

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-04

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM APPLICATIONS USING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS WHICH WERE APPROPRIATED TO SEWARD COUNTY, 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 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 applicants at this time; and

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.

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 \$937.90 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
751	1	Very Low (31-50%)	\$358.60	\$190.00	\$548.60
631	1	Extremely Low (0-30%)	\$389.30	-	\$389.30

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 with the awardees.

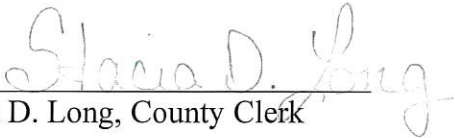
Section 3. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be filed with the office of the Seward County Clerk and is effective January 19, 2021.

WHEREUPON, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas, passes and adopts this Resolution in regular session, at its chambers in Liberal, Seward County, Kansas this 19th day of January, 2021.



Ada Linenbroker, Chairman
Seward County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST:



Stacia D. Long, County Clerk

