



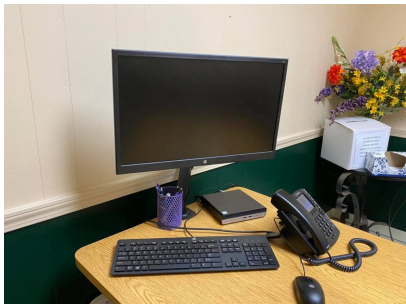
## Office of Recovery

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# Kansas Coalition against sexual & domestic violence

## SPARK funds assist in maintaining services for Kansans from the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence

The risk of domestic violence has increased during the pandemic. Thanks to investments approved by the SPARK taskforce and State Finance Council, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) has been able to continue to provide domestic violence and sexual assault services across the state. Because of new technology upgrades, including computers and enhanced software, KCSDV made the move to virtual/remote services seamlessly and safely.



KCSDV also directed funds toward **helping survivors stay on their feet to regain and maintain economic stability**. Victims impacted by COVID-19 have to access emergency financial assistance to pay bills that quickly pile up when job and housing accommodations are lost. **These funds are a lifeline to survivors, including adults and children**, who are in domestic violence shelters with no place to go.

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## SPARK Taskforce Receives Update on Investments

The SPARK taskforce met on Thursday to discuss updates on SPARK funding investments. Click on the video below to view a replay of the meeting.



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## SPARK In the News

### Via Christi Receives SPARK Funds for COVID Staff

Recently, over 100 Bourbon County businesses, organizations, school districts, churches and other categories of entities received SPARK Grants to help with COVID-19 expenses. Ascension Via Christi Pittsburg Inc. received \$203,150 for the emergency department in Bourbon County in October 2020.

Read more

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## Upcoming Events

County webinars will take place next week:

- Tuesday, **December 15 at 2:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday, **December 16 at 2:00 p.m.**

The webinar recordings and presentations will be available on our website after the webinar ends.

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## Free COVID-19 tests available to Kansans

Thanks to the investments approved by the SPARK taskforce and State Finance Council, Kansans can book an appointment to receive a free COVID-19 test online. To book a test or see the locations where free testing is located, please click on the button below.

Go Get Tested

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## Resources available to you:

- **Dashboard Update:** The online dashboard has been updated to include the spending reports through October 21. You can view the dashboard at <https://covid.ks.gov/covid-data/>.
- **New Anti-Fraud, Waste & Abuse Portal.** If Kansans suspect fraud, waste, or abuse of CARES Act funds, they can report their allegations via an online [portal](#), which will help direct their concerns to the appropriate place. Previously, Kansans could call or email the Office of Recovery with their claims. The new portal will streamline the process and offer Kansans the

opportunity to submit claims anonymously if they fear retribution. View the portal here: <https://covid.ks.gov/report-fraud-waste-or-abuse/>.

- **County Resources:** You can view all updated county resources and guidance, including the updated **Kansas Supply Chain Disruption and Delays 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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