



## Office of Recovery

### Office of Recovery Update: 10/26/20 - 10/30/20

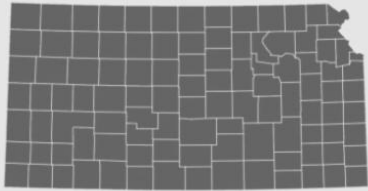
### New dashboard creates greater transparency and accountability for SPARK and SFC approved investments

#### Funding Overview



Last updated on 10/30/2020

#### September 2020 Reporting Update



County:

All

Click on a county on the map or use the dropdown menu to select individual counties. Hold CONTROL (Windows) or COMMAND (iOS) button to select multiple counties.

Click icon to see additional details on categories

SPARK Category	Planned Investment	Amount Transferred to Date
Public Health	\$193.3M	\$163.3M
Essential Needs	\$150.5M	\$150.5M
Business Resiliency & Workforce	\$138.6M	\$118.6M
Education	\$67.1M	\$67.1M
Connectivity	\$60.0M	\$60.0M
Reserve	\$25.0M	\$0.0M
County Allocation	\$400.0M	\$400.0M

PROGRAM DICTIONARY [Click to view descriptions of programs](#)

Total **\$1,034M** **\$959M**

1) \$400M was allocated to the Counties, while the remaining \$634M was allocated to programs and projects based on SPARK priorities  
 2) County-level data does not include state-wide administrative or other expenses for state-administered programs or projects

Today, Governor Kelly launched an [online investment dashboard](#) to show how Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) are being invested across Kansas. The dashboard shows the \$1.034 billion in federal CARES Act investments approved by the Governor’s SPARK taskforce and State Finance Council. It also allows users to view investments based on how the funds will be used or by location served. For example, users can view all the investments that have strengthened public health, or they can learn how much funding their counties have received.

Kansans can view the investment dashboard directly at [covid.ks.gov/covid-data/](https://covid.ks.gov/covid-data/) or by visiting the Office of Recovery website: [covid.ks.gov/spark-recovery-office/](https://covid.ks.gov/spark-recovery-office/) and selecting the "Investment Dashboard" tab.

While the dashboard is a great resource about how and where these dollars are being invested, the Office of Recovery also wants to share more stories about why these investments matter to Kansans. **If you have a good example to share about how these dollars are positively impact your community, please email [recovery@ks.gov](mailto:recovery@ks.gov) and let us know.**

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### State Finance Council Approves Up To \$65 million for Increased COVID-19 Testing, Small Business Grants

On Thursday, the State Finance Council (SFC) unanimously approved investing up to \$45 million more in COVID-19 testing across Kansas and to provide \$20 million more for small businesses.

The \$65 million approved today is from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), which is part of the federal CARES Act. After receiving proposals from public and private labs across the State, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment determined it could invest up to \$95 million to implement its unified testing strategy. Previously, SFC had authorized \$50 million for COVID-19 testing, and with today's actions, the Office of Recovery will have the ability to invest up to \$95 million in testing.

SFC approved an additional \$20 million for small business grants. About \$35 million has already been awarded in small business grants.

Additionally, SFC approved providing the Office of Recovery the authority to redistribute any unused funds among previously approved programs. The CRF requires funds to be used by the December 30, 2020 deadline.

To learn more about these actions, watch the video below.



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## SPARK Executive Committee learns more about the COVID-19 testing program

The Office of Recovery provided an update to the SPARK Executive Committee about the COVID-19 testing proposals from public and private labs that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment received. These proposals will be essential for implementing the unified statewide testing strategy. You can watch the video below to learn more.



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

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