



SPARK Round 2 Proposal Book



Public Health Proposal Package

Public Health SPARK Committee Priorities

Scope:

- 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:**
 - LHD Support
 - Nurse Transportation
 - Lab Capacity
 - Statewide Courier
 - Business PPE Program
 - Rural 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:** \$38,400,000
- **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

\$100,909,138

COVID-19 Preparedness & Mitigation Efforts

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

- 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 1 – KDHE – Expanding KDHE’s Contact Tracing Workforce

- **Amount:** \$2,800,000
- **Timeline:** If we receive the funds, we could add 50 contact investigators by August 24th and hire 10 additional cases within a month of receiving funds.
- **Delivery Method:** Contact tracing assistance will be provided to local health departments through existing EOC infrastructure.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes
- **Eligible:** All counties within Kansas can request contact tracing/investigation assistance
- **Application:** The local health departments work with their local emergency managers to complete and submit a request through WebEOC. The request then goes to KDEM/KDHE and is followed up on by our Epidemiology team to verify the need and educate them on the process of using state contact tracing services.
- **Technical Assistance:** N/A
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDHE will track SPARK investment funds through current quality improvement standards. The primary metrics to track success will be through fulfilled WebEOC requests and the number of contact tracers/investigators deployed.

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

- **Amount:** \$34,138
- **Timeline:** Purchase could be made quickly. Funding would be utilized within 4 weeks of receiving.
- **Delivery Method:** Public Health Nurses would drive to LHDs that request testing, on-site technical assistance, or surge capacity assistance.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes
- **Eligible:** All local health departments within the state of Kansas are eligible to get assistance from the Public Health Nurses.
- **Application:** LHDs would email the Local Public Health Program directly to request assistance.
- **Technical Assistance:** N/A
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDHE will track SPARK investment funds through current quality improvement standards. The primary metrics to track success would be number of testing events in which public health nurses participate, number of specimens collected by public health nurses, number of counties reached through public health nurse testing, number of on-site technical assistance encounters provided by public health nurses.

Proposal 3 – KDHE – Increasing State Laboratory Capacity

- This project directly addresses 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 3 – KDHE – Increasing State Laboratory Capacity

- **Amount:** \$20,743,000
- **Timeline:** Recruitment and orders initiated immediately. Estimated lead time on testing equipment is 6-12 weeks at this point.
- **Delivery Method:** Testing would go through the current KHEL process
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes
- **Eligible:** All users of KHEL would continue to be eligible to access this capacity. It is expected that this particularly include those without health insurance and vulnerable populations.
- **Application:** Local Health departments and state epidemiology team would provide access to this testing.
- **Technical Assistance:** N/A
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDHE will track SPARK investment funds through current quality improvement standards. The primary measurement will be the number of tests KHEL is able to process each day and the time it takes for test results to be reported.

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

- This project directly addresses Governor Kelly’s priority of expanding lab capacity at KDHE to decrease 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 4 – KDHE – Funding a Statewide Courier to reduce shipping time and expense

- **Amount:** \$500,000
- **Timeline:** Expected to take 4 weeks to establish routes and request to procure a vendor.
- **Delivery Method:** Notification would be made to all stakeholders of the availability of the courier and how to access it. It would likely require some stakeholders to transport samples to a central location.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes
- **Eligible:** Those eligible to use the state lab would be eligible to access the courier.
- **Application:** Through local health departments and state epidemiologist team.
- **Technical Assistance:** N/A
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDHE will track SPARK investment funds through current quality improvement standards. The primary measurement will be the time it takes for the test to be collected to when the test is delivered to KHEL.

Proposal 5 – KDEM – Business PPE Program

This program is 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 additionally 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 5 – KDEM – Business PPE Program

- **Amount:** \$1.25M (20% M&A included)
- **Timeline:** Targeted delivery September - December
- **Delivery model:** Administered by KDEM in partnership with KDHE and Commerce
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Agency Procurement Policy; 2 CFR 200
- **Eligible:** Private-sector partners
- **Application:** Online application likely requiring type of business, difficulties sourcing PPE, mask mandate policy, and # of people served
- **Technical Assistance:** Contracted support w/guidance from Partnership
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Sept 1 Website/Portal Live; Nov 13 end PPE procurement

Proposal 6 – KDEM – Rural Emergency Operations Center Capability Enhancement

This grant program would 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.

