



Office of Recovery

Office of Recovery Update: 9/14/20 - 9/18/20

SPARK Executive Committee and State Finance Council unanimously approve investments in child supervision, housing stability and COVID-19 testing.

This week, The State Finance Council (SFC) unanimously approved a total of \$290 million for the public health, essential needs and services, and business resiliency and workforce development programs previously recommended by the Executive Committee of the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce.

Recognizing the constantly evolving health and economic needs created by the pandemic, the recommendations do not allocate all the funds immediately, rather the Office of Recovery will monitor demand for the funds from approved programs and submit additional allocations to the SFC for approval. Each program requires a minimum be invested in an area of emphasis, which include COVID-19 testing, housing stability, and supervision remote learning centers for school-age children. If those areas emphasis do not require more funding, the remaining dollars in the reserve fund can be allocated to previous programs approved by the SFC in round 2.

The \$290 million approved yesterday is for the third and final round of funding of the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which is part of the federal CARES Act. Previously, SFC approved \$400 million to Kansas counties (round 1) and \$314 million for statewide priorities of public health, education, economic development, and connectivity (round 2).

You can view both meetings by clicking on the links below.

Reference for Committee Discussion Purposes

3 Big Programs	Public Health	Essential Needs & Services	Biz Resiliency & Workforce Support
Minimum	COVID-19 testing* \$5 M	Housing stability* \$3 M	Child Supervision* \$40 M
Additional priorities	\$10M KDEA \$10 M PPE A \$2M for VA & testing*	VEMA* \$10M CDC \$30M KDEA*	\$5M HIRE Fund*
Reserve Fund	\$33 M	\$25 M	\$20 M
Maximum	\$105 M	\$120 M	\$55 M



SPARK Joint Taskforce Meeting
(September 16, 2020)

State Finance Council Meeting
(September 17, 2020)

All SPARK meetings are live-streamed on [Governor Kelly's YouTube channel](#).

Resources available to you:

Spending reports for each county are now available to view here:

<https://covid.ks.gov/countyspendingreports/>

Business PPE Stopgap Application available to view here: kdem.kansasgis.org/businessPPE

Updated documents on our website, including Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions; Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments; and the County Expenses Reporting Template are available here: <https://covid.ks.gov/spark-county-resources/>

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

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