Discussion

  3) Roll Call Vote

V.   Adjournment

Agenda Item II

Director's Report

Agenda Item III

Review Survey Results

The Survey

Steering Committee Members were asked three questions – in four categories of Public Health, Economic Development, Connectivity, and Education

- Did the proposal meet the Steering Committee's top priorities?

- Were there any proposals presented by the education work group that did not align with the Steering Committee's priorities?

- Any additional feedback for consideration?

Public Health

- Steering Committee members largely approved of the proposals
- Some concerns that the duration of funding for nursing homes was too short, and excluded home health.
- More specific concerns included:
    - Public health needs to consider tele-health and tele-medicine if not considered elsewhere
    - Behavior health grants should include domestic violence and sexual assault programs
    - Nurse transportation is less aligned with COVID-19's immediate impact

Did the public health proposal meet the Steering Committee's top priorities of:

- COVID-19 preparedness & mitigation efforts (PPE, supplies, testing, contact tracing, etc.)

- Providing assistance to nursing homes to respond to COVID-19

- Support for local healthcare facilities and providers

- Healthcare investments for vulnerable populations (elderly, homeless, etc.)

- General mental health resources (counseling, substance abuse treatment, etc.)?

Yes: 11

No: 1

No, but the proposals are satisfactory: 3

Yes: 11 (73%)
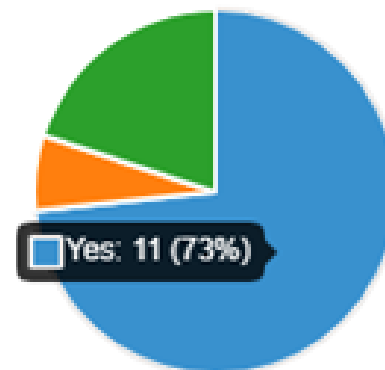
Economic Development

- Steering Committee members largely approved of the proposals
- Some members expressed concerns with the level of funding specific to small businesses – others thought this supplemented other CARES Act programs (PPP, EIDL, SBA funds, etc.) well.
- More specific feedback included:
  - The Local Food Support initiatives could be rolled into the same allocation mechanism as the business support
 - We should be encouraging Kansas companies to purchase in Kansas

Did the economic development proposal meet the Steering Committee's top priorities of:

- Protecting the small businesses and Kansas' workforce through financial supports and health investments

- Financial grants and programs targeted towards businesses and non-profits that did not qualify for federal aid

- Financial or technical support for businesses to make the necessary modifications to operate

- Workforce training and education

- Recruiting businesses to Kansas that specialize in public health and healthcare

Yes: 11

No: 1

No, but the proposals are satisfactory: 3

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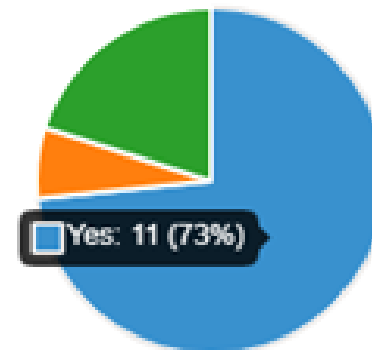
Connectivity

- Steering Committee members largely approved of the proposals
- Several Committee members emphasized how important they thought investments in this category were – especially in meeting the needs of telehealth & telemedicine
- Some hesitancy regarding timelines & the ability to meet the December 30th deadline

Did the connectivity proposal meet the Steering Committee's top priorities of:

- Increasing access to telehealth and telemedicine

- Increasing broadband access for rural and underserved areas

- Increasing access for continuous, distanced learning

- Affordable, quality broadband for every Kansan

- 5G internet investments

Yes: 11

No: 2

No, but the proposals are satisfactory: 2

Yes: 11 (73%)
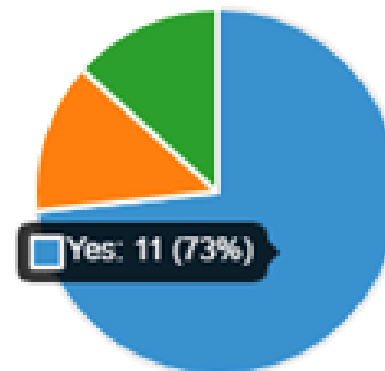
Education

- Steering Committee members generally approved of the proposals
- Some Committee Members expressed concerns regarding the level of K-12 funding, while other thought K-12 received sufficient funding directly through the CARES Act
- Several committee members recommended reevaluating education needs in Round 3

Did the education proposal meet the Steering Committee's top priorities of:

- Online learning innovation

- Funding for measures to allow for in-person instruction for early childhood, K-12, and higher education (public health investments, cleaning supplies, PPE, etc. to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within school systems)

- Early childhood education and childcare

- K-12 investment

- Higher education and community college investment?

