Governing Body Special Minutes – February 12, 2022

CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY BUILDING, 620 SE Madison Street, Topeka, Kansas, Saturday, February 12, 2022. The Governing Body members of the City of Topeka met in special meeting session at 9:00 A.M. with the following Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Hiller, Valdivia-Alcala, Emerson, Kell, Dobler and Duncan -6; and Councilmembers Ortiz, Naeger and Lesser participated remotely -3. Mayor Padilla presided -1.

The special meeting work session was available online https://www.topeka.org/citycouncil/stream-city-council-meetings/ or https://www.facebook.com/cityoftopeka/. No public comment was allowed during the work session. Written public comment was considered to the extent it was personally submitted at the meeting or to the City Clerk's Office located at 215 SE 7th Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas, 66603 or via email at cclerk@topeka.org on or before February 12, 2022, for attachment to the meeting minutes.

AN OVERVIEW of ARPA funding allocations for the State of Kansas and Shawnee County and how those funds are being spent was presented.

Bill Cochran, Interim City Manager, referenced an email he sent to the Governing Body on February 7, 2022, outlining ARPA funding allocations for the State of Kansas and Shawnee County (Attachment A). He stated the approximate $5 billion the State of Kansas receives is not specific to ARPA dollars and includes past and future federal recovery funds. He reported the email document outlines detailed funding allocations as it relates to Social Services, Community Living, Health Care, Food and Nutrition, Economic Development, Labor, Justice and Security, Housing Assistance, Veterans and Transportation. The State of Kansas funding allocation breakdown is as follows:
• $1.0 Billion Local Recovery Funds
• $1.6 Billion Fiscal State Recovery Funds
• $143 Million Capital Project Funds
• $2.3 Billion State Agency Project Funds

Interim City Manager Cochran, continued to report the City of Topeka is considered one of the nine entitled cities (population over $50,000) that will receive a direct deposit of $45.6 million of ARPA funding from the State of Kansas Treasury Office. He stated the City was notified on February 11, 2022, of additional funding opportunities in the amount of $764 million through a combination of the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) dollars and other funding sources.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding recommendations on what percentage (amount of dollars) City of Topeka ARPA funding allocations should be specified for infrastructure was presented.

Mayor Padilla asked in what areas the City plans to seek grant funding.

Councilmember Naeger referenced additional funds available at different levels of government and questioned if they should have community members make application for funds in different phases as funding sources are identified and become available over the next couple of years.

In response, Interim City Manager Cochran, stated the following:

• The City will be applying for funding to make improvements on water lines, sewer lines and broadband infrastructure (additional devices through the Topeka-Shawnee County Broadband Initiative).
• Additional applications would be for specific projects for infrastructure projects such as the removal of lead pipe water lines and meters in priority areas as identified by the Utilities Department.
• Yes, there are different levels of funding available; however, they need to utilize the spending of ARPA funding wisely and then if the City receives additional funding they can shift the dollars as needed.
• Different areas of funding should be applied for directly through the State of Kansas such as childcare, behavioral health etc.

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• In regards to soliciting ideas from the community, he would suggest not to plan more than one-year out, allowing them to begin discussions internally on the Social Services fund application process and assess the needs in the community.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala referenced the State of Kansas SPARK Executive Committee, assisted by four advisory panels that will focus on four main areas including Health and Education, Economic Revitalization, Connectivity, and Efficiency in Modernization. She confirmed the primary focus of the City is to use ARPA funding for water, sewer and broadband “physical” infrastructure in the amount of $35 million; and questioned if the City is directing Social Service agencies to apply directly to the State for funding assistance.

In response, Interim City Manager Cochran reported the following:

• The City does not have the resources necessary to properly distribute grant funds to areas such as childcare and behavioral health services. He noted the City will be receiving approximately $1.4 million in Opioid Settlement dollars that can be used towards behavioral health services; however, on the large funding spectrum, most behavioral health entities should have already been in the process of applying for funding at the State level.

