



State of Kansas Office of Recovery

NEWSletter

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New guidelines are being released every week around available funding and its uses from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Office of Recovery is here to keep you informed of relevant resources, funding and key program developments not just across ARPA, but also under the CARES Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act (HR 133). For more frequent news, please visit our website at covid.ks.gov.



Services and Support

Not exhaustive

Health

- All Kansans aged 16 years and above, are eligible for vaccination. To find your **nearest vaccination location**, please visit the [Find My Vaccine Tool](#). The latest information on vaccine administration, safety, and more, can be found [here](#).
- **To find out where to get tested** for COVID, visit [Go Get Tested](#).
- **Uninsured or underinsured?** You can apply for insurance through the [Healthcare.gov](#) marketplace or if you qualify for Medicaid, visit the [KanCare](#) website.
- Coming soon! You may qualify as a healthcare provider for provider reimbursements and telehealth program funding. More information can be found [here](#).

Education and Childcare

- Applications for **assistance for non-public K-12 schools** and **funding for K-12 districts** are now open. Please visit the [KSDE website](#) for more information.
- Coming soon! Increased support for families and child-care providers.

Essential Needs

- Kansans on **SNAP** will continue receiving a **15% increase** in benefits through September 30th.
- [Applications are now open](#) for the Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program providing **emergency rental, utility and internet assistance**.

Others

- Distance Learning & Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program are now open. More information can be found [here](#).
- Emergency Capitals Investment program app has been extended to 7/6. Aimed at supporting low-and moderate-income community financial institutions. More information can be found [here](#).
- Paycheck Protection Program applications due 5/31. More information and application [here](#).
- Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) opening 5/3. Register and apply [here](#).
- For the latest on how **2020 COVID Relief Funds** are spent, please visit [the dashboard](#) for the previous month's updates.



Funding Status

Not exhaustive

2021 Funding: Confirmed coming to Kansas

- **Healthcare:** K-12 testing (ARPA), testing in underserved communities (CARES), community health centers funding (ARPA), and funding for public health workers (HR 133)
- **Agriculture:** Funding for specialty crops and stress relief announced (HR 133)
- Funding received and expected from the American Rescue Plan will be shared in subsequent newsletters.



Program Spotlight: KDEM Ventilator Stockpile

With the onset of the pandemic, many Kansans worried about what would happen if a loved one was hospitalized. In 2020, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) used Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars to purchase 150 ventilators to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. These ventilators were purchased by KDEM to rapidly create a stockpile to ensure that all patients needing a ventilator would have access.

KDEM later purchased an additional 150 ventilators with FEMA funds to ensure a 300-ventilator stockpile. KDEM's ventilators have been deployed to medical facilities across the state: over half of the 300 ventilators were deployed to facilities in need of support, and the remaining ventilators are warehoused in Topeka ready to deploy for future need.

In addition to KDEM's ventilator support, KDEM aided providers and medical facilities across the state through the Business PPE Program. Within the first week of the program, 46 private-sector health care facilities (across 16 counties) applied and were supported with critical PPE. This PPE included gowns, respirators, face coverings, face shields and coveralls.

"The PPE that was provided to these facilities allowed them to continue operating safely for a combined 1,316 days and supported 2,080 employees," said Maj. Gen. David Weishaar, the Adjutant General of Kansas. "They received 190,404 pieces of PPE shipped directly from the state disaster warehouse within 24 to 48 hours of application."

The Business PPE Program has supported a variety of different business types, including agriculture, construction, and health care. These companies applied through the grant and provided proof of sourcing difficulties due to supply chain disruptions.



Community Impact: Mercy and Truth Medical Missions

Mercy and Truth Medical Clinic's mission has been the same for over 25 years: to compassionately provide healthcare for the uninsured and underserved in their community and the world. What began as a mission trip outside the US in 1995, now includes two safety-net clinics, one in Kansas City, Kan., (Wyandotte County) and one in Shawnee (Johnson County). They continue to search for new avenues to meet the needs of their neighbors.

Their annual "Boo to the Flu" event is one essential way many uninsured Kansans receive their flu vaccinations. Each year, 400 free flu shots donated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 400 free turkeys, 400 free hoodies/coats, food boxes and cleaning supplies are given away at the event. In November, CARES Act funding provided much-needed support to put on the event at the Wyandotte County clinic.

This year's event was done entirely contactless. Civic groups, churches and schools helped spread the word and work the event. At each of the clinic locations, cars were lined up hours ahead of the scheduled event start time. Volunteers, who included board members and donors, worked hard to keep the car lines efficiently moving, and in the end all donations were given away in record time.



Johnson County Clinic Event



Wyandotte County Clinic Event



Office of Recovery Contact

The Office of Recovery is still here to offer support and coordination, and staff are available to answer your questions by phone and email.

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Warm Regards,

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