Yes: 8

No: 1

No, but the proposals are satisfactory: 6

Yes: 8 (53%)
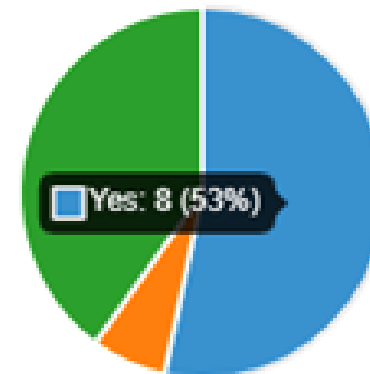
Agenda Item IV

Round 2 Proposals

Round 2 Proposals

Public Health

Public Health Priorities

Top Priorities:

- COVID-19 preparedness & mitigation efforts (PPE, supplies, testing, contact tracing, etc.)

- Providing assistance to nursing homes to respond to COVID-19

- Support for local healthcare facilities and providers

- Healthcare investments for vulnerable populations (elderly, homeless, etc.)

- General mental health resources (counseling, substance abuse treatment, etc.)

Public Health Work Team Members

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services
- Kansas Department of Emergency Management
- Office of the Kansas Adjutant General

Public Health Spending Overview

COVID-19 Preparedness and Mitigation

- **Total:** $26,947,138
- **Components:**
  - Contact Tracing
  - Nurse Transportation
  - Lab Capacity
  - Statewide Courier
  - Business PPE Program
  - EOC Enhancement

Health Investments for Vulnerable Populations

- **Total:** $6,400,000
- **Components:**
  - Testing Instruments for High-Impact Areas
  - Mobile Collection Units
  - Worker Health Fund

Nursing Homes

- **Total:** $23,627,198
- **Components:**
  - Nursing Home Rate Increase

Support for Local Health Facilities

- **Total:** $16,662,000
- **Components:**
  - LHD Support
  - Community Based Services Rate Increase

Mental Health

- **Total:** $12,500,000
- **Components:**
  - Behavioral Health Grants for Providers

Health Work Team Total   **$86,136,336**

COVID-19 Preparedness & Mitigation Efforts

Proposal 1 – KDHE – Expanding KDHE's Contact Tracing Workforce

- This request is directly related to Scope #1, COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation efforts. This project would allow KDHE to add additional contact investigators to address the surge capacity currently experienced in areas of the state. Additional funding will allow KDHE to add 50 contact investigators for 10 months and hire additional case investigators for one year.

Proposal 2 – KDHE – Procuring Vehicles for Public Health Nurses to Assist Local Health Departments in COVID-19 Efforts

- This request is directly related to Scope #1, COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation efforts. Over eight years ago, due to budget constraints, the regional public health nurse positions, of which there were seven, were reduced to one public health nurse to cover the entire state. In collecting feedback from local health department administrators, it is critical for KDHE to bring back these positions. Through ELC funding, one nurse to cover the western half of the state is being hired. The nurse who currently covers the eastern half of the state has access to a vehicle shared with a bureau of approximately 75 people. It often has mechanical issues. There is no vehicle available for the new western Kansas nurse. It is essential they each have access to a vehicle when needed to provide testing services at scheduled events as well as surge capacity for health departments. It is also critical they have transportation to travel to local health departments to provide on-site technical assistance.

