

# CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND BACKGROUND

Coronavirus Relief Fund: Kansas	
Johnson County	\$116,311,034
Sedgwick County	\$99,636,917
State (SPARK portion)	\$1,034,052,049
Total	\$1,250,000,000



SPARK Distribution Process	
Round 1 (Counties)	\$400M
Round 2	\$310-\$525M
Round 3	\$109M to \$324M
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,034,052,049</b>

Today's focus is on Round 2 Distribution

## Purpose and Restrictions

To address medical or **public health needs** related to the emergency & provide **economic support** to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19.

Payments can only be used for costs:

- Necessary public health (COVID-19) emergency expenses
- Not accounted for in the budget approved as March 27, 2020
- Incurred from **March 1 to December 30, 2020**

## Examples of Public Health Expenditures Allowed

NOTE: The list of expenditures is not limited to these, rather this is a sampling of what is allowed.

- COVID-19 related expenses of public hospitals or clinics
- COVID-19 testing and quarantine costs
- Payroll of employees substantially dedicated to COVID-19 mitigation or response
- Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities
- Technological improvements to facilitate distance learning
- Improving telework capabilities

## Examples of Economic Expenditures Allowed

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- Grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures
- Government payroll support program
- Unemployment insurance costs related to COVID-19

## What is NOT Allowed

- Expenses for the State share of Medicaid
- Damages covered by insurance
- Payroll or benefits for employees not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
- Expenses that will be reimbursed under any federal program
- Reimbursement to donors for donating items or services
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements

# HOW STATES ARE ALLOCATING CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING

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## New Hampshire (\$1.25B received total)

### PHASE 1

#### **\$400M - Main Street Relief Fund**

Allows businesses to have flexibility in paying bills, mortgages, taxes, etc. with a focus on small businesses. Administered by Department of Revenue through a grant program.

#### **\$60M - Non-Profit Relief Fund**

Funds intended to stabilize organizations will be administered through the Community Development Finance Authority, NH Charitable Foundation, and the NH Center for Nonprofits.

#### **\$50M - Healthcare Relief Fund**

\$20M marked for long term care facilities, as they are the only market sector with state guarantee to not close their doors.

#### **\$25M - Child Care**

Provides financial assistance to child care providers and strengthens New Hampshire's Child Care Collaborative.

#### **\$15M - Farm and Food**

Supports dairy farmers through the Dept. of Ag. And provides \$5M to the NH Food Bank.

#### **\$15M - Public Higher Education Relief Fund**

Allows for COVID testing and contact tracing for students, faculty and staff while enhancing online and remote learning and making campus modifications to ensure social distancing as in-person classes begin.

#### **\$30M - Business Finance Authority Safe Harbor Forgivable Loans**

**\$595M** Note: States haven't allocated all the dollars they have available.

### PHASE 2

Ideas for future consideration include:

