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**: $1.25B
  - Including direct portions to Johnson and Sedgwick Counties

- **State Portion**: $1.03B
  - Without Johnson and Sedgwick County portions

- **Round 1 Distribution**: $400M
  - For remaining counties and municipalities

- **Rounds 2 and 3**: $630M
  - To be determined
ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY
Formula for fair, timely, and impactful funding allocations for counties

$350 M

- All counties receive their portions of funds based on population
- Per capita amount based on direct funding received by Johnson & Sedgwick Counties

$194 per person in each county

$50 M

- All counties evaluated*
- Shares determined by COVID & Unemployment rates
- Counties with higher than average rates receive more funds

Amounts vary by county

*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

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<td>Counties collect receipts for Reimbursement and develop Direct Aid Plans</td>
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<td>July 24th</td>
<td>Direct Aid Plan program request templates and equity impact tool submitted to RSF 3 Coordinators</td>
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<td>August 15</td>
<td>Counties to submit first round Reconciliation with receipts for Reimbursement plans (March 1 – July 31)</td>
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# IDEAS FOR COUNTY INVESTMENTS

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

## INVESTMENT IDEAS BY COUNTY OBJECTIVE

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<td>Reimbursement for already incurred health costs such as protective equipment, testing supplies, EMS, etc.</td>
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<td>Grants for public health infrastructure improvements</td>
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<td>Advance public health and respond to future outbreaks</td>
<td>Medical Supplies</td>
<td>Funds for PPE, supplies, digital thermometers, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>CONNECTIVITY</strong></td>
<td>Reimbursements for already incurred connectivity costs such as laptops, telemedicine equipment, etc.</td>
<td>Telehealth technology investments</td>
<td>Software and hardware improvements for post-COVID workplaces</td>
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<td>Enable remote connectivity through investments in technology and digital infrastructure</td>
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<td>Protect livelihoods of affected individuals, invest in communities, and support businesses</td>
<td>Funds for food distribution and inventory</td>
<td>COVID-19 related workforce retraining programs</td>
<td>Childcare and early childhood investments for essential workers</td>
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<td>Reimbursements for already incurred education costs such as tech for distance learning, training for teachers, etc.</td>
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<td>Provide quality education and resources to all students</td>
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*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

Logistics
LDC Public Health, Charlie Bryan
LMH Health, Pat Tabor

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

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**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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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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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.
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

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Program or project scope and description

Small businesses in Topeka have been significantly impacted by COVID-19, and many need additional public health supplies to re-open. We propose the following...
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?