

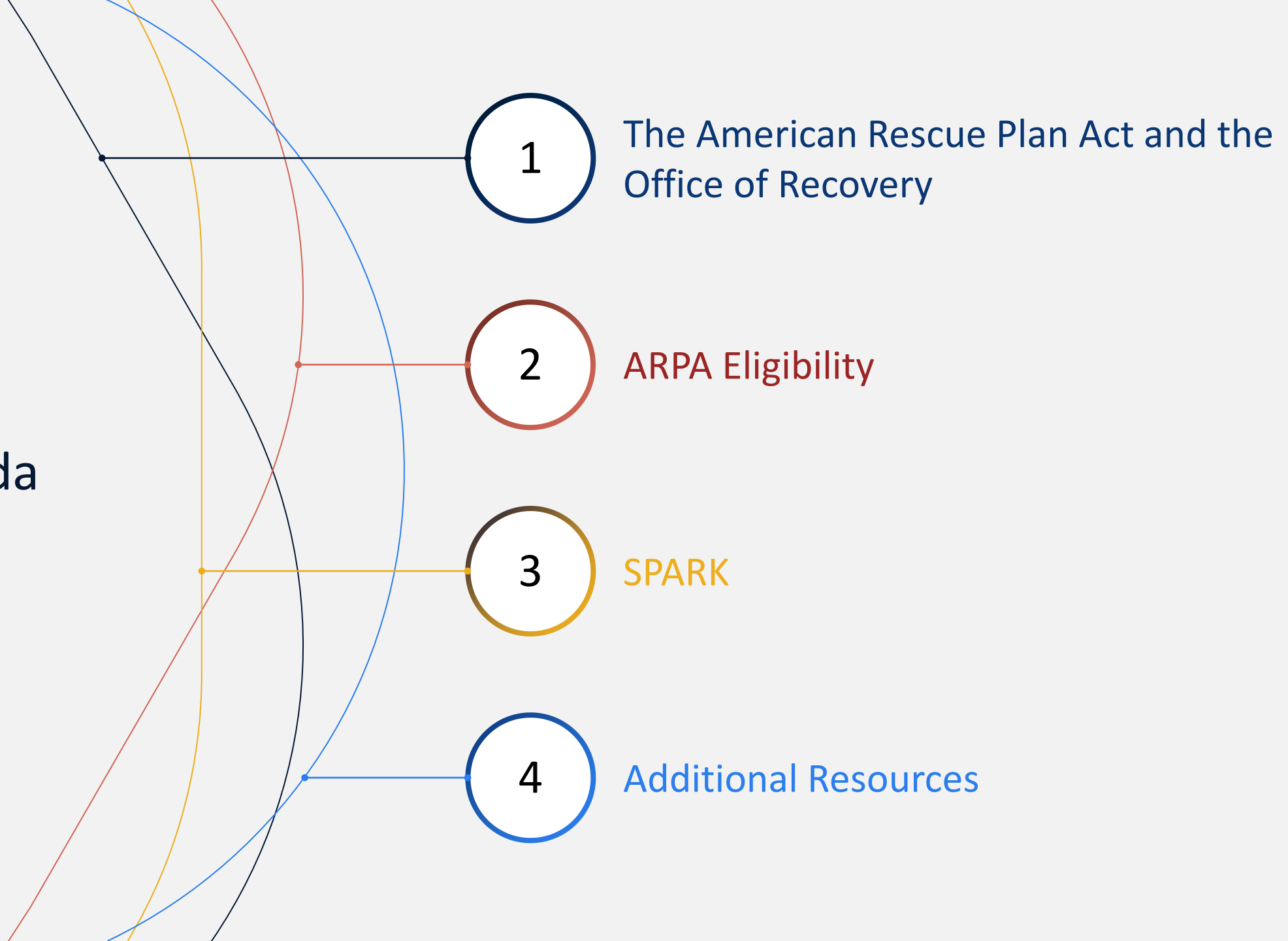


American Rescue Plan Act Overview

Office of Recovery

February 4, 2022

Agenda



The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Office of Recovery

The Office of Recovery's **mission and purpose is to deliver maximum impact** with COVID-19 relief funding for Kansans

RO has purview over various funding..