Proposal 3 – KDHE – Increasing State Laboratory Capacity

- This project directly relates to Governor Kelly's priority of expanding lab capacity at KDHE to decrease lag time for state testing. The state laboratory capacity is currently 1,000 samples per day for SARS-CoV-2 detection. As the worldwide pandemic has continued, the laboratory has been receiving between 900-1,300 samples/day. On July 14th, the lab received 1,800 samples, nearly double our current capacity. In order to address the ongoing testing needs of the state, the laboratory needs to expand capacity to 5,000 samples per day. Additionally, this increased capacity will allow for expanded testing in vulnerable populations and high risk communities such as childcare centers, schools, etc.

Proposal 4 – KDHE – Funding a Statewide Courier to reduce shipping time and expense

- This project directly relates to Governor Kelly's priority to expand lab capacity and decrease the lag time for state testing. The overall workflow of samples coming to the state lab could be improved with a statewide courier system. Creating this system would reduce both the time it takes to get to the lab, therefore decreasing lag time. Additionally utilizing this system would decrease cost while giving KHEL a more efficient courier system.

Proposal 5 – KDEM – Business PPE Program

The WG proposes a program designed to support private-sector partners acquire PPE when experiencing supply-chain disruptions. The program would consist of a business support center to identify, maintain, and categorize vetted disinfectant supplies and PPE suppliers. The support center would assist businesses in identifying viable options to source PPE to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The program would additional consist of a grant application process allowing available, non-medical grade, PPE to be distributed to private-partners unable to acquire PPE and determined necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and support economic recovery.

Proposal 6 – KDEM – Rural Emergency Operations Center Capability Enhancement

The WG proposes a grant program to support capability development for rural emergency management agencies. COVID-19 response has highlighted the need for continued emergency management program development particularly for rural counties unable to fiscally support agency enhancements. The grant program would focus on connectivity development to include computer systems, communications capabilities, and software enhancements to enable county emergency management agencies to provide whole-community coordination and support.

The grant program would not support facility acquisitions or property enhancements with the exception of approved mitigation measures accommodating social distancing requirements to enable collaborative preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

COVID-19 Preparedness & Mitigation

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Expanded Contact Tracing	$2,800,000
Nurse Transportation	$34,138
Expanded Lab Capacity	$20,743,000
Statewide Courier	$500,000
Business PPE Program	$1,250,000
Rural EOC Enhancement	$1,620,000
Total	**$26,947,138**

Healthcare Investments for Vulnerable Populations

Proposal 7 – KDHE – Procuring COVID-19 Testing Instruments to be Deployed to High Risk/High Impact Areas

- This project is directly related to scope #4, healthcare investments for vulnerable populations. This project would allow KDHE to deploy testing instruments to LHDs that do not have significant support from local hospitals or have significant homeless, uninsured, or otherwise vulnerable populations.

Proposal 8 – KDHE – Establishing Mobile Collection Unit Program to Assist Local Health Departments

- This project is directly related to scope #4, healthcare investments for vulnerable populations. This project would allow KDHE to deploy more mobile collection units to high risk areas that are in need testing assistance. Additionally, mobile units could be deployed to Larger LHDs to use for flu and COVID-19 clinics if need arises. So far, our mobile unit program is used as a mobile collection site support vehicle, as our staff has found it challenging to find a testing platform that works well, is fast enough, and has a reasonable supply chain to support mobile testing. Having mobile collection units available now will make mobile testing units possible as more efficient testing platforms become available.

Proposal 9 – DCF/KDADS: COVID-19 Health Fund For Essential Workers

- In alignment with SPARK Committee's goal of providing vulnerable populations with access to health services, KDADS and DCF recommend the creation of a COVID-19 medical expenses relief fund for critical infrastructure and essential workers who contracted COVID-19 during stay-at-home orders. These workers were on the front-lines of the pandemic, providing critical services that enabled many Kansans to stay safe at home. This fund would allocate $5 million in total payments to cover medical expenses of these workers contracted COVID-19 while on the job. Applicants must provide proof of employment during a state or local stay-at-home order.