Proposal 6 – KDEM – Rural Emergency Operations Center Capability Enhancement

- **Amount:** \$1.62M (10% M&A included)
- **Timeline:** Targeted delivery September - December
- **Delivery model:** Administered by KDEM
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Agency Procurement Policy; 2 CFR 200
- **Eligible:** Rural Emergency Management Agencies
- **Application:** Through KDEM, identify capability gaps, impacts, enhancement proposals
- **Technical Assistance:** KDEM administered w/contractor supported
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Aug 14 Contractor support established; Sept 4 Receiving Apps; Sept 18 App Deadline; Sept 25 Approval/Disburse; Nov 13 close-out requirements

Healthcare Investments for Vulnerable Populations

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

- 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. Counties will be able to apply for additional testing instruments as needed to meet surges in cases or to address testing needs for specific vulnerable populations. Instruments would be housed at the state level.

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

- **Amount:** \$1,000,000 for approximately 20 testing instruments
- **Timeline:** Purchases could be made very quickly but timeline would be depend on manufacturer delivery. Most vendors are operating at a 6-8 week lead time or more.
- **Delivery Method:** Instruments would be delivered by shipment via common carrier and training provided via web conference.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes
- **Eligible:** All counties within Kansas can request assistance. Preference is given to counties who do not have support from local hospitals or have significant vulnerable populations.
- **Application:** County emergency managers will make requests to KDHE under the current structure.
- **Technical Assistance:** N/A
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDHE will track SPARK investment funds through current quality improvement standards. The primary metric would be fulfilled requests through EOC and the amount of tests run through the deployed instruments.

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

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

- **Amount:** \$400,000 for three units
- **Timeline:** Purchase could be made quickly. Processing time for vehicle acquisition is estimated at 4 weeks and customized build out is estimated at 6 weeks. Instruments would be ordered and waiting for delivery.
- **Delivery Method:** Prioritization criteria would be developed and decision/deployment protocols would direct delivery. Mobile units could be deployed with and under KDHE guidance or loaned to LHD as appropriate.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes
- **Eligible:** All counties within Kansas can request assistance. Preference is given to counties who do not have support from local hospitals, are overwhelmed and need testing assistance, or have significant vulnerable populations.
- **Application:** County emergency managers will make requests to KDHE under the current structure.
- **Technical Assistance:** N/A
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDHE will track SPARK investment funds through current quality improvement standards. The primary metrics for program success will be through fulfilled EOC requests and the amount of test collections made by mobile units.

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

- 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.

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

- **Amount:** \$5,000,000
- **Timeline:** KDADS and DCF will create and market the program, while program administration will be done through a partnership with KDHE. The application will be online within 45 days and target date for payments will be 10-31.
- **Delivery model:** Utilize DCF's existing benefits payment mechanisms. There will be a cap on payments.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending.
- **Eligible:** Any individual who was employed and performing on-site work related activities during a state or local stay-at-home order and contracted COVID-19. Any non-Medicaid individuals are eligible. Applicants must provide proof of employment during the eligible period.
- **Application:** An online application will be provided through DCF.
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance required.
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDADS/DCF will report on total payments made for each quarter, including demographic information, insurance status, and employment sector for each recipient.

Providing Assistance to Nursing Homes

Proposal 10 – KDADS – Nursing Facility Assistance

- 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 \$38,400,000, if approved, is derived by calculating \$20 per day, per resident day, for 120 days. As determined by the SPARK Executive Committee, the funding distribution formula will be based on total resident days.

