

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM; AGENCY OPERATIONAL RELIEF PROGRAM AND RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM APPLICATIONS USING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS WHICH WERE APPROPRIATED TO SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS THROUGH THE STATE OF KANSAS

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of our residents is the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County Kansas' top priority;

WHEREAS, Seward County, Kansas is facing both a public health and economic crisis – the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19 – which has resulted in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020 the State Finance Council approved the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce's proposal to distribute \$6,419,281.00 to Seward County, Kansas, to help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19 based on Seward County's population and impact from COVID-19 with funds provided for reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs and as direct aid unless otherwise approved by the SPARK Taskforce;

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020 The Board County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas, passed Resolution 2020-10 whereby it accepted the funds appropriated to Seward County, Kansas by the State of Kansas through the State's Coronavirus Relief Fund;

WHEREAS, On August 15, 2020, pursuant to the Resolution 2020-10, the County provided to the State of Kansas a first reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation contained a plan for spending the flexible direct aid and any unused funds provided to the county (herein "Direct Aid Spending Plan") pursuant to the allowable expenditures outlined in 42 U.S.C. § 801(d);

WHEREAS, Seward County engaged Iparametrics, a consulting company to help with the management of the CRF funds and to develop a plan for spending the flexible direct aid;

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners adopted its Direct Aid Spending Plan through Resolution 2020-16, which was subsequently approved by the State of Kansas;

WHEREAS, the County's approved Direct Aid Spending Plan established three programs identified as (i) The Agency Operational Relief Program, (ii) Household Emergency Relief Program, and (ii) Response and Recovery Grant Program (herein collectively "Grant Programs");

WHEREAS, as part of its strategy to support households impacted by the pandemic, Seward County has established the COVID-19 Household Emergency Relief Program

designed to alleviate burdens on the most vulnerable individuals or households experiencing financial crises due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Household Emergency Relief Program provides funding for residents to pay up to four months of past-due rent, mortgage and utility payments, as well as, funding to cover the increased rent, mortgage and utility burden due to financial hardships caused by COVID-19 for up to two months. Further, given concerns about the cost of broadband, the County will also aid with covering the cost of broadband installation and / or up to four months of funding to cover broadband services for LMI households;

WHEREAS, The Agency Operational Relief Program provides grants to cover eligible COVID-19 expenditures made or planned through year-end 2020, including costs associated with operating losses, costs of "business interruptions and disruptions," and expenses related to public health actions for small businesses and private nonprofits. In addition to supporting small businesses and nonprofits, the program provides governmental entities, political subdivisions, and municipalities such as cities, higher education institutions, and school districts with grants to address the impact of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Response and Recovery Program is designed to help nonprofits, governmental entities, community organizations, businesses and healthcare providers to respond to and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and propose recovery initiatives that are right-sized for targeted relief of the communities served. The County will prioritize program proposals that address Connectivity, Workforce Development, and Childcare to help close these critical gaps in the community;

WHEREAS, the County's consultants Iparametrics have developed a plan and process for considering applications for the Grant Programs and has recommended awarding County CRF funds to certain Household Emergency Relief Program and Agency Operational Relief Program applicants at this time;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met and discussed the Response and Recovery Grant Program applications the county received in a work session with Iparametrics on November 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners further considered the applications of the Response and Recovery Grant Applications on the date of this resolution at a special meeting.

WHEREAS, each applicant for the Household Emergency Relief Program has for the purposes of confidentiality been assigned a unique identification number and filled out an application which identifies his or her landlord, mortgage company, and/or bank, along with his or her utility companies; and

WHEREAS, this is not the only time that the County will consider applications for its Grant Programs and it is anticipated it will review other Household Emergency Relief Program and Agency Operational Relief Program applications in the near future.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas:

Section 1. Approval of Payment of Certain Household Emergency Relief Program Applications.