Health Investments for Vulnerable Populations

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Testing Instruments for High-Impact Areas	$1,000,000
Mobile Collection Units	$400,000
Worker Health Fund	$5,000,000
Total	**$6,400,000**

Providing Assistance to Nursing Homes

Proposal 10 – KDADS – Nursing Facility Assistance

- In alignment with Priority #2, KDADS recommends payments to 300+ Nursing Facilities in support of their COVID 19 response efforts, specific to costs incurred for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitation supplies, unexpected staffing costs and unforeseen operating expenses. Kansas Nursing Facilities, Nursing Facilities for Mental Health and Intermediate Care Facilities are included. The $23,627,198, if approved, is derived by calculating $20 per day, per Medicaid day, for 120 days. However, in collaboration with nursing facility stakeholders, KDADS recognizes COVID 19 is not limited to Medicaid residents. As such, the funding distribution formula will be based on total resident days.

Nursing Homes

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Nursing Home Rate Increase	$23,627,198
Total	**$23,627,198**

Support for Local Health Facilities

Proposal 11 – KDHE – Providing Supplemental funding for Local Health Departments

- This request is directly related to Scope #1, COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation efforts. In its entirety, the funding will support the COVID-19 response at the local level through public health departments. Since Kansas is a centralized public health system, KDHE relies on 100 local health departments (LHDs), serving all 105 counties to form the backbone of public health for the state. This infrastructure was already under severe strain, as Kansas ranked 48th for the amount of funding allocated to public health per Kansan. The Public Health response to COVID-19 has demonstrated the need for funds to be immediately dispersed to LHDs in order to continue sustainable operations during the pandemic response.

Proposal 12 – KDADS – Community Based Assistance

- In alignment with Priority #3, KDADS recommends a rate increase of up to 5% for up to 120 days to community based providers in support of their COVID 19 response efforts, specific to costs incurred for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitation supplies, unexpected staffing costs and unforeseen operating expenses. Active Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) providers who serve the elderly, intellectual/developmentally disabled, physically disabled, children and adults with brain injuries and others needing assistance are included in the proposal. PACE providers are also included.

Support for Local Health Facilities

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Support to Local Health Departments	$4,120,000
Community Based Services Rate Increase	$12,542,000
Total	**$16,662,000**

Mental Health

Proposal 13 – KDADS - Behavioral Health and Aging Assistance $12,500,000

- In alignment with Priority #5, KDADS recommends a two-fold approach to augmenting current grants to Behavioral Health providers: 1) to capture the costs associated with the transition to the provision of telemedicine behavioral health, in addition to PPE, sanitation supplies, unexpected staffing costs and unforeseen operating expenses, 2) to support behavioral health providers as they maintain continuity of mental health and substance use disorder services related to the secondary impacts of COVID 19, with a focus on uninsured and low-income Kansans. For example, the percentage of services being provided to the uninsured is expected to increase as CARES unemployment benefits expire at the end of July.

- Next, KDADS recommends augmenting the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) grant to assist seniors with Medicare enrollment in the fall using communication devices. Eligible grantees include Substance Use Disorder providers, Community Mental Health Centers, Area Agencies on Aging, Others.

COVID-19 Preparedness & Mitigation

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Behavioral Health Grants for Providers	$12,500,500
Total	**$12,500,500**

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Health Work Team Total	$86,136,336

Discussion

SPARK Executive Committee

Round 2 Proposals

Economic Development

Economic Development Priorities

Top Priorities:

- Protecting the small businesses and Kansas' workforce through financial supports and health investments
- Financial grants and programs targeted towards businesses and non-profits that did not qualify for federal aid
- Financial or technical support for businesses to make the necessary modifications to operate
- Workforce training and education
- Recruiting businesses to Kansas that specialize in public health and healthcare

Economic Development Work Team Members

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Health and Environment
- Department of Transportation

Economic Development Work Team Overview

Business Retention and Expansion	Securing Local Food Systems	Workforce Support and Retraining

• **Total:** $61,500,000
• **Components:**
  • Grants for Small Businesses
  • Funding for new business operations
	• **Total: $**9,000,000
	• **Components:**
	  • Funds for meat processing, food banks, producers, retail outlets, etc.
		• **Total: $**8,100,000
		• **Components:**
		  • IT training, technical college support, jobseeker support

Eco-Devo Team Total	$78,600,000

Round 2 Proposals

Business Retention & Expansion

Business Retention & Expansion

Direct grant support for

- Small and medium-sized businesses experiencing losses from COVID
  - Up to 500 employees
  - Demonstrated loss in revenues of 25% or greater over previous year
  - Includes support for disease mitigation (do not need to demonstrate loss in order to apply for assistance)
  - Broadly defined…includes restaurants/hospitality, retail, manufacturers, professional services, etc.

