

CARES Act Funding for Housing and Human Services in Douglas County

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Agenda:

- Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Overview
 - Round 1 Part 1 Reimbursement
 - Round 1 Part 2 Direct Aid Plan
- Recovery Strategic Framework Overview
 - Direct Aid Plan Portal Demo
 - Questions



CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF)

Breaking down what the CRF is and how it is being distributed across KS

Purpose

The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) provided, in Section 5001, \$150 billion to be used to make specific payments to states and local governments to offset certain costs associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Restrictions

CRF can only be used for certain expenditures:

- Necessary public health (COVID-19) emergency expenses
- Not accounted for in the budget approved as March 27, 2020
- Incurred from March 1 to December 30, 2020

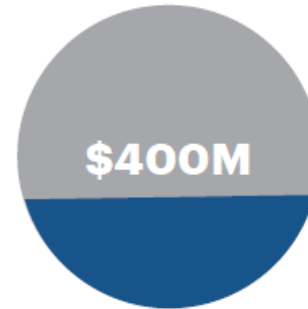
The State's portion of the CRF is being distributed in three rounds, the first of which is for counties and municipalities



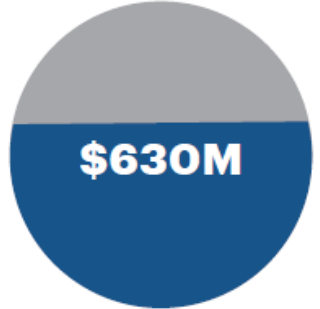
State-Wide Allocation
Including direct portions to Johnson and Sedgwick Counties



State Portion
Without Johnson and Sedgwick County portions



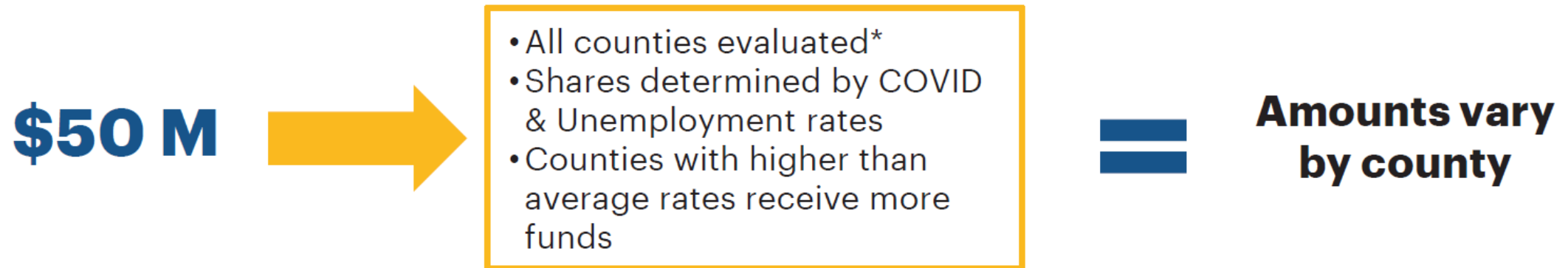
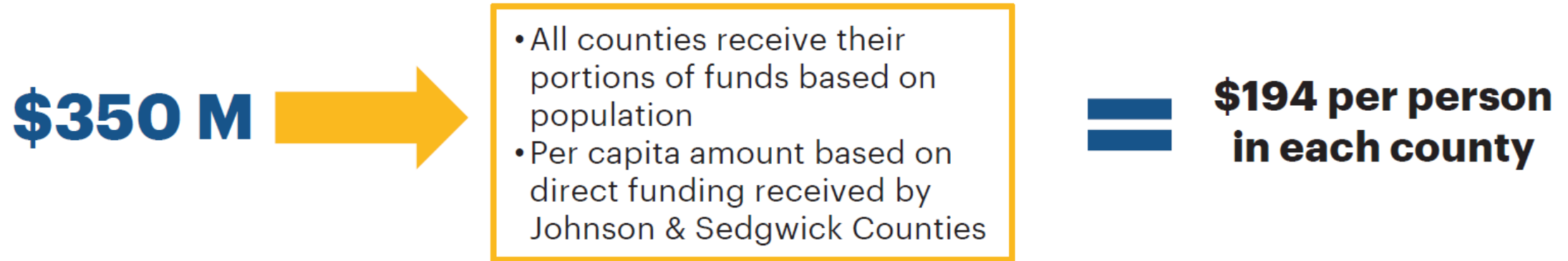
Round 1 Distribution
For remaining counties and municipalities