Upon the advice and recommendation of its consultant, Iparametrics, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas hereby approves the following awards totaling \$7,565.97 to Household Emergency Relief Program applicants (each of which is identified by a unique, assigned Applicant ID number):

ID	HH Size	Income	Rent/Mortgage Assistance	Utility Assistance	Total Award
370	4	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$1,556.30	\$1,201.83	\$2758.12
479	5	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$0.00	\$369.42	\$369.42
47	3	Low (51-80%)	\$0.00	\$980.23	\$980.23
236	1	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$1,260.00	\$471.65	\$1,731.65
276	6	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$561.20	\$1,165.35	\$1,726.55

Section 2. Approval of Payment of Certain Agency Operational Relief Program Applications.

Upon the advice and recommendation of its consultant, Iparametrics, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas hereby approves the awards totaling \$301,976.93 to the following Agency Operational Relief Program applicants:

Entity	Working Capital	Expenditures	Expenditures Description	Total Award Recommended
Family Destiny d.b.a. Youth Hangout	\$693.00	\$2,305.82	Sanitation Supplies PPE Equipment	\$2,998.82
Shree Ganesh Laxmi LLC DBA Quality Inn	\$76,977.00	\$3,437.82	PPE Sanitation Supplies	\$80,414.82
Pure Bliss Salon & Day Spa (Amy Williams)	\$10,345.44	\$0.00		\$10,345.44
Elite Operating DBA Rapid Fit Health Club	\$9,693.99	\$0.00		\$9,693.99
Lawn N Order	\$5,073.00	\$0.00		\$5,073.00
Lonestar Services LLC	\$100,000.00	\$0.00		\$100,000.00
S J T LAXMI LLC	\$91,233.00	\$2,217.86	PPE	\$93,450.86

Section 3. Approval of Payment of Certain Response and Recovery Grant Applications.

Upon consideration of the Response and Recovery Applications which were received by the County and upon advice and recommendation of its consultant, Iparametrics, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas hereby approves the following awards

Entity Name	Project Description	Amount Requested
Angels Group Daycare Home	Renovate an existing space to provide additional daycare space to support daycare needs caused by closure of other facilities due to COVID-19	\$ 143,101.96
Baker Arts Center	In partnership with LACF, we propose creating a Community Kitchen in the adjacent property (612 N Pershing) to the Baker Arts Center. Community Kitchens are utilized across the country in communities of our size and allow for execution of many tasks. Our project would aim at facilitating workforce training, offering meals to the community, provide a licensed commercial space for small business owners and will include implementation of an afterschool program for youth.	\$ 100,000.00
City of Liberal	The City is proposing installation of an Advanced Environmental Air Treatment System in City Hall. Installation will take approximately 2 days and will be scheduled as soon as the project is approved. The City has maintained a deep cleaning schedule due to Covid-19 and the project will reduce cost of labor and chemicals used at City Hall on a daily basis.	\$ 10,556.50
City of Liberal	The proposed project will allow for the use of portable public broadcast equipment for any public meetings in locations where social distancing guidelines must be observed. This Project includes a portable Livestream broadcaster, Sony cameras, Wireless lapel microphones, wireless handheld microphones, protective equipment cases and all necessary	\$ 18,000.00

	wiring needed for connections. The Project will be completed in fewer than 45 days.	
City of Liberal	Purchase of 20 Microsoft Surface Pro 7 laptops for essential employees. The project can be completed in 45 days, as long as inventory is available from vendor.	\$ 19,681.00
City of Liberal - Emergency Communications Center	Expand Communications Center capacity through purchase of 2 position communications backup center.	\$ 298,035.03
City of Liberal - Fire Department	The proposed program is to update technology needed for online fire training for the Liberal Fire Department (LFD). LFD would like to implement Action Training Systems software to enable firefighters to access online training at home or at the fire station. To implement the software, equipment upgrades are necessary, including a large TV monitor, laptop, Think Pad and access capability for the program. The program can be implemented within 45 days.	\$ 5,721.00
City of Liberal - HR Department	The City of Liberal is requesting a new HR/Payroll system to improve the operational efficiency and effectiveness of their HR processes.	\$ 39,815.00

