

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM
AWARD RECONCILIATIONS AND FURTHER DENYING CERTAIN INCOMPLETE
APPLICATIONS**

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, 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, in order to close out the Household Emergency Relief Program there are certain reconciliations to awards that are necessary; and

WHEREAS, there are also certain applicants who never returned required documentation in order to process their respective award and therefore it is necessary to deny these pending applications in order to close out the Household Emergency Relief Program as well.

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

Section 1. Reconciliations of Household Emergency Relief Program Awards.

Upon the advice of its consultant, Iparametrics, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas hereby approves the following reconciliations, adjustments, and actions concerning certain Household Emergency Program awards (each of which is identified by a unique, assigned Applicant ID number):

ID	BoCC Approval Date	Total Award	Revised Award	Change Amount	Comments
274	-	\$1,380.20	\$1,380.20	\$0.00	Award disbursed as part of the first round of awards. Formal approval required.
74	Oct-19 ¹	\$1,287.20	\$0	-\$1,287.20	Award was not paid. A new award was paid on 10/26

¹ All dates 2020, unless otherwise noted

87	Oct-26	\$98.82	\$498.82	+\$400.00	Administrative Correction of Resolution.
247	Oct-26	\$3,208.35	\$3,198.35	-\$10.00	Administrative Correction.
223	Oct-26	\$2,171.59	\$1,914.80	-\$256.79	Utility assistance returned from Southern Pioneer.
33	Nov-2	\$1,197.46	\$897.46	-\$300.00	Removed broadband voucher as it was not pursued.
35	Nov-2	\$2,728.10	\$2,726.10	-\$2.00	Administrative Correction.
90	Nov-2	\$1,641.27	\$1,341.27	-\$300.00	Removed broadband voucher as it was not pursued.
62	Nov-2	\$1,933.42	\$1,933.43	+\$0.01	Administrative Correction.
120	Nov-2	\$714.48	\$714.50	+\$0.02	Administrative Correction.
127	Nov-2	\$553.14	\$556.14	+\$3.00	Administrative Correction.
290	Nov-2	\$865.36	\$866.16	+\$0.80	Administrative Correction.
273	Nov-2	\$705.04	\$655.93	-\$49.11	Utility assistance returned from Black Hills Energy.
370	Nov-9	\$2,758.12	\$1,201.82	-\$1,556.30	Forfeited Rental Assistance.
202	Nov-16	\$2,087.84	\$2,087.54	-\$0.30	Administrative Correction.
205	Nov-23	\$1,463.42	\$957.18	-\$506.24	Forfeited Rental Assistance.
176	Nov-23	\$3,037.95	\$1,890.75	-\$1,147.20	No W-9 Form Provided. Rental Assistance removed.
285	Nov-23	\$1,444.09	\$1,508.72	+\$64.63	Administrative Correction.
384	Nov-23	\$1,053.98	\$1,097.16	+\$43.18	Administrative Correction.
556	Nov-23	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	-\$2,000.00	Property flooded and household had to move.

585	Nov-23	\$2,043.85	\$1,132.60	-\$911.25	Forfeited Rental Assistance.
432	Nov-23	\$428.63	\$0.00	-\$428.63	Administrative Correction – Duplicate.
603	Nov-23	\$1,082.65	\$1,039.76	-\$42.89	No W-9 Form. Rental Assistance removed.
475	Nov-23	\$662.68	\$448.00	-\$214.68	No W-9 Form. Rental Assistance removed.
203	Nov-23	\$937.87	\$442.59	-\$495.28	Utility assistance returned from Southern Pioneer.
143	Nov-23	\$2,398.66	\$2,129.46	-\$269.20	Utility assistance returned from Southern Pioneer.
460	Nov-23	\$3,293.31	\$3,241.60	-\$51.71	Utility assistance returned from Southern Pioneer.
560	Nov-23	\$2,803.52	\$2,803.02	-\$0.50	Administrative Correction
524	Nov-23	\$2,203.38	\$1,273.10	-\$930.28	Landlord refused to sign W-9.
130	Nov-23	\$636.36	\$638.36	+\$2.00	Administrative Correction.
140	Nov-30	\$2,135.69	\$2,126.69	-\$9.00	Administrative Correction.
175	Nov-30	\$1,166.90	\$1,400.36	+\$233.46	Administrative Correction.
32	Nov-30	\$1,576.12	\$1,456.48	-\$119.64	Utility assistance returned from City of Liberal due to account finalization upon receipt of check.
348	Dec-7	\$703.40	\$703.04	-\$0.36	Administrative Correction.
512	Dec-7	\$532.50	\$532.54	+\$0.04	Administrative Correction.
604	Dec-7	\$424.19	\$0.00	-\$424.19	Administrative Correction – Duplicate.
416	Dec-7	\$1,390.13	\$372.90	-\$1,017.23	No W-9 Form. Removed rental assistance.