• The $35 million “physical” infrastructure recommendation was based on the directive from the Governing Body to reduce the City’s debt and the amount of future borrowing.

Councilmember Duncan stated he struggles to understand the City’s need to approve the allocation of ARPA dollars at this time and noted other municipalities are still considering how to spend their ARPA funding dollars. He referenced timelines as it relates to the allocation of different levels of government funding including SPARK funding slated to be determined by April 2022, and State infrastructure funding slated to be determined by August 2022. He stated he understands why Staff would prefer to have ARPA funding allocations in place as they plan for the next capital improvement budget and operating budget cycles; however, due to the long list of SPARK funding opportunities available to municipalities it would seem advantageous to delay approval at this time and wait and see what other funding assistance the City may receive.

Interim City Manager Cochran agreed they do not need to decide the details at this time;
however, they do need to decide how to allocate the $45.6 million of ARPA funding in its totality. He noted other municipalities such as Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Johnson County and Sedgwick County have already allocated their ARPA dollars while still applying for additional dollars where applicable.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala expressed the importance of creating a plan to address Social Service needs of the community as well as the chronic unsheltered homeless population. She stated she understands and supports the concept of not incurring more debt; however, she believes the ARPA dollars should be spent on Social Services and they need to be creative in the allocation of those funds.

Councilmember Dobler referenced the two areas (buckets) of ARPA funding determined by the Governing Body at the January 15, 2022, Special Meeting Work Session. He suggested they discuss (1) the amount of ARPA funding to be used to reduce future debt; and (2) the amount of ARPA funding to be used for Social Service needs in the community and if necessary, set up an application process. He asked Stephen Wade, Administrative and Financial Services Director, to speak to the difference between using ARPA funds to help offset utility rate increases verses general fund debt reduction.

Stephen Wade, Administrative and Financial Services Director, reported based on early projections, if they use $40 million of ARPA funding to reduce utility rates and property tax rates it would allow the City to hold the mill levy rate flat until 2027. He stated the recommendations were made in an effort to maximize impact at a household level and avoid raising utility rates and the mill levy rate in the same year; however, inflation rates are at a 40-year high which could have an effect on the mill levy.

Councilmember Hiller stated she believes they have to discuss all funding source options, not just the $45.6 million in ARPA funding for the City. She reported the list of ideas for
funding requests have grown over time, and if there are funding opportunities for issues such as childcare and behavioral health that the City can identify and help advocate for then they should do so. She expressed her support for debt reduction which is supported through Staff’s proposal to spend the majority of the ARPA funding on projects already outlined in the CIP without borrowing funds, which also allows the City to focus on what they know and what they can manage. She spoke in support of strategic investments that will have long-term benefits.

Councilmember Kell spoke in support of reducing debt and addressing deferred maintenance on City properties and buildings as well as the needs of City employees. He stated he believes they should consider several different areas (buckets) for the use of ARPA funding to address the many needs of the community.

Councilmembe: Dobler stated he concurs with comments made by Councilmember Kell regarding the need to address deferred maintenance of City buildings which is addressed in the City’s CIP as well as comments made by Councilmember Hiller regarding the importance of the City helping those in the community secure funds outside of City ARPA funding opportunities. He suggested the Governing Body determine a range of ARPA funding they are comfortable with ($30 to $40 million) to be used for infrastructure projects outlined in the CIP with the intent to reduce debt, with the knowledge they will have opportunities to add to that amount in the future by applying for additional infrastructure grant funding; and allocate the remainder of ARPA funds for Social Services. He noted the key to debt reduction is to avoid allocating funds to projects that are not listed in the CIP and focus on the current CIP program.

Councilmember Duncan stated he would support allocating no less than $10 million of ARPA funding for Social Services.

Councilmember Dobler stated he would support allocating $10 million of ARPA funding for Social Services.
Councilmember Hiller reminded the Governing Body more than Social Services have been mentioned for use of the remaining balance of ARPA funds.