- Manufacturers producing PPE

- Companies moving jobs to Kansas from overseas locations (reshoring)

- Minority-owned businesses, arts-related businesses

- Nonprofits, including arts-based organizations, chambers of commerce

Business Retention & Expansion

Amount: $61.5 million in Phase 2
- $32.5 million in small business & non-profit grants
- $7 million in grants related to COVID R&D and product development
- $22 million in grants for in-state COVID-related and PPE manufacturing

Delivery Model:
- Central online portal—front door—at Commerce for ALL businesses seeking help
- Minimize red tape, streamline all processes
- Must be flexible, nimble, responsive
- Highly dependent on partnerships

Eligible Applicants:
- Existing KS for-profit and nonprofit businesses; businesses expanding into KS

Timeline:
- 15 calendar days from green light to go live

Business Retention & Expansion

Allocation Determinations

- Applications for assistance scored on rolling basis (time is of the essence!)
- Scoring matrices to be developed in partnership with sector experts, bankers, etc.
- High volume will necessitate utilizing a network of partners from the sectors affected to review applications
  - Must ensure arms-length analyses, avoidance of conflicts of interest by reviewers, etc.

Metrics

- Applications will analyze demonstrable impacts from COVID; business viability; businesses' plans for weathering next 12 months
- Processing metrics will include targets for processing time; time to transfer funds to approved applicants; ongoing success/failure rates of recipients of support

Business Retention and Expansion

Applications

EXISTING SMALL BUSINESSES

- All types including minority-owned businesses, arts businesses and venues, nonprofits.
- Demonstrate 25% loss or greater over previous year and/or
- Demonstrate need for training/equipment/modifications to improve health of workers or customers
- Must provide intended use of funds (working capital, equipment, etc.....)

POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESSES

- Must demonstrate intent to establish operations in Kansas
- Must demonstrate connection between business operations and COVID (could include PPE production; COVID–related product development; reshoring of supply chain)
- Must provide detailed scope of work and project budget

Business Retention & Recruitment

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Small Business & Non-Profit Grants	$32,500,000
COVID-19 R&D and Product Development	$7,000,000
In-State COVID-related & PPE Manufacturing	$22,000,000
Total	**$61,500,000**

Round 2 Proposals

Securing Local Food Systems

Securing Local Food Systems

Context

- Prior to pandemic, food security in Kansas was a concern
- COVID impacted the complete food supply chain from growers, processors, distributors and retail outlets
- Meat processors and food processors experienced bottlenecks and distribution challenges
- Grocery stores experienced reduced accessibility to food supply
- Access to locally grown food & demand for Farmer's Markets

Securing Local Food Systems

Direct grant support for

- Small and medium-sized food supply chain businesses experiencing impacts from COVID

  - Up to 500 employees

  - Includes support for disease mitigation (PPE, safety measures implemented, additional staffing to support medical screening)

  - Reimbursement for expansion of capacity

  - Online sale software and equipment

  - Broadly defined…includes the entire supply chain from producer, processor, distributer/transportation and retail

Securing Local Food Systems

Amount: $9 million in Phase 2

Delivery model: Grants to eligible applicants.

Meets federal requirements for spending:

- Relates directly to food distribution and inventory

Eligible Applicants:

- Meat and food processors, food banks, distributors, retail outlets, producers

Application:

- Online application that includes a Certificate of Good Standing

Metrics or Benchmarks: TBD

Timeline: 5 business days to implement and "go live"

Securing Local Food Systems

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Funds for meat, processing, food banks, producers, retail outlets, etc.	$9,000,000
Total	**$9,000,000**

Round 2 Proposals

Workforce Support & Training

Workforce Support & Retraining

Context

- Many of the jobs that have been lost are not coming back.

- Access to skilled talent will always drive business decisions.

