

Pandemic-Related Funds for Local Health Departments (LHD)

The following table represents the known funding streams directed toward LHDs in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. With the exception of money allocated by the Legislative Coordinating Council, these funds were limited to expenditures directly related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Total Amount	Source	Spending Deadline	Allowable expenditures	Allocation process
\$1.8 million	CDC COVID supplemental funding	June 30, 2021	Unknown	Based on population served and location of LHD (rural, urban, tribal, etc.)
\$9.0 million	CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity funds	December 1, 2022	Salaries, overtime, and contracts for contact tracing, testing, and other COVID-19 response activities	Non-competitive awards based on county population and the number of COVID-19 cases as of June 19, 2020
\$9.0 million	CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity	December 1, 2022	Care coordination activities and/or efforts to expand testing across the community	Care coordination grants (\$2,000 - \$300,000) Testing grants (\$2,000-\$500,000)
\$4.1 million	SPARK Round 2	December 30, 2020	Expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency	Grants up to \$750,000. 26 Local Health Departments received awards
\$1.0 million	Legislative Coordinating Council	N/A	N/A	Added to the amount allocated through the state funding formula for FY 2021

SPARK Round 1

The SPARK committee allocated \$400.0 million of federal coronavirus relief funds to Kansas counties in Round 1 of their funding distribution. LHDs were encouraged to obtain funds from the counties for COVID-19 expenses. The Office of Recovery estimates that \$33.6 million of the Round 1 funds have been allocated to the category of 'public health, healthcare providers, and human services.' However, due to the broad number of allowable expenditures in this category, it is not possible to discern how much of these funds were distributed to or used to support the efforts of LHDs.

Future Funding

In March 2021, Kansas received the additional funds provided by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, which was passed in December 2020. These funds are dedicated to vaccination and testing. In addition, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is anticipated to include money for testing, vaccines, and work force to be distributed through grants to states and local entities. The allocations for Kansas from the ARPA are not yet known.