Proposal 10 – KDADS – Nursing Facility Assistance

- **Amount:** \$38,400,000
- **Timeline:** KDADS and KDHE will collaborate on making payments within 30-45 days
- **Delivery model:** Utilize KDHE's Special Payment disbursement payment process for Medicaid enrolled nursing facilities
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** 300+ Nursing Facilities (NFs, NFMHs, ICFs)
- **Application:** No application required
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance required
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Nursing Facilities will report actual costs during the regular cost reporting cycle

Support for Local Health Facilities

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

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

- **Amount:** \$4,120,000
- **Timeline:** Approximately four weeks to distribute funds to LHDs once funding is received
- **Delivery Model:** Funds would be distributed through the Aid to Local Infrastructure which uses the Kansas Grant Management System
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes
- **Eligible:** All LHDs will receive funds based upon population size at the approximate rate of \$1.41 per person
- **Application:** N/A
- **Technical Assistance:** N/A
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** KDHE will track SPARK investment funds through current quality improvement standards.

Proposal 12 – KDADS – Community Based Assistance

- 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.

Proposal 12 – KDADS – Community Based Assistance

- **Amount:** \$12,542,000
- **Timeline:** Collaborate with KDHE on making changes within 60-90 days
- **Delivery model:** MCO and PACE processes are the proposed delivery model (retroactive claims processing)
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** Enrolled Medicaid Home and Community Based providers and PACE providers (serving the elderly, children and adults)
- **Application:** No application required
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance required
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Continuous improvement and quality assurance standards will serve as the benchmark.

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 Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service Providers, Substance Use Disorder providers, Community Mental Health Centers, Area Agencies on Aging, Others.

Proposal 13 – KDADS – Behavioral Health and Aging Assistance

- **Amount:** \$12,500,000
- **Timeline:** KDADS will revise current grants within 30 days, if approved
- **Delivery model:** KDADS's current grant process
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service Providers, Substance Use Disorder providers, Community Mental Health Centers, Area Agencies on Aging and others.
- **Application:** KDADS will prepare an application packet.
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance will be required.
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** The investment will be measured by the number of consumers served overall, the number of consumers served using telemedicine, and patient satisfaction, at a minimum. KDADS will write metrics and benchmarks in the grant agreements.

Economic Development Proposal Package

Economic Development Priorities of Task Force

Scope:

- Protecting small business and Kansas' workforce through financial supports and health investments
- Financial grants and programs targeted toward businesses and nonprofits that did not qualify for federal aid
- Financial or technical support for businesses to make safety modifications
- Workforce training and education
- Recruiting businesses to Kansas that specialize in public health/healthcare

Economic Development Working Group Members

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

Eco-Devo Work Team Overview

Business Retention and Expansion

- **Total:** \$61,500,000
- **Components:**
 - Grants for Small Businesses
 - Funding for new business operations

Securing Local Food Systems

- **Total:** \$9,000,000
- **Components:**
 - Funds for meat processing, food banks, producers, retail outlets, etc.

Workforce Support and Retraining

- **Total:** \$8,100,000
- **Components:**
 - IT training, technical college support, jobseeker support

Eco-Devo Team Total

\$78,600,000

Business Retention and Expansion

Proposal 14 – Business Retention & Expansion

- \$32.5 million in grants to support Kansas small businesses experiencing:
 - A loss of revenue of 25% or greater year-over-year.
 - Increased operating expenses due to necessary disease-mitigation measures (businesses would not need to demonstrate a loss in order to apply for these grants).
- In line with the SPARK Task Force’s priorities, businesses that did not qualify for Federal funding would be identified for targeted support.
- \$22 million for Kansas businesses to increase production of COVID-related products & services, including PPE manufacturing in Kansas.
 - This includes grants for Kansas companies interested in reshoring operations in-state to avoid supply chain expenses and delays experienced due to the pandemic.
- \$7 million in grants to Kansas businesses for COVID R&D and product development.

Proposal 14 - Business Retention & Expansion

Amount: \$61.5 million

Timeline: 15 calendar days from green light to go live; applications scored on a rolling basis.

