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This week's edition of the Office of Recovery Newsletter highlights financial assistance available for rural health care organizations and non-profit arts organizations. Our Program Spotlight section goes in depth about Emergency Rural Health Care Grants offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), for rural hospitals and communities. This section of our newsletter also features the Short Term Operational Support program, which provides grants to non-profit arts organizations that have been financially impacted by COVID-19. 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)

Program Spotlight



Emergency Grants for Rural Health Care Organizations

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development has announced up to \$500 million in financial support to help rural healthcare facilities,

tribes, and communities increase access to COVID-19 vaccines, essential services, and nutrition assistance.

The program consists of two types of assistance: [Recovery Grants](#), aimed to support immediate healthcare needs, and [Impact Grants](#), designed to support the long-term sustainability of rural health care. Long-term sustainability is defined as “improved health outcomes, improved access to quality health care, and creating and maintaining sustainable economic development for small communities.” Funding for the program comes from the 2021 Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Emergency Rural Health Care Grant eligibility

Since the two types of grants within the program serve different purposes, they have different eligibility requirements.

Recovery Grants

- Facilities must be organized as a public body, nonprofit, or federally recognized Tribe
- Funds must be used in correlation with the COVID-19 pandemic, to help prepare for a future pandemic event, or to support food assistance
- Applicants may request between \$25,000 and \$1 million in grants
- Click [here](#) for more information on Recovery Grant eligibility requirements

Impact Grants

- Facilities must be organized as a public body, nonprofit, or federally recognized Tribe
- Funds must be used in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic to improve healthcare outcomes or access
- Applicants must establish a network of entities comprised of three or more healthcare organizations
- This grant type requires cost-sharing or matching funds
- Applicants may request between \$5 million and \$10 million
- Click [here](#) for more information on Impact Grant eligibility requirements

All applicants must be located in a rural area *and* must primarily serve rural residents. Click [here](#) for more information on eligibility requirements and frequently asked questions.

Application overview

- For details on how to apply for Emergency Rural Health Care Grants, click [here](#).
 - Click [here](#) for an application checklist.
- Recovery Grant applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted. Initial applications are due by 4pm local time on October 12, 2021.
- Impact Grant applications are due by 4pm local time on October 12, 2021. Note that late applications will not be accepted.
- Click [here](#) to learn more about the selection process.

Click [here](#) for a list of allowable uses for Recovery Grants and [here](#) for Impact Grants.

To learn more about Emergency Rural Health Care Grants, please email communityfacilities@usda.gov. For more information on USDA Rural Development, click here <https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us>. For questions about ARPA, contact the Kansas Office of Recovery [here](#).

Program Spotlight



Financial Assistance for Non-Profit Arts Organizations

The Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission (KCAIC) within the Kansas Department of Commerce is offering support for arts non-profits that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The KCAIC is dedicated to promoting, supporting and expanding Kansas' creative industries and enriching communities through arts and culture.

The Short-Term Operational Support program provides immediate one-time grants to non-profit arts organizations facing financial hardship due to unforeseen circumstances beyond their control. These grants are designed to assist with the day-to-day operations that are critical to the success of these arts organizations. Funding for this program comes from the National Endowment for the Arts through the 2021 Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Short-Term Operational Support program eligibility

- Applicants must be non-profit 501(c)(3) arts organizations based in Kansas whose primary purpose is to produce, present, promote, or serve the arts

- Individuals, government agencies, university/community college departments, political groups (among others) are not eligible to receive these grants
- Click [here](#) for more information on eligibility requirements

Application overview

- For details on how to apply for the Short-Term Organizational Support program, click [here](#)
- Applications are open through September 4, 2021

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of KCAIC and Kansas Department of Commerce staff. Grant recommendations and reviews will be presented to the full KCAIC Board, which will make final determination based on available funding and size of qualified applicant pool.

Allowable uses

Short-Term Operational Support funds may only be used for the following expenses:

- Salary support
- Costs for the services of contractual workers
- Facility operational costs such as rent and utilities
- Costs for health and safety supplies
- Marketing and promotion costs

Award amounts will be dependent on the recipient's facility and payroll costs. Awarded funds may be spent starting on the award date through December 31, 2021. Extensions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Note that if a grantee is receiving emergency funds from other federally funded sources (including Small Business Association programs), they may not "double-charge" the same expense to the multiple federal sources.

To learn more about the Short-Term Operational Support program, please email Peter.Jasso@ks.gov or click [here](#). For more information on the KCAIC, click [here](#). For questions about ARPA, contact the Kansas Office of Recovery [here](#).

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Updates to Services and Support

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](#).

- **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 the session by registering here: [Register for Q&A Session](#).

Biweekly Updates for Local Governments

The Office of Recovery sends biweekly updates to local governments which contain relevant information and resources. If you are a local government and would like to sign up, please use the [Contact Us form](#).

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](#).
- The Office of Recovery has also updated its website to include a [Compliance Resource Library](#), which is meant to assist state agencies, local governments, and other stakeholders with receiving, expending and reporting American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

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 here to offer support and coordination, and you can submit a question or inquiry via the [Contact Us form](#). 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.

(785) 368-8507

[Question/Request Form](#)

Warm Regards,

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Ed.D. Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration

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

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