



## Office of Recovery

### Office of Recovery Update: 11/2/2020 - 11/6/2020



### Regional health nurses are better equipped to serve Kansans thanks to SPARK investments

At one time, Kansas had seven regional public health nurses. However, budget cuts had forced the state to operate with only one regional health nurse until recently. This one public health nurse was responsible for covering the entire state, but only had access to a vehicle which mechanical problems and was shared with about 75 other people. Recently, KDHE was able to hire another public health nurse, however the problem still remained that neither of the two nurses had access to reliable transportation.

Through \$35,000 in SPARK funding, KDHE was able to purchase two cars for these nurses, so that they are able to better serve the state of Kansas. This essential upgrade in transportation will make a difference for Kansans in two major ways:

- **Testing Services:** Kansans can now be ensured that these two nurses have access to a vehicle whenever they are needed to provide testing services at scheduled events, as well as when health departments don't have the capacity to provide testing.

- **Local Health Department Assistance:** These nurses are also able to travel to and support local health departments and provide on-site technical assistance.

For more details on how Office of Recovery funds are helping Kansans recover, please visit the following link to view the Investment Dashboard: <https://covid.ks.gov/covid-data/>.

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### Upcoming Deadlines:

The next round of county spending reports are due **Tuesday November 10, 2020**. Visit <https://covid.ks.gov/spark-county-resources/> for more information. Please contact the Office of Recovery if you have any questions or concerns about this deadline.

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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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