- Workforce training/retraining will be key to reducing unemployment and positioning the state to grow again

Workforce Support & Retraining

Direct grant support for

- Training/retraining in growing fields, including IT certifications, cybersecurity

- Technical college instructional equipment to support automation/advanced manufacturing

- KANSASWORKS jobseeker support

Workforce Support & Retraining

Amount: $8.1 million in Phase 2

Delivery Model:

- Central online portal—front door—at Commerce for applicants
- Minimize red tape, streamline all processes
- Must be flexible, nimble, responsive
- Also highly dependent on partnerships

Eligible Applicants:

- 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6) and other nonprofit orgs; educational institutions; governmental and quasi-governmental entities (**KANSAS**WORKS System)

Timeline:

- 15 days from green light to go live accepting proposals

Workforce Support & Retraining

Allocation Determinations

- Applications for assistance scored on rolling basis (time is of the essence!)
- Scoring matrices to be developed in partnership with sector experts
- High volume will necessitate utilizing a network of partners
  - Must ensure arms-length analyses, avoidance of conflicts of interest by reviewers, etc.

Metrics

- Numbers of trainees served; completion rate; job placement rate (ongoing after end of grant period); others TBD
- Processing metrics will include targets for processing time; time to transfer funds to approved applicants; ongoing success/failure rates of recipients of support

Workforce Support and Retraining

Applications

- Must demonstrate capacity to deliver training/certification/job placement services
- Must set forth metrics of number of Kansans served and alignment with growing sectors
- Must provide detailed scope of work and budget
- Must demonstrate connection to COVID

Workforce Support & Retraining

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
IT training, technical college support, jobseeker support	$8,100,000
Total	**$8,100,000**

Economic Development Work Team Overview

Business Retention and Expansion	Securing Local Food Systems	Workforce Support and Retraining

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Eco-Devo Team Total	$78,600,000

Discussion

Round 2 Proposals

Connectivity

Connectivity Priorities

Top Priorities:

- Increasing access to telehealth and telemedicine
- Increasing broadband access for rural and underserved areas
- Increasing access for continuous, distanced learning
- Affordable, quality broadband for every Kansan
- 5G internet investments

Connectivity Working Team Members

- Department of Administration
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Environment
- Department of Transportation

- Office of Broadband Development, KDC
- Karen—consortium of public and private education institutions and community anchor institutions.

Connectivity Work Team Overview

Broadband Infrastructure Investments	Provider Partnership Support

• **Total:** $50,000,000
• **Components:**
  • Grants for broadband development to areas unable to access 25/3 Mbps
	• **Total:** $10,000,000
	• **Components:**
	  • Assistance for low income populations through partnerships with ISPs

Connectivity Team Total	$60,000,000

Round 2 Proposals

Broadband Infrastructure Investments

Broadband Infrastructure

Project overview and rationale

- Provide funding mechanism for expanding broadband infrastructure through grants to reach areas currently unable to access minimally adequate services (residential: ≥ 25/3 Mbps)

- Focused on long-term impact, supports need for an integrated strategic vision and planning for state's future broadband needs

- 12/30/20 deadline may limit the number of potential projects that can reasonably be completed

- Aligns with other stakeholder proposed approaches

Broadband Infrastructure

Amount: $50M

Timeline:

Upon notice of program funding:

- 3 weeks to distribute and receive applications
- 2 weeks to review applications and award funds
- October 15 – Grantee interim progress reports due
- December 30 – Project costs incurred/delivered

Broadband Infrastructure, cont'd

Delivery model:

- Provided by Commerce Office of Broadband Development and private entities

- Project monitoring will include reporting requirements of the local community and ISP

- Commerce Office of Broadband Development has existing relationships with ISPs and local community stakeholders and capacity to provide expertise in technology planning

- Commerce also has a network of Regional Project Managers deployed throughout the state ready to assist communities and ISPs with project applications

Broadband Infrastructure, cont'd

Eligible Applicants:

- Internet Service Providers (ISP's) and communities, including cities, counties, other for-profits and not-for-profit entities

- Applicants must demonstrate a track record of success, technical and financial capability to execute proposed projects

Application:

- A fully developed application packet will include questions regarding implementation plans, sources of match, timelines, number of proposed premises connected, ability to meet deadlines, broad community support and a statement of need. The Office of Broadband Development is currently developing the application form.

