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State Finance Council Approves $254 Million of the Coronavirus Relief Fund

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Today, the State Finance Council (SFC) unanimously approved the public health, education and economic development proposals recommended by the Executive Committee of the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce for a total of $254,444,911.

"I want to thank the State Finance Council for approving these funds that will provide aid to Kansans who need it the most, help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and accelerate our economic recovery," **said Governor Laura Kelly**. "Both rural and urban areas of our state will benefit from these dollars."

Executive Committee Chair Lyle Butler presented the round 2 proposals, which were crafted by the SPARK Taskforce with help from state agency working groups for the following amounts:

Public Health	$100,909,138

Economic Development	$78,600,000
Education	$74,935,773
Connectivity	$60,000,000

“SPARK identified public health, education, economic development, and connectivity as the top priorities for supporting the recovery of the state,” **said Lyle Butler**. “I want to thank SFC for their support addressing our most pressing needs.”

The SFC will reconsider the Connectivity proposals following the Legislative Budget Committee meeting on August 3, where stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide more input on the proposals.

“We’re committed to making the best investments possible, being accountable to Kansans and operating with the urgency necessary to utilize these funds by the December 30 deadline,” **said Recovery Office Executive Director Julie Lorenz**. “We look forward to working with SPARK members, legislators and Kansans to ensure that happens.”

This is the second major allocation of the $1,034,052,049 the State received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Previously, $400 million was allocated to Kansas counties.

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