Delivery Model: Central online portal/front door for all businesses seeking support

- Minimize red tape, streamline all processes
- Must be flexible, nimble, responsive
- Highly dependent on partnerships

Meets Federal Requirements:

“Fund payments may be used for economic support in the absence of a stay-at-home order if such expenditures are determined by the government to be necessary. This may include, for example, a grant program to benefit small businesses that close voluntarily to promote social distancing measures or that are affected by decreased customer demand as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.”

Proposal 14 – Business Retention & Expansion

Eligible Applicants: Existing KS for-profit and nonprofit businesses; businesses expanding into KS; local chambers providing COVID-related services & supports for small businesses.

- 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

Proposal 14 – Business Retention & Expansion

Technical Assistance:

- Commerce administered with partner support.

Metrics or Benchmarks:

- 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.

Securing Local Food Systems

Proposal 15 – Securing Local Food Systems

- This is a subset of assistance Kansas businesses and non-profits in the food supply chain impacted by COVID-19—growers, processors, distributors, and retail outlets.
- This proposal seeks to address the following:
 - Bottlenecks & distribution challenges for meat processors & food processors.
 - Reduced accessibility to the food supply in grocery stores & other outlets, especially in food deserts.
 - Increased demand for locally grown food, processing, and Farmer’s Markets.
- Includes support for disease mitigation (PPE, safety measures implemented, additional staffing to support medical screening)
- Online sale software and equipment; digital adoption costs.

Proposal 15 – Securing Local Food Systems

- **Amount:** \$9 million
- **Timeline:** 15 calendar days from green light to go live; applications scored on a rolling basis.
- **Delivery model:** Grants to eligible applicants
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible Applicants:** Meat and food processors, food banks, distributors, retail outlets, producers.
- **Application:** Online application that includes Certificate of Good Standing
- **Technical Assistance:** Department of Commerce and Department of Ag
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Will vary based on the type of business applying. Could include: number of Kansans or communities served; proof of COVID-19-related supply chain issue; timeliness of project completion; responding to food desert or region hard hit by pandemic-induced downturn.

Workforce Support & Training

Proposal 16 – Workforce Support & Retraining

- This proposal responds to the loss of jobs due to COVID-19.
 - Many jobs are transitioning to automation or require additional IT skills.
 - By increasing the pool of skilled talent, it will drive business growth in KS.
 - Workforce training/retraining will be key to reduce unemployment and position KS to grow out of the pandemic-induced recession.
- Direct grant support for:
 - Training/retraining in growing fields, including IT certifications, cybersecurity.
 - Technical college instructional equipment to support increased demand for automation/advanced manufacturing.
 - KANSASWORKS jobseeker support matching applicants, skills, and employers.

Proposal 16 – Workforce Support & Retraining

- **Amount:** \$8.1 million
- **Timeline:** 15 days from green light to “go live” accepting proposals
- **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
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible Applicants:** 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6) and other nonprofit orgs; educational institutions; governmental and quasi-governmental entities (KANSASWORKS System)

Proposal 16 – Workforce Support & Retraining

- **Application:**

- 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.

- **Technical Assistance:** Commerce administered with partner support.

- **Metrics or Benchmarks:**

- 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

Connectivity Proposal Package

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
- KanREN—consortium of public and private education institutions and community anchor institutions.

Connectivity Work Team Overview

Broadband Infrastructure Investments

- **Total:** \$50,000,000
- **Components:**
 - Grants for broadband development to areas unable to access 25/3 Mbps

Provider Partnership Support

- **Total:** \$10,000,000
- **Components:**
 - Assistance for low income populations through partnerships with ISPs

Connectivity Team Total

\$60,000,000

Broadband Infrastructure Investments

Proposal 17 – Broadband Infrastructure Investments

Project overview and rationale

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

Proposal 17 – Broadband Infrastructure Investments

- **Amount:** \$50 million
- **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
- **Delivery model:**
 - Provided by Commerce Office of Broadband Development and public 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

Proposal 17 – Broadband Infrastructure Investments

- **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 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

Proposal 17 – Broadband Infrastructure Investments

- **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.