Rounds 2 and 3
To be determined

ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

Formula for fair, timely, and impactful funding allocations for counties



*See appendix for information about COVID and unemployment rates by county

ALLOCATION RESULTS



Some examples of how allocation breaks down using the above methodology; please find the complete list in the appendix

High **COVID-19** rate counties increased per person share considerably (\$194 base)

- \$330 – Ford County
- \$299 – Seward County
- \$299 – Finney County
- \$237 – Clark County
- \$234 – Leavenworth County

High **unemployment** counties saw more modest per person increases (\$194 base)

- \$211 – Sedgwick County
- \$208 – Wilson County
- \$207 – Summer County
- \$225 – Wyandotte County*
- \$205 – Butler County

High COVID-19 and **unemployment** rates are determined by average their rates

- Average COVID-19 rates – 3.3
- Average Unemployment rate – 11%

Metros in Impact Fund

- Johnson County gained \$7.9 M
- Sedgwick County gained \$9.3 M
- Wyandotte County gained \$5.1 M

*Wyandotte County observed high rates of both COVID and unemployment cases

Douglas County will receive \$24.9 million

DISTINGUISHING EXPENDITURES



Within their allocation, each county will distinguish between funds used as *Reimbursement* and *Direct Aid*

REIMBURSEMENT

For qualifying expenditures *already made*, counties can collect invoices and receipts and submit those for CRF reimbursement

DIRECT AID

For qualifying future expenditures, counties can develop plans for how they intend to commit CRF and submit those for direct aid

Benefits of this Approach

Makes recoupment of funds easier if counties are unable to use all the funds in the allotted timeframe

Provides counties some flexibility in terms of when expenditures occur

Affords the opportunity to reprioritize unspent funds to other groups of Kansans impacted by COVID

Round 1 (*two parts*)- Part 1: Reimbursements

- *For qualifying expenditures already made since March 1st, counties can collect invoices and receipts and submit those for CRF reimbursement*
- Direct Reimbursement of expenses related to COVID Response from Unified Command partners. Examples of what falls under reimbursement includes:
 - PPE
 - Medical
 - Treatment capacity
 - Testing
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Emergency medical services due to COVID
 - Enhanced telemedicine
- Already BOCC approved community aid
 - USD 497 School feeding
 - Just Food enhanced community feeding
 - Hotel reimbursement for congregate living providers

Round 1 (*two parts*)- Part 2: Direct Aid Plan

- *For qualifying future expenditures, counties can develop plans for how they intend to commit Coronavirus Relief Funds and submit those for direct aid.*
- Direct Aid plans can include everything covered under reimbursement framework, but expanded to Recovery Team Framework and Recovery Support Function. Additional CRF priorities identified below are also included:
- Distance learning, telework, county jails, homeless populations, small business reimbursement. Please prioritization outlined in the Municipality Toolkit
- The Direct Aid Plan will prioritize needs not covered by other federal funding
- All Direct Aid Plan funds must be spent by 12/30/2020 or contractually obligated by 12/30/2020 and paid out by end of 1st Quarter 2021
- ONE TIME EXPENSES

Round 1 – Timeline

Timeline	Details
July 15	State disperses CRF allocations via ACH transfer
July 15 – August 15	Counties collect receipts for Reimbursement and develop Direct Aid Plans
July 24th	Direct Aid Plan program request templates and equity impact tool submitted to RSF 3 Coordinators
August 15	Counties to submit first round Reconciliation with receipts for Reimbursement plans (March 1 – July 31)

IDEAS FOR COUNTY INVESTMENTS



Counties can follow this guidance to align priorities to state themes for investments

