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# Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK)

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS CALL | 6.19.2020



# PROCESS OVERVIEW

## 1<sup>st</sup> ROUND:



June

DISTRIBUTED:

ELIGIBLE:

AMOUNT:

% of TOTAL:

Local Govts.

\$400 M

39%

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND



August

Public/Private entitles

\$310 M to \$525 M

30% to 50%

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ROUND:



October

Public/Private entitles

\$109 M to \$324 M

11% to 31%

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# PHASED APPROACH TO IMPROVE HEALTH & ECONOMIC OUTCOMES



## 1<sup>st</sup> ROUND

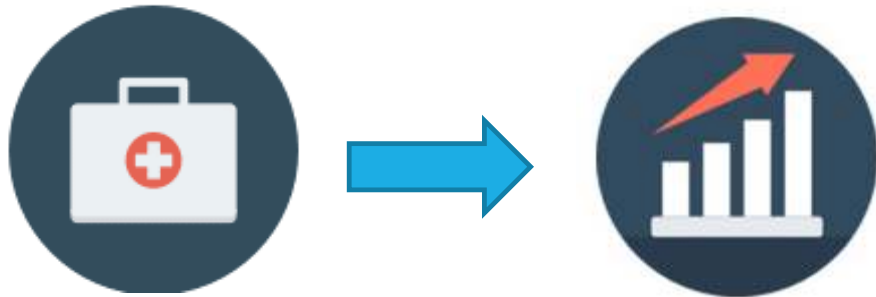
- **Strengthen health** to allow our economy to reopen safely **AND** to
- **Remain open**
  - Testing, tracing, PPE could be critical to staying open

## Goals:

- **Fair**
- **Impactful**
- **Timely**

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## PHASED APPROACH TO IMPROVE HEALTH & ECONOMIC OUTCOMES



### 2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND

- Strategic investments to **revitalize our economy** in the short & long-term
- Significant input from Executive and Steering Committee provided here

## PHASED APPROACH TO IMPROVE HEALTH & ECONOMIC OUTCOMES



### 3<sup>rd</sup> ROUND

- Reinvest to sustain our health and economy recoveries if COVID-19 reemerges or build on 2<sup>nd</sup> round investments.

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## **FAIR:** ALL KANSANS DESERVE A SHARE OF FUNDS

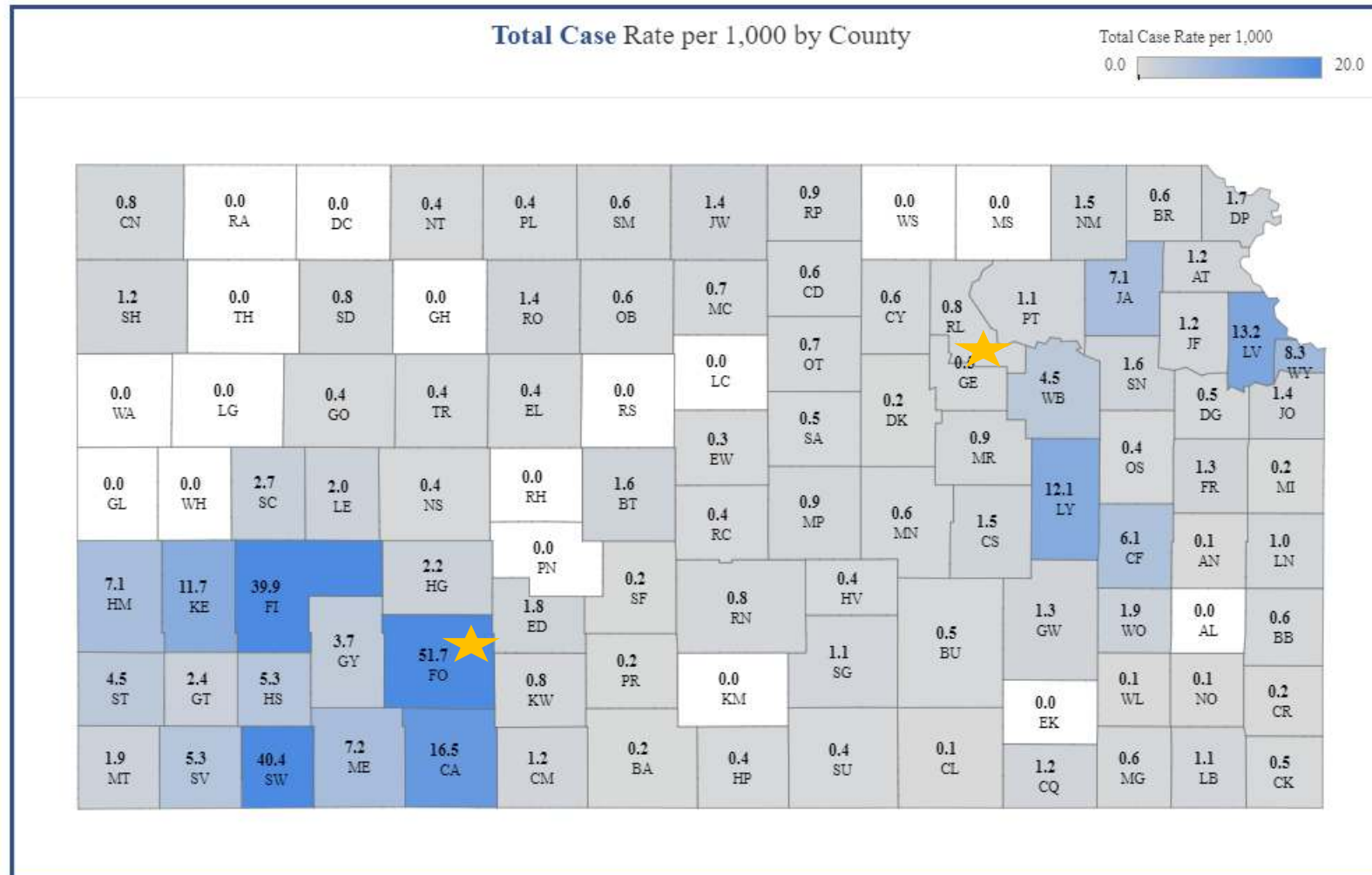
Johnson & Sedgwick  
counties received about