Broadband Infrastructure, cont'd

Technical Assistance:

- Technical, engineering and project management consultation to support expedited timeline

Metrics or Benchmarks:

- Number of premises connected (households, businesses, CAI's)
- Sustainable, long-term connectivity solution

Broadband Infrastructure Investments

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Grants for broadband development in areas unable to access 25/3	$50,000,000
Total	**$50,000,000**

Round 2 Proposals

Provider Partnership Support

Provider Partnership Support

- **Amount:** $10M

- **Timeline:**
    - 1 week to distribute and receive applications
    - 1 week to review applications and award funds

- **Delivery model:** KDC Office of Broadband Development will leverage existing relationships with ISP's allowing for expedient deployment of assistance to support our most vulnerable populations in Kansas. The goal is to leverage ISPs existing internal infrastructure for identifying eligible households that could benefit from this program. We anticipate the program will include requirements that ISPs agree provide additional support for access post-December 30, 2020 (6-12 months of continued access at ISP expense).

Provider Partnership Support, cont'd

- Meets federal requirements for spending:
  - *May recipients use Fund payments to expand rural broadband capacity to assist with distance learning and telework?*
  - Such expenditures would only be permissible if they are necessary for the public health emergency. The cost of projects that would not be expected to increase capacity to a significant extent until the need for distance learning and telework have passed due to this public health emergency would not be necessary due to the public health emergency and thus would not be eligible uses of Fund payments.

- Eligible:
  - Internet Service Providers able to demonstrate ability to identify and timely process end-users to meet targeted impact goals

- Application:
  - Service providers will submit specific plans for number of low-income premises reached and proposed length of 2021 support included

Provider Partnership Support, cont'd

Technical Assistance:

- None

Metrics or Benchmarks:

- Number of premises supported

Broadband Infrastructure Investments

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
Assistance for low income populations through partnerships with ISPs	$10,000,000
Total	**$10,000,000**

Connectivity Work Team Overview

Broadband Infrastructure Investments	Provider Partnership Support

• **Total:** $50,000,000
• **Components:**
  • Grants for broadband development to areas unable to access 25/3 Mbps
	• **Total:** $10,000,000
	• **Components:**
	  • Assistance for low income populations through partnerships with ISPs

Connectivity Team Total	$60,000,000

Discussion

SPARK Executive Committee

Round 2 Proposals

Education

Education Priorities

Top Priorities:

- Online learning innovation
- Funding for measures to allow for in-person instruction for early childhood, K-12, and higher education (public health investments, cleaning supplies, PPE, etc. to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within school systems)
- Early childhood education and childcare
- K-12 investment
- Higher education and community college investment

Education Working Team Members

- Children's Cabinet
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Association of Community College Trustees
- Kansas Board of Regents

Education Work Team Overview

Early Childhood Investments	Higher-Education	Community and Technical Colleges

• **Total:** $9,993,750
• **Components:**
  • Early Childhood Education Consultant Network
  • Early Childhood Educator Health Fund
  • Technology for Families
	• **Total:** $55,542,023
	• **Components:**
	  • Funds for PPE, continuity of instruction, health services, public health facility improvements, aid, etc.
		• **Total:** $9,400,000
		• **Components:**
		  • PPE, technology costs, and other critical re-opening and remote instruction costs

Education Team Total	$74,935,773

Round 2 Proposals

Early Education & Childcare

Education Workgroup Proposal – Early Childhood

Project overview

- The Early Childhood Education Consultant Network will fund 7 Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC) for each health region in Kansas
    - CCHCs will be available to license KDHE facilities to assess and advise on environments and modifications needed to meet CDC recommendations
- Includes grant funds to enable facilities to purchase COVID related supplies and make space modifications
    - Funds may be requested prior to contact with a CCHC, but will not be granted without an environmental assessment
- Will build and distribute COVID Emergency Kits to children who are served through home visitation or have other needs
- Will reimburse early childhood workers for COVID-19 directly related medical expenses
- Technology for Families funds will provide access to equipment (e.g., hotspots, routers, wireless service installation infrastructure) and devices (e.g., tablets, smartphones)