INVESTMENT IDEAS BY COUNTY OBJECTIVE

STATE-LEVEL FOCUS AREAS	1. Making our public institutions whole	2. Protecting the health of Kansans, now and beyond	3. Ensuring that businesses and non-profits can re-open safely and rebound from COVID-19	4. Building resilient communities
 HEALTH Advance public health and respond to future outbreaks	Reimbursement for already incurred health costs such as protective equipment, testing supplies, EMS, etc.	- Testing - Medical Supplies - Emergency Management - Contact Tracing - County jail grants	- Grants for public health infrastructure improvements - Funds for PPE, supplies, digital thermometers, etc.	- Vaccine deployment Investments 90 supplies of equipment - Expand contract tracing infrastructure
 CONNECTIVITY Enable remote connectivity through investments in technology and digital infrastructure	Reimbursements for already incurred connectivity costs such as laptops, telemedicine equipment, etc.	- Telehealth technology investments - Digital infrastructure grants for hospitals and clinics	- Software and hardware improvements for post-COVID workplaces - Remote work support and investments	- Broadband Investments - Training and digital infrastructure improvements to improve inter-agency coordination
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Protect livelihoods of affected individuals, invest in communities, and support businesses	Reimbursements for already incurred economic development costs such as existing COVID-19 grant programs to business, etc.	- Programs to care for homeless populations - Funds for food distribution and inventory - Grants to senior-care centers for health expenses - Evictions and rent assistance	- Grants for small businesses and non—profits - COVID-19 related workforce retraining programs - Worker support and hazard pay programs	- Unemployment insurance - Childcare and early childhood investments for essential workers
 EDUCATION Provide quality education and resources to all students	Reimbursements for already incurred education costs such as tech for distance learning, training for teachers, etc.	- School-based mental health - Safety and health supplies for schools - Distance Learning support - Technology for students	- Funding for student-focused non-profits for remote services - Grants to childcare providers for operating costs, health supplies	- School Infrastructure Investments - School Lunch and food delivery investments

All investments must meet CARES Act spending requirements

COVID-19 Recovery Response Team

Douglas County Emergency Management

Coordinating agency

Director Robert Bieniecki • Deputy Director Jillian Rodrigue

Team Leaders

- **Douglas County Administrator** *Sarah Plinsky*
- **Lawrence City Manager** *Craig Owens*
- **LMH Health CEO** *Russ Johnson*
- **Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health Director** *Dan Partridge*
- **University of Kansas Chancellor** *Doug Girod*
- **Lawrence Chamber President** *Bonnie Lowe*
- **Lawrence Public Schools Superintendent** *Anthony Lewis*
- **County Health Officer** *Dr. Thomas Marcellino*

Equity Impact Advisor (EIA)
City of Lawrence, *Casey Toomay*

Finance Coordinator
Douglas County, *Brooke Sauer*
City of Lawrence, *Jeremy Willmoth*

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LMH Health, *Pat Tabor*

Public Information Officer
LDC Public Health, *George Diepenbrock*
Douglas County, *Karrey Britt*

Economic Recovery

Lead coordinators

City of Lawrence,
Diane Stoddard

Lawrence Chamber,
Steve Kelly

EIA representative

Douglas County, *Jasmin Moore*

Supporting agencies

Chambers of Commerce
Small Business Assn.

Downtown Lawrence

eXplore Lawrence

University of Kansas

Biosciences & Technology

Business Center

Douglas County Extension
Office

Peaslee Tech

Lawrence Restaurant Assn.

Large venue representative

USD representative

*Ensure cross section of
businesses

Health & Medical Services

Lead coordinators

LMH Health,
Traci Hoopingarner

LDC Public Health,
Beth Llewellyn

EIA representative

United Way of Douglas County,
Lea Roselyn

LDC Public Health,
Sarah Hartsig

Supporting agencies

Bert Nash Community Mental
Health Center

Lawrence-Douglas County Fire
and Medical

Heartland Community Health
Center

KU Watkins Health Center

Visiting Nurses Assn.

Pharmacies

Long-term care facilities

Other nonprofits

Housing & Human Services

Lead coordinators

Douglas County
Jill Jolicoeur

Lawrence-Douglas County
Housing Authority
Shannon Oury

EIA representative

Lawrence Public Schools,
Cara Smith

Supporting agencies

Bert Nash Community Mental
Health Center

Just Food

Emergency Services Council

Douglas County Community
Foundation

Tenants to Homeowners

Family Promise

Lawrence Community Shelter
DCCCA

Public Health

Lawrence Parks and
Recreation

Other nonprofits

Education

Lead coordinators

Lawrence Public Schools,
Julie Boyle

University of Kansas,
Andrew Foster

EIA representative

LMH Health, *Erica Hill*
Just Food, *Elizabeth Stephens*

Supporting agencies

University of Kansas

Haskell Indian Nations

University

Baker University

USD 497

USD 348

USD 491

USD 343

Peaslee Tech

Private education

Boys and Girls Club of
Lawrence

Early childhood education

RSF 3 – Housing and Human Services

Strategies should be **equitable, timely, accessible, and coordinated** to the greatest extent possible

Goal - Restore and strengthen social services capabilities and networks to promote recovery and resilience.