Councilmember Emerson referenced the City’s low interest rates when financing bonds and noted it is inevitable interest rates will increase. He stated he would prefer the entire amount of ARPA funding ($45.6 million) be used for debt reduction by paying cash for CIP projects; however, he would support allocating $35 to $40 million of ARPA funding for the purpose of paying cash for current CIP projects with the remainder of the funding be used for community needs.

Councilmember Lesser stated he concurs with approving the total ARPA funding amount at this time by allocating $35.6 million for Infrastructure and $10 million for Social Services and create a detailed process at a later date for the allocation of Social Services funds to address community needs as it relates to childcare, behavioral health and the homeless population.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala stated she would support allocating $16 million of ARPA funding for Social Services and $30 million for utilities etc. She noted the increased level of funding for Social Services seems like a more reasonable amount to address the extensive needs of the community.

Councilmember Ortiz asked if all members of the Governing Body support the two areas of funding being proposed (Infrastructure and Socials Services). Upon hearing no objections, she stated she would support allocating $16 million for Social Services and $30 million for Infrastructure with the caveat if there is extra Infrastructure funding it would be allocated to Social Services due to the extensive needs of the community. She also asked Staff to make sure all areas of the city benefit from the Infrastructure funding improvement projects.

Interim City Manager Cochran reported Staff is proposing the following infrastructure projects costing in the range of $30 to $40 million:
1. NW Tyler Street from NW Beverly Street to NW Paramore Street
2. NW Tyler Street from NW Lyman Road to NW Beverly Street
3. SW Topeka Boulevard from SW 29th Street to SW 37th Street
4. The Neighborhood Infrastructure SORT Program
5. The Sidewalk Infill Plan
6. Facility Improvements and Maintenance Program (FIRM Program)
7. SW Huntoon Road from SW Executive Drive to SW Urish Road

Councilmember Hiller reported the projects listed by Interim City Manager Cochran are already strategically included in the City’s CIP program. She encouraged Staff and Governing Body members to educate the public on the strategic placement of improvement projects throughout the city so they better understand the process and are not misinformed.

Councilmember Emerson expressed the importance of helping the most people possible with the ARPA funding; therefore, he would support allocating $35 to $40 million for the purpose of reducing debt.

Councilmember Dobler reported constituents in District No. 7 prefer a reduction in property taxes.

Councilmember Dobler moved to allocate $35.6 million of ARPA funding to be used for current CIP Infrastructure projects (Bucket A) and the remainder of the ARPA funds in the amount of $8.1 million to be allocated for Social Service programs (Bucket B) in the city of Topeka. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Emerson.

Councilmember Duncan stated he would not support allocating less than $10 million of ARPA funding for Social Services.

Councilmember Valdivia-Alcala stated she was hoping Social Services would be funding at the $16 million level; therefore, she will not support the motion because she feels like it is not a fair level of funding to address the extensive needs of the community.

Councilmember Lesser stated he concurs with Councilmember Duncan and will not support allocating less than $10 million for Social Services as it relates to the most vulnerable
population (childcare, behavioral health and the homeless population). He asked Councilmember Dobler if he would accept a friendly amendment to allocate $10 million for Social Services (Bucket B).

Councilmember Naeger stated she would not support less than $10 million being allocated for Social Services.

Interim City Manager Cochran reported if they allocate $35 million of ARPA funding for the purpose of debt reduction there would not be a mill levy increase through 2026; and if they allocate $30 million of ARPA funding for the purpose of debt reduction there will be a mill levy increase prior to 2026.

Councilmember Dobler accepted the friendly amendment to allocate $10 million of the ARPA funding for Social Services. The second concurred.

Councilmember Dobler restated the motion to set aside $35.676831 million of ARPA funding for current CIP Infrastructure projects (Bucket A) and the remainder of the ARPA funds in the amount cf $10.0 million be set aside for Social Service Programs (Bucket B) in the City of Topeka. The second concurred.

