



County Briefing Webinar

August 21, 2020



AGENDA

- I. Recovery Office Updates
- II. County Best Practices
- III. Federal Guidance Reminders
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Questions

131 Days

Until December 30, counting
today.





AGENDA ITEM I
Recovery Office Updates

OFFICE OF RECOVERY UPDATES

General information:

- ✓ We have posted the a single FAQ document with all of questions so far on the website.
- ✓ We have provided over 400 emails, voicemails, and guidance interpretation responses and continue to respond to general questions via the recovery@ks.gov email inbox.
- ✓ We are expecting additional guidance on the ability to hold funds beyond 12/30 for a federal audit.
- ✓ We have posted Federal Audit Requirement Guidance on the [covid.ks.gov](https://www.covid.ks.gov) website.

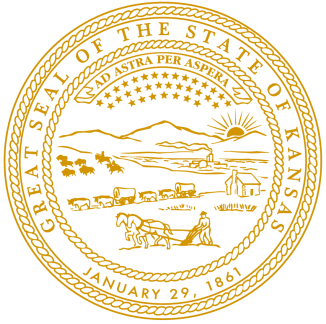


OFFICE OF RECOVERY UPDATES

Additional Resources:

- Treasury's Resources (Eligible Expenditures):
 - Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-government>
 - Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-government>
- Treasury's OIG Resources (Reporting):
 - Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting and Record Retention Requirements (OIG-CA-20-021) <https://www.treasury.gov/about/organizationalstructure/ig/Audit%20Reports%20and%20Testimonies/OIG-CA-20-021.pdf>
 - Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting Requirements Update (OIG-CA-20-025) https://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/ig/Pages/testimony_index.aspx





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AGENDA ITEM IV

County Best Practices

COUNTY BEST PRACTICES

County Steering Committees:

- ✓ Did your county form a steering committee
- ✓ If a committee was formed, what was the membership
- ✓ If there was not a committee, then who allocated funds

County Best Practices:

- ✓ Share with your colleagues—no need to reinvent the wheel
- ✓ What is working well
- ✓ What have you tried that did not work





AGENDA ITEM V

Federal Guidance Reminders

FEDERAL GUIDANCE REMINDERS

General information:

- ✓ Capital projects like the construction of new building – it was mentioned briefly on the 8/6 webinar that only construction projects for “temporary facilities, buildings, etc.” are allowed. **We are still waiting for more information on this new guidance and what it means for you.**
- ✓ US Senate adjourned 8/13; no action on additional stimulus until after Labor Day
- ✓ We are still waiting for additional information on:
 - Litigation Defense Costs
 - Setting aside funds for close-out costs like a potential audits
 - Payroll Costs / Substantially Dedicated / Public Safety / Public Health**
 - Feds may tighten up eligible payroll expenses, we recommend taking a more conservative approach to payroll
 - Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.”
 - Expenses of Tax Anticipation Notes
 - Construction projects and other capital investments





AGENDA ITEM V

Next Steps

NEXT STEPS

General information:

- ✓ We have received all of direct aid plans and reimbursement/reporting spreadsheets.
- ✓ Office of Recovery is busy evaluating submissions and have made a commitment to provide feedback and authorization to proceed by September 15
 - ✓ Primary focus until complete
- ✓ Survey on county processes
- ✓ August 24 SPARK working committee meeting; 11 AM
- ✓ August 26 SPARK Joint Committee Meeting; 10 AM
 - ✓ Next Webinar: August 28th, 10:00 AM



NEXT STEPS

General information:

- ✓ We are in the final stages of getting a contract finalized with consultants
- ✓ They will assist with County plan reviews
- ✓ We plan to deploy regional technical assistance in an effort to be more responsive to questions and to better support all the work everyone is doing
- ✓ We will be suspending guidance interpretation process and will focus on regionally dedicated more individualized assistance



NEXT STEPS

Authorization to proceed:

- ✓ Reviewing plans to identify potential compliance issues
- ✓ Review is beneficial for County and the State areas that could be problematic for the County (and therefore the State) for compliance reasons.
- ✓ Our response will:
 - ✓ Authorize to move forward with implementing their plan and paying their reimbursements; OR
 - ✓ Request additional information; OR
 - ✓ Combination of authorization and request for additional information



NEXT STEPS

Accountability:

- ✓ Authority to proceed assumes County accountability
- ✓ Under the County resolution, Counties agreed to “cooperate with any audits or inquiries by the Department of the Treasury concerning CRF funds” and to pay “any debt incurred to the Department of the Treasury due to ineligible expenditures of appropriated CRF funds.”
- ✓ County must proceed in compliance with the terms of the CARES Act
- ✓ State authorization to proceed does not mean that the State will hold the county harmless from any audit findings that the County expenditures are not compliant.
- ✓ Counties should appropriately document and account for the federal funding they have been provided to survive such any potential audit.
- ✓ PLEASE work with your attorneys, accountants, and consultants to take appropriate steps to reduce potential liability.



NEXT STEPS

Memorandum of Agreement:

- ✓ Strongly recommend establishment of MOA
- ✓ Subrecipients should agree that use of funds is consistent with the statute and have not otherwise been reimbursed for that expenditure –
- ✓ Office of Recovery will provide a template
- ✓ PLEASE work with appropriate professionals to make it work for the type of expenditure being made
- ✓ The MOU allows the county to protect itself for non-compliant expenditures



NEXT STEPS

THANKS:

- ✓ Thank you for the submissions
 - ✓ Well done plans!
- ✓ Thank you to everyone for continued participation
- ✓ Thank you for our strong partnerships
- ✓ Thank you for working to make Kansas better!





Questions?