Education Workgroup Proposal – Early Childhood

- **Amount:** $9,993,750
  - Early Childhood Education Consultant Network - $4,882,273
  - Early Childhood Educator Health Fund - $3,000,000
  - Technology for Families - $1,500,000 (Admin costs = 6.1%: $611,477)
- **Delivery Model:**
  - KDHE has an existing contractual agreement with Child Care Aware of Kansas and would expand scope to include Early Childhood Education Consultant Network
  - KDHE has infrastructure, model, provider connections, caps, and authorizations necessary to administer proposal
  - The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund will administer Technology for families

Early Education & Childcare

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
ECE Health Consultant Network	$4,882,273
ECE Health Fund	$3,000,000
Technology for Families	$2,111,477
Total	**$9,993,750**

Round 2 Proposals

Higher Education & Technical and Community Colleges

Education Workgroup Proposal – Higher Education

- **Public Universities – Amount:** $55,542,023
  - By July 24, Personal Protective Equipment and Other Supplies $7,263,206
  - By July 24, Continuity of Instruction $17,506,497
  - By July 24, Changes to Facilities $11,912,556
  - By August 15, On-Campus Health Care/Student Health Centers $5,306,192
  - By July 24, University of Kansas Health System Resources for Campus Testing, Infection Prevention Advice, Surge Contact Tracing and Infection Education Prevention Education for Fall 2020 Semester Only $13,553,572

Education Workgroup Proposal – Higher Education

- **Community Colleges & Technical Colleges – Amount:** $9,400,000
  - By July 24th, $2,700,000 to cover Personal Protective Equipment, other supplies, personnel for increased cleaning and sanitation, and testing needs.
  - By July 24th, $1,500,000 for costs related to K-12 schedule change and teaching overload to ensure seat time requirements are met for K-12 students in Excel in CTE courses.
  - By July 24th, $5,200,000 information technology infrastructure to allow for remote learning (when needed), equipment for hands on and virtual training specifically for CTE programs which need expensive equipment adaptations to allow for COVID 19 health protocols to be complied.

Education Workgroup Proposal – Higher Education

- **Timeline:** Immediately upon approval, transfer of funds to KBOR

- **Technical Assistance:** None needed

- **Benchmarks:**
  - Colleges are able to open and remain open safely
  - If a change of modality is needed due to a COVID outbreak that classes are complete on-time via remote delivery

- **Eligible Applicants:**
  - Public universities
  - Community and technical colleges

Education Workgroup Proposal – Higher Education

- **Delivery Model:**
  - KBOR will distribute funds to public 4-year universities and community and technical colleges
  - Community and technical colleges will work with the KACCT and the KATC to determine the distribution method, reporting requirements, and each college has expended funds prior to December 30th, 2020.
  - Application of these funds will require each college to certify that they have received federal funds from no other source to pay for the expenditures, that the expenditures are COVID 19 related, and must provide a rationale about why the expense is necessary to ensure the campus is able to open, remain open, and deliver education through effective technology infrastructure and virtual learning equipment.

Higher Education

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
PPE & Supplies	$7,263,206
Continuity of Instruction	$17,506,497
Changes to Facilities	$11,912,556
On-Campus Healthcare/Student Health Centers	$5,306,192
Campus Testing, Infection Prevention Advice, Surge Contact Tracing & Education Prevention Education	$13,553,572
Total	**$55,542,023**

Community & Technical Colleges

Program/Resources	Proposed Allocation
PPE & Supplies	$2,700,000
Modifications to ensure seat time requirements are met	$1,500,000
Technology infrastructure & remote learning equipment	$5,200,000
Total	**$9,400,000**

Education Work Team Overview

Early Childhood Investments	Higher-Education	Community and Technical Colleges

• **Total:** $9,993,750
• **Components:**
  • Early Childhood Education Consultant Network
  • Early Childhood Educator Health Fund
  • Technology for Families
	• **Total:** $55,542,023
	• **Components:**
	  • Funds for PPE, continuity of instruction, health services, public health facility improvements, aid, etc.
		• **Total:** $9,400,000
		• **Components:**
		  • PPE, technology costs, and other critical re-opening and remote instruction costs

Education Team Total	$74,935,773

Round 2 Proposals

Discussion

Round 2 Proposals

Roll Call Vote

Agenda Item V

Adjournment