Councilmember Hiller reminded the Governing Body in December 2021, they committed to allocating $1.5 million of ARPA funding for premium pay for public safety employees. She noted there have also been a variety of proposals discussed including improvements to TPAC, Broadband initiatives and Digital Literacy etc. She questioned if the term “Social Services” would be too narrow of a scope in regards to the use of the remaining ARPA funds.

Councilmember Dobler stated the details of the scope of funding, as it relates to the term “Social Services” can be identified by the Governing Body at a later date.

Mayor Padilla asked if the City collaborated with individuals or other entities as they
formulated ideas on how to spend ARPA dollars.

Interim City Manager Cochran reported when the City began soliciting ideas regarding Social Services they were not aware of the other funding sources that would become available; however, as they move forward with the process, and local entities begin to apply for funding, the City will have the opportunity to ask if the applicant has received, or anticipates receiving funding from other grant sources. He noted he would also ask three primary questions of applicants (1) How much funding is needed; (2) How will the funding be spent; and (3) How have they been impacted by the pandemic.

Mayor Padilla encouraged Staff as they move forward with the process, to be deliberate in seeking out individuals or entities in order to acknowledge their voice and give them consideration in the beginning of the process.

Interim City Manager Cochran reported Staff has only solicited input and will have an opportunity for follow up conversations as they move through the process.

Councilmember Lesser stated he concurs with Interim City Manager Cochran and anticipates more changes and funding opportunities as they move through the process of using the ARPA funds.

Mayor Padilla spoke in support of the motion to approve $10.0 million of ARPA funding for Social Services as a minimum, and will look to Staff to continue working with individuals and agencies that could be effected by Social Services funding and to better understand their needs.

Amanda Stanley, City Attorney, clarified if the motion is approved, it would be considered legal bidding action by the Governing Body and it would not be necessary to approve the ARPA funding allocations through a separate resolution as scheduled on February 15, 2022, Governing Body meeting agenda.
The motion to set aside $35.676831 million of ARPA funding for current CIP Infrastructure projects (Bucket A) and the remainder of the ARPA funds in the amount of $10.0 million be set aside for Social Service programs (Bucket B) in the City of Topeka carried on roll call vote. Councilmembers Valdivia-Alcalá and Ortiz voted “no.” (8-2-0)

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION on recommendations regarding the application process for the remaining City of Topeka ARPA funding not allocated to a particular use at this time was presented.

Mayor Padilla reported Staff has been working on possible application templates for the Governing Body to consider.

Councilmember Duncan reported there are several different application templates that are often used by grant committees that could be considered to begin the process.

Interim City Manager Cochran stated Staff has three application templates they are proposing as well as Councilmember Hiller has suggested consideration of the State of Kansas SPARK funding application template, providing at least four options for the Policy and Finance Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Governing Body for approval.

Councilmember Emerson moved to refer the proposed application templates to the Policy and Finance Committee for review, with the intent the Committee will bring forward a recommendation to the Governing Body for approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Duncan.

Councilmember Lesser spoke in support of the Committee providing initial review with final approval by the Governing Body.

Councilmember Hiller requested the final application include the question, “What other funding sources are available for their proposal and have they applied for those funds?” She expressed the importance of making sure the public is aware that the City will be looking at this
particular factor when considering applications as well as it will reiterate the importance of seeking other funding sources and not just relying on City funding opportunities. She also expressed the importance of the City providing assistance and support to applicants seeking funding opportunities outside the City.

Councilmember Lesser inquired on the Committee timeline.

Councilmember Duncan reported the Policy and Finance Committee will meet on March 1, 2022, and set up an expedited timeline at that meeting.

Councilmember Lesser stated in order to avoid delays later in the process, he would request the Committee report back to the full Governing Body following the March 1st Committee meeting so they can provide input on the proposed timeline and other processes.

Councilmember Duncan stated an update would be provided at the March 8, 2022, Governing Body meeting.

Councilmember Kell referenced the application process and the importance of considering what type of services applicants provide instead of generally categorizing applicants which could inadvertently eliminate an individual or agency in need of funding assistance.