Overall ARPA enablement



State Fiscal Recovery Funds



Local Fiscal Recovery Funds



State agency program funding

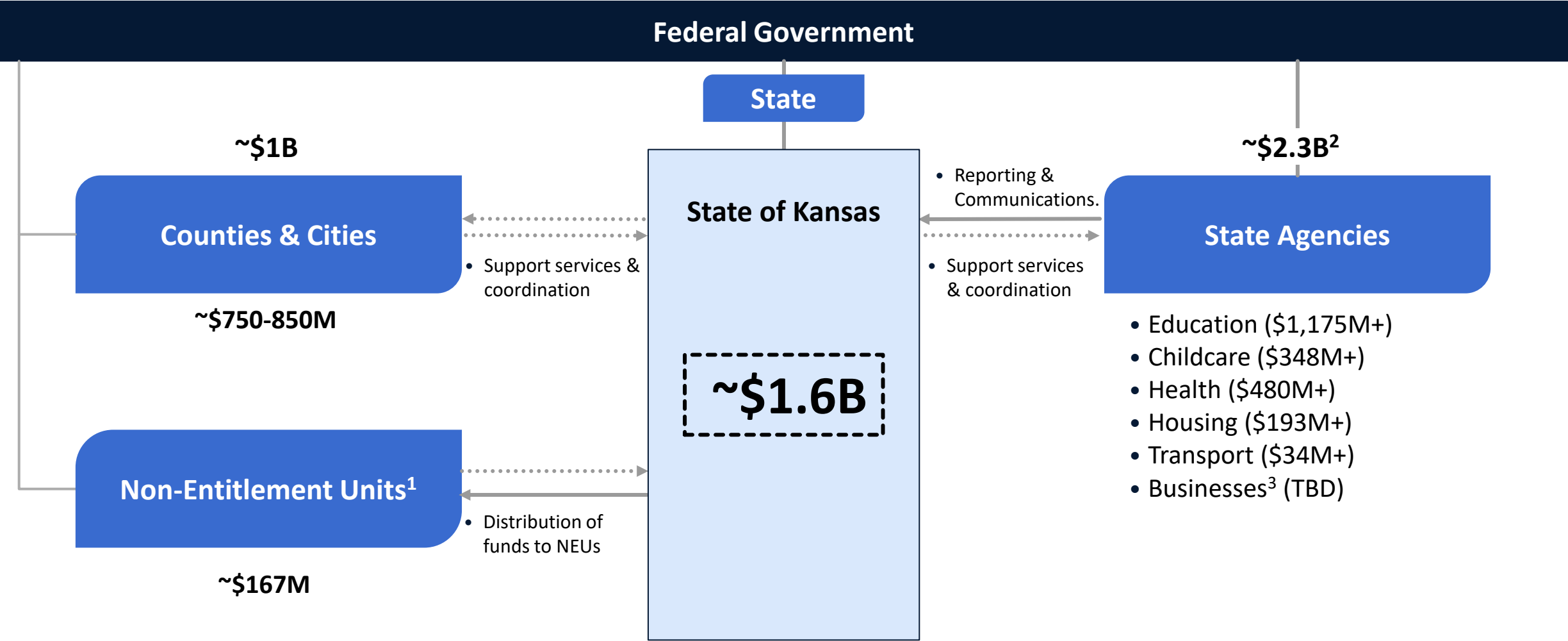


Other COVID-19 federal funding
(CARES Act, CAA, etc.)