- **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

Provider Partnership Support

Proposal 18 – Provider Partnership Support

Project overview and rationale

- Addresses accessibility barriers for distanced learning and telehealth.
- Helps to overcome accessibility barriers to affordable, quality broadband for every Kansas.
- KDC Office of Broadband Development will work with ISPs to ensure expedient deployment of assistance for vulnerable populations and families.
- Work with ISPs to identify eligible households; grants will require ISPs to commit to continuing support post-December 30, 2020.

Proposal 18 – Provider Partnership Support

- **Amount:** \$10 million
- **Timeline:** 1 week to distribute and receive applications; 1 week to review applications and award funds.
- **Delivery model:** Grant-based system working with ISPs to identify eligible households; require commitment to ensure accessibility beyond December 30, 2020.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending.
- **Eligible Applicants:** Internet Service Providers able to demonstrate ability to identify and process end-users to meet targeted impact goals in a timely manner.
- **Application:** Service Providers will submit specific plans for number of low-income premises reached and proposed length of 2021 support included.
- **Technical Assistance:** None
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Number of premises supported; impact on telehealth and distance learning.

Education Proposal Package

Education SPARK Committee Priorities

Scope:

- Online learning innovation
 - Increased connectivity is needed to serve all students and families during the pandemic from pre-K to higher ed.
 - Includes internet access, and access to an electronic device to use internet
- Funding for measure to allow in-person instruction for early childhood, K-12, and high 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 Work Team Overview

Early Childhood Investments

- **Total:** \$9,993,750
- **Components:**
 - Early Childhood Education Consultant Network
 - Early Childhood Educator Health Fund
 - Technology for Families

Higher-Education

- **Total:** \$55,542,023
- **Components:**
 - Funds for PPE, continuity of instruction, health services, public health facility improvements, etc.

Community and Technical Colleges

- **Total:** \$9,400,000
- **Components:**
 - PPE, technology costs, and other critical re-opening and remote instruction costs

Education Team Total

\$74,324,296

Early Childhood Investments

Proposal 19 – Early Childhood Consultant Network

- The Early Childhood Education Consultant Network will fund seven Child Care Health Consultants (CCHCs), at least one for all public health regions in Kansas. CCHCs are individuals with education and experience in child and community health and early childhood care and education. CCHC's will be available to licensed KDHE facilities to assess environments and advise on actions/modifications needed to meet CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.
- The proposal includes grant funds to enable early childhood care and education facilities to purchase COVID-related supplies, to make physical space modifications, or to offset associated staff expenses as recommended by the CCHC. The network will also build and distribute COVID Emergency Kits to children at early childhood care and education facilities as well as those who are served through home visitation or have other needs.

Proposal 19 – Early Childhood Consultant Network

- **Amount:** \$4,882,273
- **Timeline:** July – December 30th, Release RFP by end of August
- **Delivery model:** KDHE has an existing contractual agreement with Child Care Aware of and would expand scope to include Early Childhood Education Consultant Network and KDHE has infrastructure, model, provider connections, caps, and authorizations necessary to administer proposal
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** All KDHE licensed childcare facilities would be eligible to receive consultative services through the Early Education Consultant Network
- **Application:** Centralized portal through KDHE and ChildCare Aware
- **Technical Assistance:** Child Care Aware of Kansas will provide training, curriculum development, and backbone support to CCHCs.
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** The investment will be measured by the number of facilities support and through which services, number of site visits made, number of kits supplied, number of staff hired to support facilities, etc.

Proposal 20 – Early Childhood Workforce Health Fund

- The Early Childhood Workforce Health Fund will reimburse uninsured early childhood workers for medical expenses directly attributable to COVID-19. Eligibility would be COVID+, uninsured, and KS early childhood staff who are employed by KDHE-licensed providers, or by organizations delivering evidence-based or promising-practice early education home visitation models funded by state agencies. KDHE will work with DCF and KDADS to centralize marketing and applications for this program and the other Essential Worker Health Fund.