Councilmember Duncan clarified the first priority of the Committee is to establish an application template, followed by discussion at a Governing Body meeting about the exact issues mentioned by Councilmember Kell, as well as complete parameters of the application process.

Councilmember Naeger spoke in support of initial Committee review followed by final approval by the Governing Body. She noted this would ensure the full spectrum of the community is represented and avoid delays in the process.

Councilmember Hiller noted realistically the City would not have an application process
in place before June of 2022.

Councilmember Duncan stated he would concur, an application process would not be finalized until June or July of 2022.

Mayor Padilla spoke in support of the Committee making recommendations to the Governing Body for final approval.

The motion to refer the proposed application templates to the Policy and Finance Committee for review, with the intent the Committee will bring forward a recommendation to the Governing Body for final approval carried unanimously on roll call vote. (10-0-0)

Councilmember Dobler inquired on the City’s new Senior Grant Program Administrator and how the City plans to utilize that position to assist with applying for additional grant dollars.

Stephen Wade, Administrative and Financial Services Director, introduced Kalea Pauole, City of Topeka Senior Grant Program Administrator. He reported Ms. Pauole has already begun working on SPARK funding opportunities.

Governing Body members welcomed Ms. Pauole to the City of Topeka. They requested she provide a short presentation at the February 15, 2022, Governing Body meeting.

Councilmember Duncan announced the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is making available a grant writer to assist municipalities in applying for certain grants.

Interim City Manager Cochran thanked Councilmember Duncan for the information and noted it would be helpful to have an internal contact with the State when applying for grants.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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Brenda Younger City Clerk

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To: The Governing Body  
From: Interim City Manager Bill Cochran  
Subject: County/State ARPA Funding  
Date: February 7, 2022

The following is follow-up information from the February 1st City Council Meeting. There are two requests:

- How much in ARPA funding did Shawnee County receive and what are their plans for those dollars, and
- Of the $600 million the State received, what is the State’s plan for allocating those dollars.

1. Shawnee County received $34,355,895.00 and plans for the money are/may be as follows:
   - Renovation of the Shawnee County Court House
   - COVID Mitigation efforts
   - Jayhawk Theater (no amount has been determined, if any)
   - Children’s Discovery Zone (no amount has been determined, if any)
   - Parks and Rec projects
   - Upwards of half towards public health

2. The State of Kansas received about $600 million in funding this latest Federal allotment. Federal dollars to Kansas stand at $1.6 billion and they have/are funding programs at the following levels.

**State required obligations**

- $564 Million to Counties-COVID Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, the U.S. Treasury will provide direct relief to all 105 county governments in Kansas based on population
- $251 Million to Metropolitan Cities-COVID Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, the U.S. Treasury will provide direct relief to nine metropolitan city governments in Kansas, metropolitan cities are generally defined as those with a population above 50,000 (9 cities in Kansas)
- $174 Million for Non-Entitlement Cities-COVID Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, the U.S. Treasury will provide indirect relief for non-entitlement local governments in Kansas, to be paid to state government for distribution to 616 cities.
- $142 Million to the State-COVID Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
$830 Million for K-12 Education

$325 Million for Higher Education

$30 Million for Education of Individuals with Disabilities

$25 Million for Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools

$2.6 Million for Libraries

Social Services

$133.5 Million for Child Care and Development Block Grant – Funding is provided to the Kansas Department for Children and Families by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- To support child care assistance for health care employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers and others deemed essential in the response to the COVID-19, without regard to the income eligibility requirement
- Hero Relief Program using previous COVID-19 federal relief funding to provide childcare assistance subsidies to essential workers with incomes at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Eligible workers included health care workers, first responders, food and agriculture workers, judicial branch essential services, the National Guard, Child and Adult Protective Services specialists, and childcare providers serving these workers.
- In addition to the Hero Relief Program, DCF offered a variety of grants to support child care providers. These included sustainability grants for food costs, additional staff, and rental and mortgage payments; health and safety grants for cleaning and health supplies; and supplemental payments for lost income grants for DCF-enrolled child care providers.

