

**1. Act on Allocation of FY 2021 Governor’s
Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund Grants
to State Universities**

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Summary and Recommendation

In accordance with the federal CARES Act, Governor Kelly’s Office was awarded \$26,274,163 under the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER Fund) by the U.S. Department of Education in early June. Governor Kelly allocated the full amount to the state universities, via an award to the Board of Regents. Board staff recommends that the Board approve allocation of the distributions as outlined below.

State Universities

Allocation of the GEER Fund in each state is determined by the Governor, and the U.S. Department of Education notes that the GEER Fund may be used to provide emergency support through grants to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) to support the ability of such institutions to continue to provide educational services and support the ongoing functionality of the institution.

The Governor’s Grants Office applied for the fund in late May and was awarded the state allocation in early June. In her budget allotment announced on June 29, 2020, the entire allocation from the GEER Fund was designated for use by the state universities, but with a commensurate reduction in each university’s State General Fund appropriation. The GEER Fund contains maintenance of effort requirements, but despite the reduction of State General Fund appropriations, Kansas remains in compliance with the MOE at this time.

In accordance with federal cash management rules, the Board Office will pay each University on a reimbursement basis, with payment due only after the University has actually incurred expenses associated with the approved grant activities. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to KBOR on a biweekly (or less frequent) basis through a portal provided for that purpose. Board staff will initiate interfunds within three business days following receipt of the reimbursement request. The University must expend all funds for which it intends to seek reimbursement under this agreement between March 13, 2020 and September 30, 2021.

State University	GEER Allocation
University of Kansas	\$6,316,593
University of Kansas Medical Center	4,729,440
Kansas State University	6,690,455
KSU Polytechnic Campus	301,989
KSU Veterinary Medical Center	451,058
Wichita State University	2,997,749
Emporia State University	1,505,594
Pittsburg State University	1,684,463
Fort Hays State University	1,596,822
Total	\$26,274,163

Grant agreements will be signed by each university’s CEO with the Board of Regents’ President and CEO, assuring that the university understands the responsibilities associated with acceptance of the federal grant. Periodic updates will be given to the Board on deployment of the funds and as demanded by the U.S. Department of Education.

**2. Act on Allocation of FY 2021 Coronavirus Relief
Fund Grants to Public Institutions of Higher
Education**

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Summary and Recommendation

In accordance with the federal CARES Act and 2020 House Bill 2016 enacted during the 2020 Special Session of the Legislature, the State Finance Council approved an allocation of \$64,942,923 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund at their meeting on July 29. The funds are for the institutions to make necessary preparations and expenditures to deliver in-person instruction and prepare for campus operations in the Fall 2020 semester. Board staff recommends that the Board approve allocation of the distributions as outlined below.

Public Universities

As the seven public universities plan for reopening this fall, they assembled estimates of what it could cost each of them to prepare their campuses. While the other CARES Act funds were made available to the institutions, there will be atypical and what are hoped to be one-time expenses for which the universities do not have a ready source.

A formal request was made in early July to the SPARK Task Force for a portion of the Phase Two funds that will allow the universities to finance the purchase of COVID-related equipment and supplies, make necessary building improvements, and institute a cost-effective and non-invasive virus testing process for the estimated 108,000 members of the university communities. The original request was for \$95.4 million and included \$26.3 million for student financial aid and for two semesters of campus testing at an estimated cost of \$27.1 million.

In order to expedite Phase Two allocations across state government, the SPARK Task Force and Recovery Office formed agency workgroups, one of which was focused on Education. The agency workgroup forwarded the Board's request made on behalf of the universities but in a reduced amount –\$55.5 million – which excluded the student financial aid and cut in half the amount designated for campus testing expenses. This smaller amount was ultimately endorsed by the SPARK Task Force, Executive Committee and then approved by the State Finance Council on July 29, 2020.

These costs will be necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency and were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020. Also, they are costs that will be incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

A portion of the universities' request was developed in partnership with the University of Kansas Health System, which has health care expertise. The figures shown are the best estimates for what was known at the time, using the guidance available. If any of the public universities receive funding for coronavirus response funds from their local county, the university will return anything that duplicates what is included here. There is no intent for an institution to be reimbursed twice for any pandemic related expense.

The tables on the next page total the seven public universities' grant awards and the amounts by function.

University	Grant Award
University of Kansas	\$19,013,829
University of Kansas Medical Center	2,802,917
Kansas State University	17,814,311
Wichita State University	5,222,375
Emporia State University	3,251,141
Pittsburg State University	2,719,658
Fort Hays State University	2,353,549
Washburn University	2,364,245
Total	\$55,542,023

Summary by Function	Amount
Equipment and Supplies	\$7,263,206
Continuity of Instruction	17,506,497
Facilities and Equipment	11,912,556
On-Campus Health Care/Student Health Centers	5,306,192
Campus Testing/Infection Prevention Advice/Surge Contact Tracing/Infection Prevention Education (Fall Semester)	13,553,572
Total	\$55,542,023

Community and Technical Colleges

The community and technical colleges also requested a share of the state's Coronavirus Relief Fund grant and they were approved \$9,400,000 for three distinct functions: purchase of personal protective equipment (\$2.7 million), purchase of equipment (\$5.2 million) and for costs associated with the disruption to delivering the Excel in CTE program to secondary students (\$1.5 million). Each institution was recommended to receive an equal base amount, and then the college's share of the total AY 2019 FTE enrollment was applied to arrive at their share of the amounts.

College	Grant Award
Allen Community College	\$312,743
Barton Community College	449,635
Butler Community College	581,379
Cloud County Community College	256,778
Coffeyville Community College	302,866
Colby Community College	249,605
Cowley Community College	336,019
Dodge City Community College	258,339
Flint Hills Technical College	268,523
Fort Scott Community College	295,182
Garden City Community College	276,309
Highland Community College	373,988
Hutchinson Community College	545,832
Independence Community College	215,787
Johnson County Community College	1,012,491
Kansas City Kansas Community College	557,355
Labette Community College	254,753
Manhattan Area Technical College	208,419
Neosho County Community College	297,855
North Central Kansas Technical College	216,014
Northwest Kansas Technical College	230,102
Pratt Community College	238,033
Salina Area Technical College	234,917
Seward County Community College	287,094
Washburn Institute of Technology	463,956
WSU Campus of Applied Science and Technology	676,026
Total	\$9,400,000

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