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This week's edition of the Office of Recovery Newsletter highlights funding that venues across Kansas have received through the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program, as well as more information on important funding programs and treasury deadlines. Our Community Impact profile goes in depth about how the Small Business Administration (SBA) has allocated nearly \$46 million in emergency assistance grants to venues in Kansas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Program Spotlight section features several resources and deadlines, including financial assistance for transportation construction projects and a reminder that the Treasury reporting deadline for Interim Reports is August 31. For the latest informational resources available to Kansans, see the "Updates to Services and Support" section of this newsletter.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Office of Recovery website at:

[COVID.ks.gov](https://www.covid.ks.gov)

Community Impact





The Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS received nearly \$1 million in funding Photo Source: Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center

Kansas Entertainment Venues Receive Nearly \$46 Million in Federal Grants

Last week, Governor Laura Kelly announced that the Small Business Administration allocated 90 grant awards totaling \$45.7 million to Kansas venues through the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program.

Administered by the SBA's Office of Disaster Assistance, the SVOG provides emergency assistance for venues affected by COVID-19 such as live entertainment venues, theaters, museums or cultural institutions.

"Kansas' many entertainment venues employ thousands of people, boost our economy, and are important parts of our communities," **Governor Kelly said**. "I want to thank our federal partners at the SBA for distributing this necessary and important grant funding to ensure our entertainment venues can continue to grow and thrive as centers of culture, activities, and tourism in Kansas."

The grants can be used for payroll costs, rent, utilities, scheduled mortgage payments and more. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 15,166 Kansas establishments closed in 2020 and it's imperative to ensure that as many as possible can keep their doors open through this funding opportunity.

In Kansas, 90 grants have been awarded to local theaters, museums, live venue operators, motion picture operators and talent representative businesses.

"These dollars will be significant difference-makers in keeping venues across Kansas open for business," **Lieutenant Governor and Commerce Secretary David Toland said**. "Venues were especially hard hit by the pandemic, and we strongly support the SBA's work to get liquidity to those venues that add so much to the rich fabric of their communities, as well as our history and culture statewide."

The SBA continues to accept applications from eligible venues in Kansas and more information can be found [here](#). The **deadline** to apply for funding is Friday, August 20.

Program Spotlight



SHARE PROGRAM



Financial Assistance for Transportation Construction Projects

Are you a local entity looking to use federal relief funds to invest in local transportation projects?

The [Kansas Department of Transportation's](#) (KDOT) [Cost Share Program](#) provides local entities and communities financial assistance for transportation construction projects that improve safety, support job retention and growth, improve access or mobility and improve the transportation system. Federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) can potentially be used as a community match for projects that meet ARPA and the cost share program's eligibility requirements.

Cost share eligibility

- All applicants must provide at least a 15% local cash match to the proposed program
- KDOT funds are used exclusively to match construction costs for these projects

Not all projects that potentially meet cost share eligibility will meet ARPA eligibility. If a project is potentially ARPA eligible and also meets Cost Share program requirements, ARPA funding can be used as a match in order to fund a larger project.

How to apply:

- More information on the KDOT Cost Share Program application process can be found [here](#).

Examples of potential projects:

Likely allowable uses of fiscal recovery funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) include:

- Investment in water, storm water, sewer and broadband infrastructure
- Through revenue replacement – maintenance of infrastructure or pay-go spending for building new infrastructure such as roads

Examples of potential KDOT Cost Share Program projects include *(potential ARPA*

eligibility criteria met):

- In Qualified Census Tracts (QCTs), improvement of bike or walking trails (*investment in public outdoor recreation spaces*)
- Sewer extension projects with road preservations (*investments in water and sewer infrastructure*)
- Drainage projects connected to pedestrian or street improvements (*investments in water and sewer infrastructure*)

These potential examples are meant to generate ideas for local governments to implement KDOT Cost Share Program projects and are non-exhaustive.

Note that KDOT awards funding twice a year for the Cost Share Program.

According to the [U.S. Department of Treasury](#), ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) dollars may be eligible to improve outdoor space as a response to the public health emergency and/or its negative impacts (see [FAQ 2.18](#)).

To learn more about the Cost Share Program, please email michelle.d.needham@ks.gov. More information about the program is available [here](#). For questions about ARPA please contact the Kansas Office of Recovery [here](#).

Interim Report Due on 8/31 for All Recipients Except NEUs

On August 9, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released the [Treasury's Portal for Recipient Reporting User Guide](#) which provides information on using the Treasury's Portal to submit required Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) reports. Please see the graphic below for specific information about your jurisdiction's upcoming reporting responsibilities. Note that the Interim Report is due for all recipients except NEUs by August 31, 2021.

Reporting Requirements by Recipient

Recipient	Interim Report	Project and Expenditure Report	Annual Recovery Plan Performance Report
States, U.S. Territories, Metropolitan Cities and Counties with a population that exceeds 250,000 residents	By August 31, 2021, with expenditure summary by category	By October 31, 2021, and then 30 days after the end of each quarter thereafter	By August 31, 2021, and then annually thereafter by July 31
Metropolitan Cities and Counties with a population below 250,000 residents which received more			Not required

than \$5 million in SLFRF funding			
Tribal Governments			
Metropolitan Cities and Counties with a population below 250,000 residents which received less than \$5 million in SLFRF funding		By October 31, 2021, and then annually thereafter	
NEUs	Not required		

Updates to Services and Support



Webinars and Q&A Sessions

For additional support in spending and reporting federal relief funds, please consider attending a webinar or Q&A session hosted by the RO. Upcoming sessions include:

- **September 8: Waste, Fraud and Abuse Strategies**

Attend this presentation by the Office of Recovery to learn about how to report waste, fraud and abuse during the grant implementation process.

This webinar will take place Wednesday, September 8 at 11 AM CT. You can register for this webinar [here](#) and access recordings of past webinars on the [RO website](#). This past week, the RO held a webinar on Procurement Best Practices and the recording can be assessed [here](#) and slides can be found [here](#).

- **Office of Recovery Q&A Sessions**

Join us for an opportunity to ask the Office of Recovery questions about applying for funds, guidance from Treasury, upcoming deadlines, and other topics. These sessions will be held every Thursday at 1 PM CT. You can join any session by clicking here: [Join Q&A Session](#)

American Rescue Plan Act

- The latest version of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on ARPA can be found [here](#).

- Local Governments and State Agencies can find a checklist to use before spending ARPA funds [here](#).

For the latest on how **2020 COVID Relief Funds** are spent, please visit [the Investment Dashboard](#). The Investment Dashboard has been updated with June 2021 data, showing Kansas has allocated \$1.004 billion and expended \$986 million in total CRF funds.

Contact the RO

The Office of Recovery is still here to offer support and coordination, and staff are available to answer your questions via the Contact Us Form located on the top right hand corner of [covid.ks.gov](#). Please visit [covid.ks.gov](#) for up-to-date information and resources on recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for Kansas residents, businesses, and communities.

[Question/Request Form](#)

Warm Regards,

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On behalf of the Office of Recovery, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly

Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration

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