$214 Million for Child Care Stabilization Funding is provided to DCF by HHS for sub-grants to child care providers that are either open or temporarily closed to support operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. States must notify HHS if they are unable to obligate at least 50.0 percent of funding within nine months of ARPA enactment.

- Funding considerations include:
  - The amount of the sub-grant should be based on the provider’s current operating expenses;
  - Sub-grants may be used for personal expenses, rent, mortgage, payments, personal protective equipment (PPE), training related to health and safety, mental health services, and goods and services necessary to maintain or resume operations; and
  - Expenses incurred prior to enactment of ARPA may be reimbursed.
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- $43.5 Million for Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - program provides assistance for qualifying households to pay home energy costs via an annual benefit.

- $80 Million for Head Start - provided as grants awarded directly to local partners for activities in response to COVID-19, such as mental health services, staff training on infectious disease management, and the purchase of cleaning supplies.

- $5 Million for Pandemic Emergency Assistance - support one-time benefits such as cash and vouchers for eligible families with low incomes experiencing crisis.

- $5 Million for Child Care Entitlement to States - Funding is provided to the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund (Children's Cabinet) by HHS to support community-based child welfare programs that focus on child abuse prevention by strengthening and supporting families before abuse occurs.

- $1 Million for Child Abuse Prevention State Grant (includes Family Violence Prevention) - to assist in improving the child protective services systems, including the intake process, investigation of reports of child abuse or neglect, case management, providing prevention services, collaboration between the child protection system and juvenile justice system, and collaboration with public health agencies addressing health needs, as directed by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

- $500 Million in grants to states to support water assistance programs. This new program will assist low-income households by providing funds to operators of public water systems or treatment works to reduce arrearages of and rates charged to such households.

**Community Living**

- $6.4 Million for Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals - to provide home delivered meals and meals in congregate settings for persons age 60 or over and their spouses.

- $4.0 Million for Supportive Services - Will provide support services for persons age 60 or over. The program provides objective, accessible, and useful information to promote healthy aging, financial security, and long-term care choices to assist seniors in making informed decisions.

- $400 Thousand for Disease Prevention - These services are designed to promote disease prevention by enabling seniors to make informed decisions regarding lifestyle.

- $85 Thousand for Long-Term Care Ombudsman - This funding provides services for the protection of vulnerable older Americans by promoting elder rights activities and providing persons age 60 or above with access to a system of justice.
Health Care

- $87.7 Million for Epidemiology and Lab Capacity for Schools Testing - Funding for local health departments through KDHE to support COVID-19 screening testing for teachers, staff, and students to assist schools in reopening safely for in-person instruction.
- $62.6 Million for Community Health Centers - Funding to 18 federally-qualified community health centers in Kansas ($61.1 million) and to KDHE ($1.6 million). Allowable uses include vaccine distribution, testing, contact tracing, equipment, staff, infrastructure, and community education and outreach. Funds are available until expended.
- $36.4 Million for CDC Grants for Vaccine Preparedness - Funds will be made available to state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments for Kansas Legislative Research Department 11 Federal Relief in the American Rescue Plan Act.
- $20.4 Million for Mental Health/Substance Abuse Block Grants – Funding for community mental health services and substance use disorder programs.
- $2.5 Million for Genomic Sequencing - To increase capacity to sequence genomes of circulating strains of viruses and other organisms, including SARS-CoV-2, and to use genomic sequencing data to identify outbreaks and clusters of diseases or infections, including COVID-19.
- $50 Million Community-Based Local Behavioral Health Needs ARPA – Funding made available as grants to states, local governments, tribal organizations, and community organizations to address community behavioral health needs exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Training of the mental and behavioral health workforce;
  - Expanding evidence-based integration models of care;
  - Addressing surge capacity related to mental and behavioral health needs;
  - Providing mental and behavioral health services; and
  - Supporting, enhancing, or expanding mental and behavioral health preventive and crisis intervention services.
- $30 Million for Community-Based Local Substance Use Disorder Grants – Funding made available as grants to states, local governments, and community organizations to support overdose prevention, syringe services programs, and other harm reduction efforts.
  - Preventing and controlling the spread of infectious diseases and their consequences;
- Distributing opioid overdose reversal medication to individuals at risk of overdose;

- Connecting individuals at risk for, or with a SUD, to offer education, counseling, and health education; and

- Encouraging individuals to reduce the negative personal and public health impacts of substance use or misuse.