- Housing
- Homelessness
- K-12 Educations
- Private Higher Education

## Montana (\$1.25B received total)

- \$50M - Business Stabilization Grant Program**  
Will provide working capital for Montana-owned small businesses with 50 or fewer employees that have sustained a loss of revenue due to COVID-19. Current funding available is \$50 million, the maximum award amount per business is \$10,000.
- \$50M - Emergency Housing Assistance Program**  
Will provide rent, security deposit, mortgage payment, and/or hazard insurance assistance as-needed for Montanans who have lost a job or substantial income loss as a result of COVID-19. Initial payments may include up to three months assistance where the eligible household can demonstrate arrears for April and May, with continuable inability to make their June payment. Montana Housing will pay the difference between 30 percent of the household's current gross monthly income and their eligible housing assistance costs, up to \$2,000 a month. Household income limits range from \$75,000-\$125,000 based on family size. Montanans receiving other forms of housing assistance are not eligible.
- \$10M - Social Service Nonprofit Grants**  
Up to \$10,000 per applicant are available for nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency to retain existing programs and services, employees, or organizational viability for provision of future services and operations. Eligible applicants are registered, Montana-based social service nonprofits that were operating prior to February 15, 2020. Current funding available is \$10 million.
- \$5M - Montana Innovation Grant Program**  
Is intended to help companies scale up, improve capabilities, or drive expanded distribution of products or services developed in response to COVID-19. Non-profit and for-profit businesses of less than 150 employees with primary operations in Montana that have created an innovative product or service intended to directly confront the COVID-19 emergency can apply for grants of up to \$25,000. Current funding available is \$5 million.
- \$5M - Public Health Grants**  
Available to local and tribal health departments and urban tribal clinics to help in the response to COVID-19 and to meet the needs of their communities. Each organization is eligible to apply for funding. Current funding available is \$5 million.
- \$2M - Food Bank and Pantry Assistance**  
up to \$50,000 per applicant are available to increase food security for Montanans hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible applicants include community organizations providing food assistance to Montanans with limited resources, food banks, food pantries, community cupboards, and entities with infrastructures already in place to begin new food distribution programs. Current funding available is \$2 million.
- \$650,000 - Telework Assistance Grants**  
Up to \$1,000 per individual will go towards purchasing equipment to assist Montanans with disabilities access telework equipment. DPHHS will partner with a local non-profit organization to assess and support assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities during COVID-19. This assistance will help ensure people with disabilities have the equipment needed to adapt to the change in working environment due to COVID-19. Current funding available is \$650,000.
- \$500,000 - Food and Agriculture Adaptability Program**  
Grants are available to food and agriculture businesses to help increase community resilience amid the COVID-19 pandemic and other economic disruptions. Examples of eligible projects include those focused on accessing new markets, projects which strengthen and expand local food systems, and other business adaptations that decrease food and agricultural waste. Current funding available is \$500,000, with a maximum grant award of \$10,000.
- \$400,000 - Stay Connected Grants**  
Ranging from \$500-\$2,000 per applicant are available to reduce social isolation among Montana's seniors. Eligible applicants include area agencies on aging, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and tribal elder services. Grant funds can be used to fund technologies and other efforts to encourage physically distant forms of social interaction for elderly Montanans during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Current funding available is \$400,000.
- \$123M** Note: States haven't allocated all the dollars they have available.

## Colorado (\$2.2B received total)

- \$950M - Education**  
Intended to help both K-12 and Higher Ed with expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects such as the increased number of at-risk pupils due to the COVID-driven recession.
- \$275M - Local Governments**  
Intended for local govts that did not receive direct funding in the CARES Act and will be based on other states' best practices.
- \$85M - First responder and public health worker payrolls**  
Intended to support employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID emergency.
- \$59M - Second-order effects of the emergency, such as human service programs**
- \$10M - Veterans and state facilities**  
To comply with public health orders surrounding veterans living and other state-run congregate care facilities during the outbreak.
- \$10M - Emergency rental and mortgage assistance**  
For people with low and moderate incomes affected by the outbreak who are not eligible for unemployment, food benefits or direct federal stimulus payments.
- \$1.39B** Note: States haven't allocated all the dollars they have available.

## Ohio (\$4.5B received total)

- \$280M - Ohio School Districts**  
Would go to help school districts pay for activities, coordination, preventative measures and training regarding COVID; address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth; and pay for educational technology and mental health services for students.
- \$162M - Community Development and Services Grants (over two years)**
- \$120M - Low-Income Housing and Home Energy Assistance Grants**
- \$31M - Department of Aging**  
Would be split between support services, nutrition services, caregiver support and ombudsman services.
- \$10M - Small Business Loan Fund**  
Establish a direct loan fund for small businesses impacted by COVID-19 in Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties.
- \$20M - PPE Manufacturing Grant Program**
- \$5M - COVID-19 Economic Relief Grant Program for minority-owned businesses**
- \$628M** Note: States haven't allocated all the dollars they have available.

## Wyoming (\$1.25B received total)

NOTE: This has passed the legislature but not been signed by the governor,

**\$400 now,  
then \$450M  
after July  
15 to four  
categories -**

### Emergency Response

- Funding for expenditures incurred or that will be incurred “as direct response of combating COVID-19 in Wyoming, for which CARES Act relief funds may currently be expended”.

### Relief Aid

- Payments to state and local programs to support businesses, families and individuals.

### Economic Development Projects

- Capital construction, road building, infrastructure, broadband and other projects aimed to offset economic impacts of COVID.

### Replacement of Lost Revenue for Public Entities

- Relied funds for state and local governments to continue providing “a base level of critical services while longer term solutions to this economic crisis can be implemented”.

**\$400M**

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