



Submission Form for Investment Ideas – EXAMPLE Response

This form is intended to be completed by parties interested in submitting investment ideas to the SPARK Advisory Panels, as it pertains to the allocation of Kansas’ [State Fiscal Recovery Funds \(SFRF\) as part of the American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\)](#). An overview of the Treasury Department’s Final Rule summarizing the major provisions of using SFRF can be found at [this link](#) while the entire Final Rule can be found at [this link](#). Please be aware that there are several other funding sources (e.g., Local Funds, Infrastructure Bill, etc.) with different provisions that may better fit certain investment ideas.

SPARK has established four advisory panels (Economic Revitalization, Health & Education, Connectivity, Efficiency & Modernization) and may consider these submissions as part of the process to determine investment priorities. In making decisions, SPARK will adhere to the following guiding principles:

- Prioritize sustainable programs & investments through one-time use of funds vs. substantial expansion of existing services
- Combine with / leverage local and agency funds to maximize use of discretionary funds
- Foster long-term systemic impact for Kansans
- Consider equitable opportunities and outcomes
- Enable flexibility within investment strategies
- Ensure results are measurable to enable tracking & transparency

Please fill out the information below and submit responses to the questions. The submission form should be completed in its entirety. By providing this information, you acknowledge that we may follow up with you for additional detail. Additional information will not be reviewed unless it is requested.

1	Name / Point of Contact	John Doe	For individuals not submitting through an organization, insert N/A
2	Organization	Kansans for Family Resource Centers	
3	Email address	john.doe@gmail.com	
4	Phone number	[XXX] XXX-XXXX	
5	Project title	Strengthen and Develop Kansas Network of Family Resource Centers	
6	Region in Kansas impacted (click here for a map of Kansas’ regions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast <input type="checkbox"/> North Central <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast <input type="checkbox"/> South Central <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statewide	Select the region(s) impacted by program
7	Funding amount request	\$10,000,000	
8	Select the Advisory Panel most relevant to your investment idea	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Revitalization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health & Education <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Efficiency & Modernization (Government Operations)	Select the ONE Advisory Panel most relevant
9	If applicable, will this project involve participation of organizations other than your own (e.g., local govt, private sector, nonprofits, etc.)? If yes, please specify.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (Please specify: <i>Project will involve partnerships with local non-profits and local government to provide various services</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	
10	If applicable, are there other funding sources that will be leveraged to	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Federal (Please specify: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Local (Please specify: _____)	Select all that apply

	supplement SFRF funding for this project?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – State (<i>Please specify: _____</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – Private Sector (<i>Please specify: _____</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
11	Is this an existing project? If yes, please specify how it is currently funded.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - (<i>Please specify: _____</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure
12	How would you categorize the program's duration of impact? Please provide an explanation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-term (<6 months) (<i>Please specify: _____</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Medium term (6 months – 2 years) (<i>Please specify: _____</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long term (2 years+) (<i>Please specify: Project will build Family Resource Center infrastructure and provide these facilities for a long-term period.</i>)

Select 1 option and specify

13. Executive Summary – Overview of the applicant’s intended uses of funding and how the use of funds:

- meet one or more of SPARK’s guiding principles outlined at the top of this form
- will directly support Kansas’ response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and/or strengthen Kansas’ resilience

Example Response:

The intended use for the funds requested in this submission to the SPARK committee is to support the development of new Family Resource Centers (FRCs) in high-need areas across Kansas while strengthening the network tying them together to enable sharing of data and best practices. Mixed-use facilities such as FRCs improve access to social services programming and benefits navigation by providing these in the same location as concrete supports, such as childcare centers. The development of these FRC will meet the SPARK guiding principles of fostering long-term systemic impact for Kansans through increased access to services and childcare and ensure equitable outcomes by addressing underserved communities. FRCs will help fill a gap in quality, licensed childcare availability exacerbated by the pandemic which has led to workforce shortages as parents have dropped out to care for children at home.

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14. Target Outcomes – Summary of the specific outcomes the proposal intends to target (e.g., higher workforce participation, increased access to behavioral health services), including target beneficiaries of the proposed investment (e.g., populations, regions) and rationale. Please also provide an estimate of the number of beneficiaries reached and duration of impact.

Example Response:

Target outcomes:

- Prevention of child maltreatment
- Prevention of out-of-home placement
- Truancy prevention

Target beneficiaries: families with children at risk of State intervention, maltreatment, truancy, and/or law enforcement protective custody. With these additional funds, FRCs in Kansas could positively impact 400-800 families (~25K/family) across the state. Although the funding would be used directly in one year, intervening now can make a life-long change for these children.

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15. Use of Evidence – Overview of evidence supporting the need for this program. Please provide evidence that demonstrates the underlying need for the project as well evidence that the proposed project will be successful/ effective.

Example Response:



There are numerous studies and examples showcasing the effectiveness and value of FRCs. Empirical evidence includes:

- A 45% reduction in cases of child abuse and neglect in Alachua County, Fla.
- Significantly lower rates of child maltreatment investigations in communities with FRCs in Allegheny County, Pa.
- Statistically significant gains in family self-sufficiency in Colorado.
- A 20% increase in parents' self-reports on their ability to keep the children in their care safe from abuse in Massachusetts.
- A 25% increase in the probability that a family reduced its risk of abuse with the addition of one additional differential response case management visit per week at an FRC in San Francisco.

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Additionally, FRCs have already proven successful and effective in Kansas and deserve additional financial support to further their positive impacts. In Kansas, FRCs have:

- Reduced reports of child hunger by 25%
- Reduced instances of school truancy by 30% in its target population
- Prevented, on average, over 150 out-of-home placements per year

16. Promoting Equitable Outcomes – Description of how the proposal will maintain or improve equitable outcomes.

- Does this program serve historically underserved, marginalized, or a diversely affected groups? Please select all communities that apply and provide a description.
 - Yes – Based on geography (*Please specify and describe how they will be served*)
 - **Yes – Based on race and ethnicity (*Please specify and describe how they will be served*)**
 - *Example response:*

32% of families served by FRCs in Kansas identify as minorities. Investing in FRCs will have a direct impact on ensuring these children in these families are properly cared for and in school.
 - **Yes – Based on socioeconomic status (*Please specify and describe how they will be served*)**
 - *Example response:*

78% of families served by FRCs in Kansas live below the poverty line. Investing in FRCs will have a direct impact on ensuring these children in these families are properly cared for and in school.
 - Yes – Based on other (Disproportionately impacted by COVID): (*Please specify and describe how they will be served*)
 - No

If there are any questions on completing this form, please contact SPARKTaskForce@ks.gov. Please note that additional submission materials will not be accepted via this email.