  - $80 Million for Mental and Behavioral Health Training – Funding for public safety officers in strategies for addressing suicide, burnout, mental health conditions, and substance use disorder.

  - $5 Million for State Nursing Home Strike Teams - Funding to establish a team of individuals deployable to a nursing facility with diagnosed or suspected cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff. This team is envisioned as assisting with clinical care, infection control and staffing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

**Food & Nutrition**

  - $3.6 Million for Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) - Funding to increase the amount of a cash-value voucher up to $35 for participants receiving food packages. These participants include those with qualifying conditions requiring the use of infant formula; children ages one to four; and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women.

  - $4.3 Million for SNAP State Administration - Funding is to be allocated for administrative expenses incurred in FFY 2021, FFY 2022, and FFY 2023.

  - $750 Thousand for Commodity Supplement Food Program – Funding for food packages to low-income individuals at least 60 years of age.

**Economic Development**

  - $56.2 Million for the State Small Business Credit Initiative - Funding for a State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) to reopen and expand a federal program intended to support small business that expired in 2017.

    - The state has three years from approval to deploy the first one-third installment of these funds to state programs that deliver loans or investments to eligible small businesses;

    - The second one-third installment will be distributed after the state certifies that it has deployed 80.0 percent of the first installment. The state has six years from approval to deploy funds received in the second installment; and

    - The third installment will be distributed after the state certifies to the Secretary of the Treasury that it has deployed 80.0 percent of the second installment.
$833 Thousand for National Endowment for the Humanities Grants - Funds may be used by the recipients of such grants for purposes of the general operations.

$793 Thousand for National Endowment for the Arts Grants - Funds may be used by the recipients of such grants for purposes of the general operations.

$16 Million for Shuttered Venue Operators Grants - Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45.0 percent of their gross earned revenue, Kansas Legislative Research Department 16 Federal Relief in the American Rescue Plan Act – April 23, 2021 Eligible entities include:
- Live venue operators or promoters;
- Theatrical producers;
- Live performing arts organization operators;
- Relevant museum operators, zoos, and aquariums who meet specific criteria;
- Motion picture theater operators;
- Talent representatives; and
- Each business entity owned by an eligible entity that also meets the eligibility requirements.

**Funds may be used for specific expenses, including:**
- Payroll costs;
- Rent payments;
- Utility payments;
- Scheduled mortgage payments (not including prepayment of principal);
- Scheduled debt payments (not including prepayment of principal on any indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business prior to February 15, 2020);
- Worker protection expenditures;
- Payments to independent contractors (not to exceed $100,000 in annual compensation per contractor);
- Other ordinary and necessary business expenses, including maintenance costs;
- Administrative costs (including fees and licensing);
- State and local taxes and fees;
- Operating leases in effect as of February 15, 2020;
- Insurance payments; and
- Advertising, production transportation, and capital expenditures related to producing a theatrical or live performing arts production. Federal guidance states these expenditures cannot be the primary use of the funds.

$29 Million Support for Restaurants - Restaurant Revitalization Fund, The prioritization will shift to restaurants owned and operated by women, veterans, or socially and economically disadvantaged groups. The grant funds may be used to pay for the following eligible expenses:
- Payroll costs;
- Principal and interest payments on a mortgage (not including prepayment of principal);
- Rent payments (not including prepayments);
- Utilities;
- Maintenance expenses including construction to accommodate outdoor seating and walls, floors, deck surfaces, furniture, fixtures, and equipment;
- Supplies including personal protective equipment and cleaning materials;
- Food and beverage expenses within the eligible entity's scope of normal business practice before the covered period, which runs from February 15, 2020, through December 31, 2021, or another date as determined by the SBA;
- Covered supplier costs;
- Operational expenses;
- Paid sick leave; and
- Any other expenses the SBA determines to be essential to maintaining the eligible entity

**Labor**
- $275 Thousand for Unemployment Insurance Administration - Permissible implementation costs include computer programming and other technology costs, notices to beneficiaries, and overheads related to implementation of the programs.
- $400 Thousand for Unemployment Insurance Fraud Prevention - These funds may be used for federal administrative costs, system-wide infrastructure investment and development, and to make grants to states for such purposes.