..and will deliver impact by:

- 1 Ensuring all funds allocated to Kansas are spent on areas, initiatives, and programs that meet the needs of Kansans
- 2 Coordinating across stakeholders in charge of spending and distributing funding to optimize impact across areas of needs

ARPA funding to the State of Kansas



ARPA Eligibility

Updated Guidance for State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Eligible Uses:

- 1 Respond to the **public health emergency** with respect to COVID-19 or its negative **economic impacts**
- 2 **provide premium pay** for employees doing essential work or provide grants to eligible employers
- 3 **Provide government services** to extent of reduction in revenue due to COVID-19 relative to revenues collected in most recent full fiscal year
- 4 Make **necessary investments** in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure

Categories of Ineligible Uses for State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Ineligible Uses:

Local Governments:

Under section 603(c)(2), ineligible expenses include:

- 1 Depositing into any pension fund
- 2 Funds may not be used for debt service, replenishing rainy day funds/financial reserves, or satisfaction of a settlement or judgment.
- 3 Uses of funds may not undermine COVID-19 mitigation practices in line with CDC guidance and recommendations.
- 4 Uses of funds may not violate Uniform Guidance conflict-of-interest requirements or other applicable laws.

Resources for local governments

[ARPA Info/Guidance](#): This page provides general information and guidance for state and federal COVID relief

[KS Office of Recovery Question/Request Form](#): Allows local governments to submit specific questions about COVID-19 relief and receive general guidance and best practice suggestions

[Office of Recovery Q&A Sessions](#): Provides local governments the opportunity to ask questions directly from subject matter experts as well as discuss and share ideas for ARPA uses of funds and projects with other local government representatives

[Webinar Materials](#): This page contains all past webinar recordings and materials hosted by the Office of Recovery

[SPARK Materials](#): Contains useful information, updates and resources as it pertains to the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Executive Committee

[Subscribe to the Office of Recovery Newsletter](#): Email newsletter on ARPA issues as well as potential state funding that could benefit ARPA related projects and COVID recovery

SPARK - Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas

Created by Senate Bill 159, the SPARK Executive Committee is tasked with **recommending investment opportunities** to the State Finance Council for investment of federal COVID-19 relief dollars allocated to the State of Kansas

Executive Committee:

- **Chair:** Lieutenant Governor Toland
- **Public Sector Rep:** Secretary Burns-Wallace
- **Private Sector Rep:** Jon Rolph
- **President of the Senate:** Ty Masterson
- **President of the Senate's appointee:** Bill Pickert
- **Speaker of the House:** Ron Ryckman Jr.
- **Speaker of the House's appointee:** Greg Orman



Guiding principles for SPARK and investment of ARPA funds

*To inform evaluation criteria of policies,
investments, and initiatives*

- **Prioritize sustainable programs & investments** through one-time use of funds vs substantial expansion of existing services
- **Combine with / leverage local and agency funds** to maximize use of discretionary funds
- **Foster long-term systemic impact** for Kansans
- **Consider equitable opportunities** and outcomes
- **Enable flexibility within investment strategies** (e.g., in case of emerging needs, changing federal landscape)
- **Ensure results are measurable** to enable tracking & transparency

Advisory Panels span four topic areas



Economic Revitalization

- Economic recovery
- Growth and competitiveness
- Infrastructure quality



Health and Education

- Essential needs
- Behavioral health
- Early education and child care



Connectivity

- Connectivity expansion
- Connectivity affordability
- Sector-specific applications



Efficiency and Modernization

- Facilities modernization
- IT Infrastructure
- Safety & Security
- Continuity of Operations

SPARK Investment Ideas



<https://covid.ks.gov/spark-submission-form/>

- Opportunity for Kansans to submit investment ideas to the SPARK Advisory Panels
- Portal open through February 16, 2022
- Questions – SPARKtaskforce@ks.gov

Additional Resources



Additional Programs and Resources



[Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance \(KERA\) Program](#)

[Homeowners Assistance Fund \(HAF\)](#)



[Office of Broadband](#)



Questions?

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