



Office of Recovery

Office of Recovery Update: 9/21/20 - 9/25/20

Some answers to common county questions...

The Office of Recovery has received some common questions from counties in recent weeks and we wanted to provide some answers for those who may share these concerns.

Please explain the recent US Department of Treasury guidance on K-12 school funding of \$500/student or less.

- This has been the top question the Office of Recovery has received in the last two weeks. Since we are continuing to ask for school funding category breakdowns in the spending reports, we do not anticipate this to have a significant impact on your reporting metrics and will continue to provide updates if something changes.

What are some issues that we need to be aware of for capital projects?

- Project completion timeline
- Project relationship to COVID19
- Cost reasonableness of the project

How can we make corrections or revisions to the previously submitted direct aid plans?

- Corrections can be addressed in the new reporting template. The next report is due October 7.

What are some recommendations for appropriate grant program parameters?

- Some recommended guardrails include:
 - Announcing the availability of funding to the public
 - Describing the types and amount of grant funds to be awarded
 - Eligibility criteria for applicant organizations, creation of a review panel
 - Eligible expenses that may be covered by grant funds to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Reporting/documentation requirements of each grantee
 - Completion of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to ensure contractual arrangement with the County.

Upcoming County Deadlines:

Direct Aid Plan Reports are due **October 7, 2020**.

Webinars available for school-age programs and child care providers to learn about eligibility for the \$40 million of grant programs.

Governor Laura Kelly invites school-age programs and child care providers to participate in a series of webinars to learn about grant opportunities provided by the \$40 million of

CARES Funding recently approved by the Strengthening People & Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) taskforce and the State Finance Council.

The webinars, hosted by the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, will be available at the following times:

- Saturday, September 26 at 11 a.m. for *Remote Learning Grants*
- Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. for *Remote Learning Grants and Resources for Providers*.
- Saturday, October 3 at 11 a.m. for *Resources for Providers*.

Potential applicants can participate live in the webinars through a simple registration process. Visit <https://kschildrenscabinet.org> to register. The webinars will also be available on demand within 24 hours following each live date on the Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund website (<https://kschildrenscabinet.org>).

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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