City on a Hill, Inc.	<p>City on a Hill would like to expand their transportation services for October through December of 2020. This will add an additional 10,200miles of transportation services, but will continue to mitigate and manage COVID 19 exposure. This is in addition to the23,800 miles of transportation we have provided since March of 2020. This includes a full-time driver who requires three meals a day as well as an hourly salary.</p>	\$ 46,180.00
Colvin Adult Learning Center	<p>Colvin Adult Learning Center needs computer tables in the second room that we are projecting as possible computer laboratory for our students.</p> <p>Colvin Adult Learning technological device that does not need wi-fi for members of the community who want to learn how to read and write, a quote of which is attached.</p> <p>Colvin Adult Learning Center needs Health and Wellness to help them not be culturally shocked but sudden changes as they start their journey here in United States of America. We heavily Support NAMI as we boast that all our faculty and staff are Mental Health First Aiders certified.</p>	\$ 72,493.50
Prairie View Elementary School	<p>Prairie View Elementary School would like to create an outdoor learning space in the school courtyard.</p>	\$ 75,000.00

<p>Seward County Community College Foundation</p>	<p>The SCCC Foundation, like many organizations in Seward County, has had to quickly transition many of its operations, including meetings, fundraising, and some employee daily work, to virtual or distance options. Board meetings, where Foundation business is conducted, have been done either entirely via Zoom or with drastically reduced in-person capacity and Zoom options for everyone else. Consequently, the staff and board members have quickly discovered how out-of-date the technology available to staff and board members is and how inadequate it is for the present and future that now includes virtual meetings and remote work. Additionally, most SCCC Foundation board members have been forced to “attend” meetings from cell phones with inadequate Zoom functions for full communication. As this will most likely become the “new normal” method of operation for the foreseeable future, the Foundation must adapt its environment. To remedy the situation, the Foundation intends to update the Board Meeting Room, room number SU214E/W in the SCCC Student Union, to a “Zoom Room” that will accommodate not only Foundation meetings and events but also meetings of many other local nonprofit organizations that conduct weekly and monthly meetings in this space. The “Zoom Room” will include all technology needed for any group to be able to utilize the equipment for remote and virtual gatherings.</p> <p>The Foundation also proposes the purchase of two laptop/tablet computers for staff members now doing remote work and activities, as well as inexpensive but up-to-date Chromebooks for Foundation board members to check out for meetings and nonprofit work.</p> <p>The purchase and installation of all technology to complete the Project can be done within 45 days, well within the allotted time frame for these funds as defined in the NOFA</p>	<p>\$ 19,928.00</p>
<p>The Growing Patch Daycare Home</p>	<p>The Growing Patch will improve or replace an outdated HVAC system and a HEPA filter in order to improve ventilation and filtration in the property to mitigate COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>\$ 10,500.00</p>

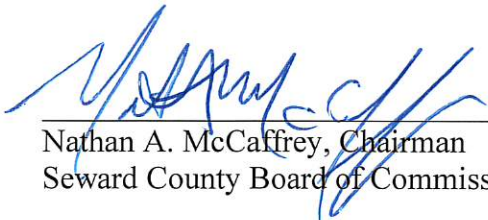
Section 4. Payment.

The County Clerk is directed to issue payment to each Household Emergency Relief applicant's landlord/mortgage company, and/or utility company in the amounts specified in Section 1 above. The identities of each landlord/mortgage company, and/or utility is set forth with particularity in each applicant's application. The County Clerk is further directed to issue payment directly to the Agency Operational Relief Applicants set forth in Section 2 in the amounts specified for each in that section. The County Clerk is further directed to issue payment directly to the Response and Recovery Grant applicants set forth in Section 3 in the amounts specified for each in that section. These distributions shall be drawn out of fund 102 Cares Act-CRF funds, which was awarded to Seward County by the State of Kansas. The Chairman is further authorized to sign Memorandums of Understanding and Memorandums of Agreement with the awardees.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be filed with the office of the Seward County Clerk and is effective November 9, 2020.

WHEREUPON, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas, passes and adopts this Resolution in special session, at its chambers in Liberal, Seward County, Kansas this 9th day of November 2020.



Nathan A. McCaffrey, Chairman
Seward County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Stacia D. Long, County Clerk