**\$194**  
per person

To give all remaining counties \$194  
per person would equal about

**\$350 M**  
total statewide

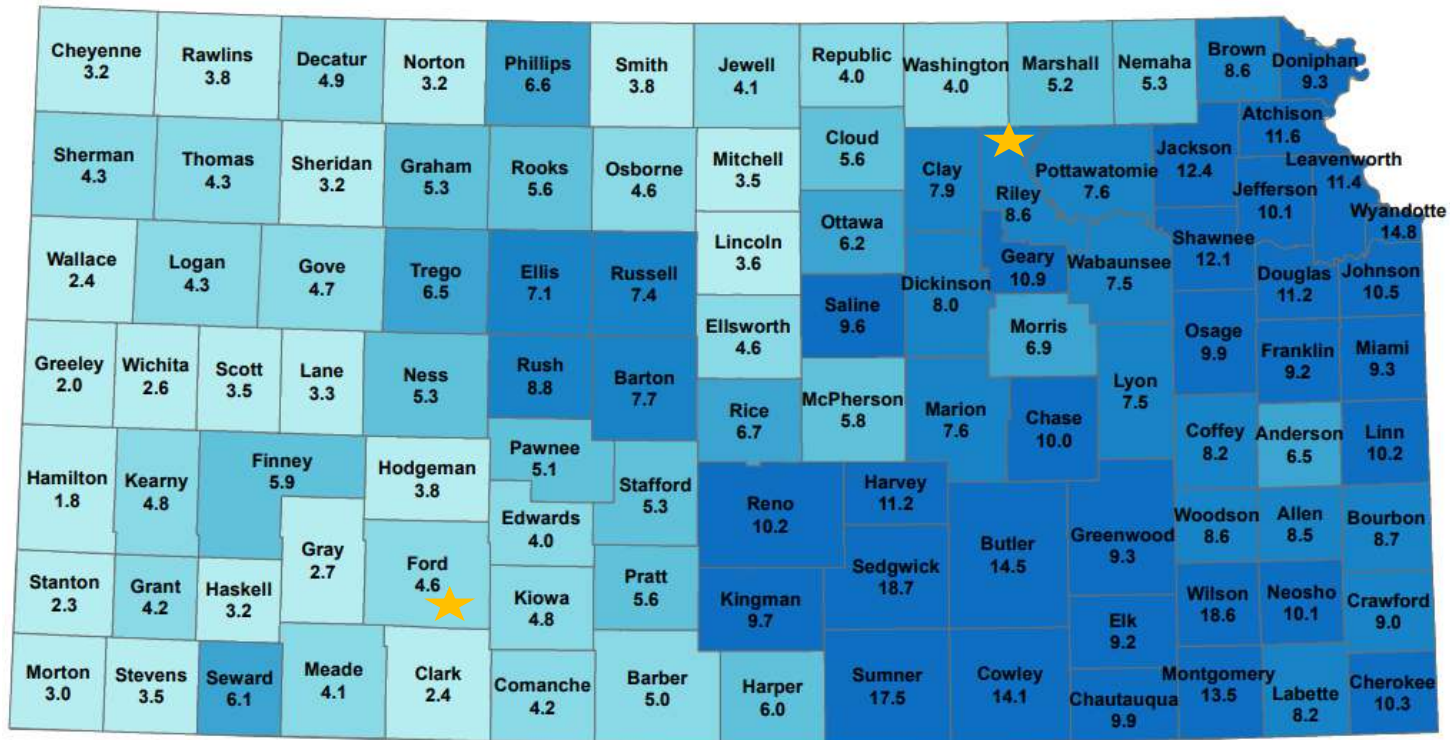
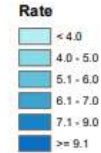
# IMPACTFUL: BUT THE NEEDS ARE NOT EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED BY POPULATION CONSIDER COVID-19 RATES



