



## Office of Recovery

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### SPARK Taskforce investments making a difference in Pratt County



The CARES Act investments recommended by the SPARK Taskforce and approved by State Finance Council are making a difference in Kansas communities. A good example of this comes from Pratt County, which received an Emergency Operations Center Enhancement Grant. When the pandemic began, Pratt's emergency management personnel was operating with very outdated equipment, which led to staff having to huddle around one computer and a conference phone. Thanks to these funds, Pratt County will be able to modernize its response center to better serve its citizens by making the following upgrades:

- **Real-time response to disasters.** New video conferencing technology will allow Pratt County to safely respond to disasters in real time and communicate more efficiently during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **A safer and more efficient workspace.** With this funding, Pratt County will purchase 16 new laptops, enhance their network and servers, and add work stations that will allow emergency response personnel to be socially distanced.

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**Office of Recovery provides progress report to SPARK Taskforce.**

A joint meeting with the SPARK Executive and Steering Committees was held this week to update taskforce members on all three rounds of funding. You can watch the video below to learn about how these investments are benefitting Kansans.



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## Resources available to you:

- **SPARK Taskforce Process FAQ.** Please click [here](#) to learn more about how the Governor's taskforce developed the investment priorities.
- **Grant Programs:** Please visit <https://covid.ks.gov/grant-applications/> to see what programs are currently accepting applications.
- **County Resources:** You can view all updated county resources and guidance, including the updated **Kansas Capital Projects Real Estate Memo**, by visiting <https://covid.ks.gov/spark-county-resources/>

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## County webinars next week:

The Office of Recovery will be host four webinars next week. All will cover the same topics and counties can choose the time that works best for them. Topics include:

- Reporting submissions
- Upcoming deadlines
- Capital projects

**Monday, October 26**

**10 a.m.**

**2 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 27**

**10 a.m.**

**2 p.m.**

Webinars are available via [Governor Laura Kelly's YouTube channel](#)

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Thank you for your interest in our State's recovery efforts.

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