689	Dec-7	\$2,010.98	\$1,872.84	-\$138.14	Utility Assistance returned – Southern Pioneer
669	Dec-14	\$1,172.84	\$266.84	-\$906.00	Administrative Correction – removed rental assistance as it was duplicated.
686	Dec-14	\$1,388.21	\$1,065.97	-\$322.24	No W-9 Form. Rental Assistance Removed.
737	Dec-21	\$241.30	\$0	-\$241.30	Utility assistance returned from Southern Pioneer.
744	Dec-14	\$395.39	\$123.84	-\$271.55	No W-9 Form. Removed rental assistance.
275	Dec-21	\$1,019.82	\$690.72	-\$329.10	Utility assistance returned from Southern Pioneer.
261	Dec-21	\$2,961.68	\$2,611.68	-\$350.00	Rental Amount Correction due to Relocation.
630	Dec-21	\$717.58	\$500.80	-\$216.78	Administrative Correction – Document Issue.
686	Dec-21	\$1,036.37	\$0.00	-\$1,036.37	Administrative Correction – Duplicate.
426	Dec-21	\$4,069.74	\$1,225.86	-\$2,843.88	No W-9 Form. Removed rental assistance.
710	Dec-21	\$2,647.48	\$647.48	-\$2,000.00	No W-9 Form. Removed rental assistance.
174	Dec-21	\$518.94	\$0.00	-\$518.94	Not Approved – No Income Information.
441	Dec-21	\$639.48	\$566.28	-\$73.20	Utility Assistance returned – Southern Pioneer
217	Dec-21	\$1,407.16	\$1,651.04	+\$243.88	Added additional broadband.
252	Dec-21	\$523.60	\$0.00	-\$523.60	Withdrew.
44	Dec-21	\$283.42	\$0.00	-\$283.42	Withdrew.

654	Dec-21	\$1,809.10	\$776.10	-\$1,033.00	Removed Utility Payment – Document Issue.
TOTAL		\$79,592.76	\$57,166.28	-\$22,426.48	

Section 2. Applicants Denied Due to Incomplete Applications.

Upon the advice of its consultant, Iparametrics, the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Kansas hereby denies certain Household Emergency Program applicants (each of which is identified by a unique, assigned Applicant ID number) as follows due Applicants not providing required information to complete their applications:

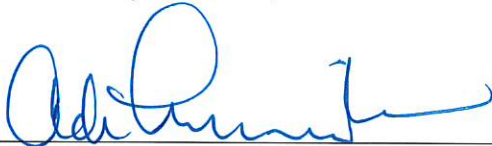
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Section 4. Effective Date.

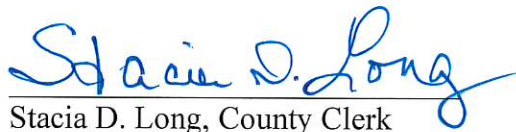
This Resolution shall be filed with the office of the Seward County Clerk and is effective March 1, 2021.

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 1st day of March, 2021.



Ada Linenbroker, Chairman
Seward County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Stacia D. Long, County Clerk