\*As of June 1, 2020

# IMPACTFUL: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TOO

APRIL 2020  
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



Note: County unemployment rates are only available not seasonally adjusted  
Source: Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services and the Bureau of Labor Statistics; Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

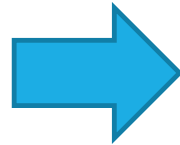
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Source: May 22, 2020 Labor Report



# 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND FORMULA OVERVIEW

\$350 M  
FAIR

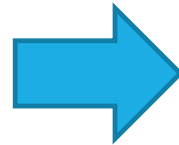


- All counties receive their portions of funds based on population.



\$194 per person in each county

\$50 M  
IMPACT FUND



- All counties evaluated.
- Shares determined by COVID & unemployment rates
- Counties with higher than average rates receive more funds



Amounts vary per county

Avg. COVID-19 rate -	3.3
Avg. Unemployment rate -	11%

## TYPES OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND & DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS

- Reimbursements for COVID-19 expenses
- Direct aid without requiring reimbursement
- COVID-19 expenses could include:
  - PPE
  - Testing supplies
  - Contact tracers
  - Quarantine resources
  - Payroll for employees dedicated to the COVID-19 response
  - Medical expenses
  - Public health costs



“Reimbursement doesn’t make sense if cities don’t have the money to pay for their needs in the first place.”

# 1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND DISTRIBUTION RECOMMENDATION

## 50-50 split per County

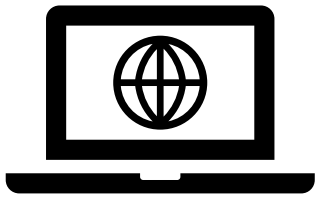
- 50% made available for **reimbursement**; funds not used returned to a general pot
- 50% goes to **direct aid**, no reimbursement required

## Benefits of this approach:

- Provides counties some flexibility with both direct aid & reimbursements
- It makes recouping funds easier if counties are unable to use all their funds in time. AND we can redistribute them to ensure Kansas doesn't lose any funds.

## COUNTY LEVEL RESOLUTIONS

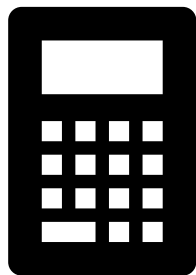
- Kansas counties will be required to sign a resolution by July 13<sup>th</sup> to receive funds. The resolution will codify the following provisions:



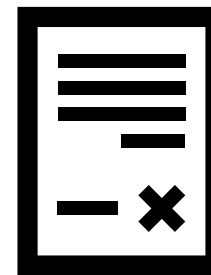
**Transparency** requirements for any public meetings, materials, and minutes.



A **pledge** for counties to allocate funds for **municipal and educational entities** within their counties.



**Accountability** and reporting requirements, including a monthly budget reconciliation schedule.



An **agreement** making counties **responsible** for funds allocated to them, including a description of allowed and disallowed expenses

# ANY QUESTIONS?

## Funding Formula

- \$350 M based on population
- \$50 M bonus pool based on COVID-19 and unemployment rates

## Distribution Type

- 50% - Reimbursement
- 50% - Direct aid

## Schedule

June 19 – Notification of County Allocations  
June 26 – County Webinar  
July 13 – Resolutions Due  
August 15 (Tentative) – County Spending Plan Due