Focus areas:

1) Housing Stabilization and Homelessness Prevention

- Coordinate access to rent, mortgage and utility assistance in a manner that is accessible, timely, coordinated and equitable.
- Integrate housing, financial and legal counseling services for renters and homeowners in concert with emergency assistance.
- Convene conversations with area landlords and property management firms to identify potential strategies that expand affordable housing opportunities for vulnerable populations, including but not limited to homeless single adults and families, individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder, or past criminal conviction.

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Focus areas:

2) Healthy Congregate Living and Shelter Environments

- Provide local agencies with access to resources, equipment and public health information and guidance to provide living environments that mitigate exposure to and spread of infectious diseases for residents and staff, including but not limited to COVID-19 in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.
- Ensure timely access to housing and shelter services in accordance with public health guidelines for vulnerable populations, including but not limited to victims of domestic violence or human trafficking, individuals and families with mental health disabilities or substance use disorders, homeless, and senior citizens.

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Focus areas:

3) Community Food and Feeding Supports

- Provide local agencies with access to resources, equipment and public health information and guidance to provide food and feeding services that mitigate exposure to and spread of infectious diseases for clients, volunteers and staff, including but not limited to COVID-19 in accordance with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.
- Monitor operations at community food and feeding organizations to ensure needs are met.

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Focus areas:

4) Unsheltered Homeless Services

- Provide opportunities to address basic hygiene needs including showering and laundry services.
- Develop a plan to implement a designated legal space for camping which includes necessary toilets, handwashing, and access to potable drinking water. Plan will require identifying a space in the City of Lawrence and non-profit agency that would operate supportive services and logistical needs.
- Sustain efforts to assist homeless or precariously housed individual and families to ensure timely access to timely and affordable housing through Rapid Rehousing, Built for Zero, and similar strategies aimed at addressing community barriers for vulnerable populations.

Now What?!!



Direct Aid Plan – next steps

- IF YOU HAVE A PROGRAM, PROJECT OR EXPENSE TO SUBMIT FOR A DIRECT AID PLAN
 - Complete a **Direct Aid Plan** template (next slide) and submit to RSF 3 Coordinator Jill Jolicoeur, jjolicoeur@douglascountyks.org **by 8:00 AM on Friday, July 24th. NO EXTENSIONS.**
REMEMBER - Funds must be spent or contracted by 12/21/20, paid out by 1st Quarter 2021 with ALL RECEIPTS submitted to Douglas County.
 - Complete **Racial Equity Impact Assessment Tool** (slide 19) and submit to RSF 3 Coordinator Jill Jolicoeur, jjolicoeur@douglascountyks.org **by 8:00 AM on Friday, July 24th. NO EXTENSIONS.**
 - RSF 3 will meet Monday, July 27th (time TBD) to review, prioritize and approve final recommendations for the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners to approve .

Direct Aid Program and Reporting Template

- Fill out the state prescribed Program template in the Reporting Templates
 - To be provided in follow up email, with instructions and examples on how to fill out the form.

Example CRF County Direct Aid Program or Transfer



Sponsor Info

Question	Response
Primary Project Sponsor	Governmental Organization
Name of Organization	Sunflower Economic Development Authority
Primary Organization Tax ID	92783648593
Primary Contact E-mail	John.doe@sunflowertest.gov
Project Co-Sponsor	Non-Profit
Name of Organization	Testtown Chamber of Commerce
Organization Tax ID	12783648593
Co-Sponsor Contact Email	Jim@ecodevotest.org

Program Details

Question	Response
Program or Project Title	Local Small Business Public Health Grant Program
Existing program or project	No
Program or project scope and description	Small businesses in Testtown have been significantly impact by COVID-19, and many need additional public health supplies to re-open. We propose the following

Summary Page Instructions Plan Independent Expenditures **Example Program** Program 1 - High Program 2 - Medium Program 3 - Low ... +



Racial Equity Impact Assessment Tool

- **Developed by the Equity Impact Advisor Group**
 - To be provided in follow up email. with instructions and examples

PURPOSE OF THIS TOOL

There is potential for crises such as COVID-19 to exacerbate existing racial disparities in our city. While anyone can contract the virus, its impact will be most deeply felt in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and low wealth communities. The decisions made by the City during this crisis and during recovery will have impacts both now and long after it ends. To facilitate consideration of racial equity, this tool should be used to examine how BIPOC communities will be affected, both short-term and long-term, by a proposed action or decision of the COVID-19 Recovery Team.

And while it is important to realize there isn't a lot time to make decisions, it is also important to acknowledge that asking a few questions relating to racial equity can have a meaningful impact.

Questions?



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