Proposal 20 – Early Childhood Workforce Health Fund

- **Amount:** \$3,000,000
- **Timeline:** July – December 30th, Release application 45 days after approval
- **Delivery model:** KDHE will work with DCF/KDADS to develop program and centralized application portal. KDHE will manage operations of the program while DCF/KDADS will conduct marketing. Will be paired with Essential Worker Health Fund.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** COVID+, uninsured and KS early childhood staff who are employed by KDHE-licensed providers or by organizations delivering evidence-based or promising-practice early education home visitation models funded by state agencies.
- **Application:** Centralized application through KDHE, DCF, KDADS
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance will be required.
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** The investment will be measured by the total amount of reimbursements issued for early childhood educators' medical expenses

Proposal 21 – Technologies for Families Fund

- The Technology for Families funds will provide access to equipment (e.g., hotspots, routers, wireless service installation infrastructure) and devices (e.g., tablets, smartphones) to support virtual access for families served by early childhood care and education providers. Families with young children may not have the technology in their homes needed to stay connected to their home visitors, teachers or other service providers if they are unable to be physically present for early education and related programs or services.

Proposal 21 – Technologies for Families Fund

- **Amount:** \$2,111,477
- **Timeline:** July – December 30th, Release application 45 days after approval
- **Delivery model:** The Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund will create a short application for state-agency funded home visitation grantees to assist them in applying for funds for tablets and data plans for the families they serve..
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** Home visitation programs that are currently funded by KSDE, KDHE, DCF or the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund are eligible to apply for Technology for Families.
- **Application:** Centralized short application through Children’s Cabinet
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance will be required.
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** The investment will be measured by the total number of tablets and data plans provided to families with young children participating in home visitation

Higher Education

Proposal 22 – Higher Education Relief Package

- The Kansas Board of Regents has requested an investment of \$55,542,023 to help cover the significant costs of COVID-19 on higher education institutions and to support safe re-opening in the fall. The package will cover the following expense categories:
 - Personal Protective Equipment and Other Supplies - \$7,263,206
 - Continuity of Instruction - \$17,506,497
 - Changes to Facilities - \$11,912,556
 - On-Campus Health Care/Student Health Centers - \$5,306,192
 - 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

Proposal 22 – Higher Education Relief Package

- **Amount:** \$55,542,023
- **Timeline:** July –December 30th, most expenses incurred in August - October
- **Delivery model:** Funds will be distributed to individual institutions by the Kansas Board of Regents. KBOR 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.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** Public universities under the jurisdiction of the Kansas Board of Regents.
- **Application:** Centralized application/distribution through KBOR
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance will be required.
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Benchmarks include the ability for colleges to open and remain open safely, ability to change modality of in-person instruction is not possible, etc.

Community and Technical Colleges

Proposal 23 – Community/Technical College Relief Package

- Kansas Community and Technical Colleges have requested an investment of \$9,400,000 to help cover the significant costs of COVID-19 on their institutions and to support safe re-opening in the fall.
 - \$2,700,000 to cover Personal Protective Equipment, other supplies, personnel for increased cleaning and sanitation, and testing needs.
 - \$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.
 - \$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.

Proposal 23 – Community/Technical College Relief Package

- **Amount:** \$9,400,000
- **Timeline:** July –December 30th
- **Delivery model:** Community and technical colleges will work with the Kansas Association of Community Colleges and the Kansas Association of Technical Colleges to determine the distribution method, reporting requirements, and each college has expended funds prior to December 30th, 2020. Application for 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.
- **Meets federal requirements for spending:** Yes, meets federal requirements for spending
- **Eligible:** Community and technical colleges in Kansas
- **Application:** Centralized application/distribution through KACC and KATC.
- **Technical Assistance:** No technical assistance will be required.
- **Metrics or Benchmarks:** Benchmarks include the ability for colleges to open and remain open safely, ability to change modality of in-person instruction is not possible, etc.