**Justice and Security**
- $1.3 Million for Emergency Management Performance Grant - This funding is provided to state and local emergency management agencies to aid communities in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kansas Adjutant General’s Department notes this distribution appears similar to that provided in the CARES Act, and the agency awaits further guidance on this most recent amount.
- $20 Million for State Commissions on National and Community Service - Such volunteer programs are administered by the Kansas Volunteer Commission. Funds are available until September 30, 2024. State allocations have not yet been determined.

**Housing Assistance**
$152.1 million for Emergency Rental Assistance - Funding for Kansans who have had difficulty paying or collecting rent, utility, or internet payments due to the Covid-19.

$56.6 Million from the Homeowner Assistance - Funding is to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020.

$23 Million for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program - Funding HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), which may be used for a variety of services, including tenant based rental assistance, affordable housing development, and more.

$2.2 Million for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program - This funding is for people with non-disaster related emergencies and may be used for a broad range of services. EFSP supplements and expands ongoing work of local social service organizations, both nonprofit and governmental, to provide shelter, food, and supportive services to individuals, families, and households who have economic, non-disaster related emergencies. EFSP funding is open to all organizations helping individuals, families, and households who are experiencing, or at risk of, food insecurity or homelessness. EFSP funds for one of the following services:
- Primary - includes only food and shelter;
- Secondary - includes, but is not limited to, health and medical services;
- Administrative - includes, but is not limited to, temporary staff, permanent and temporary staff overtime, and postage;
- Equipment and Assets - includes purchases and leases, and necessary renovations to make facilities safe, sanitary, and compliant with local codes; and
- Transportation - includes local and long-distance travel for families or individuals encountered by DHS and travel for agency staff that may be required to assist them.

$20 Million for Fair Housing Activities - Eligible housing counseling services include housing counseling provided directly to households facing housing instability, such as eviction, default, foreclosure, loss of income, or homelessness; education, outreach, training, technology upgrades and other program-related support; and operational oversight funding for grantees and sub-grantee recipients.
o $1.3 million for Emergency State Veterans Home Operations - Funding is provided to state veterans homes in Kansas. The Kansas Commission on Veterans’ Affairs allocations:
  - $725,514 to the Kansas Soldiers’ Home in Fort Dodge; and
  - $656,418 to the Kansas Veterans’ Home in Winfield.

o $15 Million for State Veterans Home Constructions – Funding for construction funds for projects that upgrade and enhance operations of state veterans’ homes, provided states have required matching funds.

Transportation

o $40.8 million for Federal Transit Authority (FTA) Urbanized Formula - This includes lost revenue, PPE, cleaning supplies, maintenance costs, and payment of leave for operations personnel due to service reductions. In most instances the funding will reimburse 100.0 percent of such expenses. The FTA utilized existing formulas for allocating urban funding based on population. This funding will flow directly to urban areas, which currently includes: Kansas City, Wichita, Lawrence, Manhattan, St. Joseph area, and Topeka. There are no state matching or maintenance of effort requirements.

o $1.8 million for FTA Intercity Bus Formula - Funds are administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). States with ineligible bus operators may use funds for other activities eligible under the federal Rural Area Formula Grants.

o $1.0 million for FTA Non-urbanized Formula - The funding for non-urbanized transit. KDOT plans to provide these funds to rural transit agencies to help cover operating costs at 100.0 percent.

o $300 Thousand for Mobility of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities - Funding to enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options.