

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM APPLICATIONS USING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS WHICH WERE APPROPRIATED TO SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS THROUGH THE STATE OF KANSAS AND FURTHER WITHDRAWING AND REALLOCATING CERTAIN PREVIOUS AWARDS UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAMS

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 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, 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;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated the county will review other Household Emergency Relief Program and Applications in the near future; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain Grant Program Awards and Direct Aid Spending Plan projects should be withdrawn or otherwise reallocated.

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 \$41,832.41 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
116	4	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$2,800.00	\$234.04	\$3,034.04
141	3	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$66.44	\$1,035.36	\$1,101.80
181	5	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$6.00	\$536.86	\$542.86

224	3	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$1,440.60	\$415.88	\$1,856.48
383	5	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$1,408.46	\$885.54	\$2,294.00
661	3	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$1,800.00	\$663.67	\$2,463.67
699	6	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$1,162.12	\$951.58	\$2,113.70
681	4	Very Low (31-50%)	\$2,807.79	\$568.61	\$3,376.40
687	3	Low (51-80%)	-	\$597.58	\$597.58
691	6	Extremely Low (0-30%)	-	\$761.04	\$761.04
692	1	Extremely Low (0-30%)	-	\$747.30	\$747.30
694	6	Extremely Low (0-30%)	-	\$1,007.41	\$1,007.41
323 ¹	1	Very Low (31-50%)	\$450.00	\$359.40	\$809.40
262 ²	1	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$717.46	-	\$717.46
741	6	Very Low (31-50%)	\$10.60	\$150.00	\$160.60
740	2	Very Low (31-50%)	-	\$402.79	\$402.79
739	5	Very Low (31-50%)	-	\$607.14	\$607.14
420 ³	6	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$7,062.60	\$553.09	\$7,615.69
738	5	Very Low (31-50%)	-	\$1,025.03	\$1,025.03
700	1	Above 80%	\$1,042.66	\$646.90	\$1,689.56
744	5	Extremely Low (31-50%)	\$271.55	\$123.84	\$395.39
749	5	Low (51-80%)	-	\$751.12	\$751.12
489	1	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$1,920.60	-	\$1,920.60
655	2	Above 80%	-	\$702.24	\$702.24
419	5	Extremely Low (0-30%)	-	\$861.14	\$861.14

669	2	Low (51-80%)	\$266.84	\$906.00	\$1,172.84
716	1	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$372.00	\$109.04	\$481.04
718	4	Very Low (31-50%)	-	\$644.38	\$644.38
682	2	Extremely Low (0-30%)	-	\$591.50	\$591.50
686	5	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$323.24	\$1,064.97	\$1,388.21

Section 2. 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. These distributions shall be drawn out of fund 120 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 and Memorandums of Understanding with the awardees.

Section 3. Seward County Fire Department Addition Reallocation

As part of its Direct Aid Spending Plan (approved through Seward County Resolution 2020-16) Seward County, Kansas allocated \$114,000.00 for an addition to an existing county building to allow for the Seward County Fire Department to be housed separately from the City of Liberal Fire Department. The project cannot be accomplished by December 30, 2020. Therefore, the Board of Seward County Commissioners hereby reallocates the \$114,000.00 previously allocated in the Direct Aid Spending Plan for a fire department addition to be used instead for Seward County Covid related reimbursements.

Section 4. Withdrawal of Certain Awards.

Upon the advice of its consultant, Iparametrics, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas hereby withdraws the following Grant Program awards which were previously awarded under Seward County Resolution 2020-21. Due to these award withdrawals, the Clerk shall not issue payment to the respective applicants as previously directed or the applicant shall forthwith return all funds previously received.

Withdrawn Response and Recovery Grant Program Awardees (previously authorized under Resolution 2020-21):

- A. City of Liberal-Emergency Communications Center in the amount of \$298,035.03 due to the fact that the project cannot be completed by December 30, 2020.
- B. Prairie View Elementary School in the amount of \$75,000.00 due to the fact that the project cannot be completed by December 30, 2020.

These amounts are hereby to be reallocated to Seward County Covid related reimbursements.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be filed with the office of the Seward County Clerk and is effective December 14, 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 14th day of December 2020.



Nathan A. McCaffrey, Chairman
Seward County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Stacia D. Long, County Clerk

