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This week's edition of the Office of Recovery Newsletter highlights the Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government (NEUs) Treasury Reporting Portal. Keep reading to learn how to access and use the Treasury portal, as well as guidelines and informational resources for reporting.

This edition also includes information about Douglas County's decision to dedicate a percentage of their ARPA funding to be used for emergency COVID-19 supplies and services.

For the latest information about 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

Update from Treasury



On Tuesday, December 14, 2021, the US Treasury sent out notification that the US Treasury Reporting Portal was now open to Non-Entitlement Units of Government (NEUs). The authorized representatives listed on the individual ARPA applications should have received this notification through an e-mail sent from the US Treasury entitled **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - NEU Portal Open.**

The Treasury e-mail contains useful links and resources that will be beneficial when submitting the first ARPA Project and Expenditure Report by the deadline of **April 30, 2022**, as well as navigating the Treasury Reporting Portal in general. It will also

provide the authorized wear with recommendations from the Trescur, recording the

next steps needed to register for the portal as well as steps needed to start reporting.

Receiving this email confirms that Treasury has the correct authorized representative. If the authorized representative for a NEU did not receive the Treasury notice, they should contact the US Treasury at SLFRP@treasury.gov and confirm or change any information prior to the deadline for the first Project and Expenditure Report.

If you have any further questions regarding the Treasury Reporting Portal or the reporting process in general, you can also submit an inquiry using the <u>CONTACT</u> <u>US</u> section of the Office of Recovery website.

Program Spotlight



Douglas County Leverages ARPA Funding for Emergency COVID-19 Needs

In October, Douglas County leaders voted to set aside approximately \$2.4 million for emergency purposes and establishes a process for distributing those funds as quickly as possible.

The county will receive \$23.7 million over the next two years from the American Rescue Plan Act, and the Douglas County Commission designated 10% of the

runding, or about \$2.37 million, for emergency purposes. Such purposes are defined as "the purchase of supplies, services, and/or construction where the urgency of need does not permit the delay in utilizing informal or formal competitive selection methods." To qualify, the purchase must also comply with the emergency purchase criteria established for ARPA for health and medical response or emergency expenditures related to human services.

"I'm glad that we'll have the bulk of the funding, the vast majority of the funding to really think long-term strategically in our community, but we'll be able to be quick with some of those emergency needs that we know are out there right now," said Shannon Portillo, Chair of the Douglas County Commission.

Douglas County has allocated up to \$2.4 million in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for emergency supplies and services. With the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 virus and the recent emergence of the Omicron variant, counties can use a portion of their Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) for emergency health services and supplies. Public Health and Economic Impacts is one of the four eligible uses of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, in addition to premium pay for frontline workers, provision of government services to the extent of reduction in revenue, or making investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Counties and cities across Kansas will receive almost \$1 billion from ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

If you have any questions, please visit https://covid.ks.gov/ and click on "Contact Us" on the top right corner.

Updates to Services and Support



Reporting Deadline for Metropolitan Cities and some Counties on

January 31, 2022

As a reminder, Metropolitan cities and counties with populations exceeding 250,000 residents or received more than \$5M in SLFRF funding and Tribal Governments are required to submit their Project and Expenditure Report by January 31, 2022. For more information on the requirements for reporting, Treasury has supplied a <u>Compliance and Reporting Guidance</u> document.

Recipient	Interim Report	Project and Expenditure Report	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 expenditures by category	By January 31, 2022, and then 30 days after the end of each quarter thereafter	By August 31, 2021, and annually thereafter by July 31 10
Metropolitan cities and counties with a population below 250,000 residents which received more than \$5 million in SLFRF funding			Not required
Tribal Governments Metropolitan cities and counties with a population below 250,000 residents which received less than \$5 million in SLFRF funding		By April 30, 2022, and then annually thereafter	
NEUs	Not required		

Local Government Webinars and Q&A Sessions will Return in 2022

The Office of Recovery will resume hosting local government webinars and lunch and learn Q&A sessions in the new year. You will receive an updated schedule for these sessions in January.

You can review the recordings of all past webinars on our website: <u>Webinar Materials</u>.

Contact the RO

The Office of Recovery is here to offer support and coordination, and you can submit a question or inquiry via the <u>Contact Us form</u>. Please visit <u>covid.ks.gov</u> 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,

DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Ed.D. Secretary, Kansas Department of Administration

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

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