



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](#).
- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is **now available to Kansans ages 12+**. Learn more [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. More information can be found [here](#).

Essential Needs

- Kansans on **SNAP** will continue receiving a **15% increase** in benefits through September 30.
- [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 [here](#).
- Emergency Capitals Investment program app has been extended to 7/6. Aimed at supporting low-and moderate-income community financial institutions. More info can be found [here](#).
- Paycheck Protection Program applications due 5/31. More information and application [here](#).
- Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) open. More information and application [here](#).
- FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program open. More information and application [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: SBA Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

Entities eligible for the RRF include:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars
- Additional entities if onsite food or beverage sales are at least 33% of gross receipts (e.g. Bakeries, brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms, breweries and/or microbreweries, Wineries and distilleries, Inns)

The Office of Recovery co-hosted a webinar for Kansas businesses with the SBA, the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, May 5. Watch a recording of the the webinar [here](#).

Additional SBA resources: **Restaurant Revitalization Fund** – www.sba.gov/restaurants and www.sba.gov/restaurantes (Spanish)

- **Program overview:** [Restaurant Revitalization Fund \(sba.gov\)](http://www.sba.gov) (along with the materials being in [17 languages other than English](#) additional translations [Thai, Khmer, Swahili, Somali, Samoan, Tongan, Marshallese and Chuukese] of the one-page overview can be found there as well).
- Applicants can get help via restaurants@sba.gov or hotline 1-844-279-8898.
- You can also reach out to KansasCOVIDSupport@ks.gov for any questions.



Community Impact: Paycheck Protection Program

The pandemic caused businesses across Kansas to struggle to keep their doors open. As a result, the



Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Treasury Department started the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to provide loans to small businesses to cover payroll expenses. During the 2020 distribution of PPP money, 54,000 small businesses in Kansas received \$5 billion in funding.

One of those businesses was Reverie Coffee Roasters in Wichita. Originally started in 2013 as coffee roaster/retailer, Reverie roasts its own specialty coffee for its cafés, but also distributes commercially to other cafes, offices, schools, churches and restaurants

Like all businesses, the onset of the pandemic was a challenge. According to owner Andrew Gough, "[Reverie] closed both because of our staff's safety, but also because the sales ended up dropping so low [they] couldn't afford to stay open."

Outreach from the SBA helped Andrew learn about the PPP and to apply.

"Quite frankly stated, without the support of the program, we could not have continued to be in business today," Gough said. "Balancing the safety needs of our staff and community with bottom line business survival required support from another source. We now have real hope of surviving this terrible pandemic, both as individuals and as a business."

The SBA began accepting applications through Community Financial Institutions on January 11 and through all other financial institutions on January 19. The deadline to apply has been extended to May 31, 2021. You can learn more and apply [here](#).

Gough strongly encouraged all eligible Kansas businesses to apply.

"If you are thinking this may be something for you, get with other operators and your bank to start to find out more about how the programs work and what you need to apply," Gough said. "I found that by knowing others who were going through this with us, I had the confidence that if I got over my head, I knew there was support for me. That confidence led me to be able to breeze through the processes."



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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