



ARPA and World Cup Update
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Thank you for allowing us to provide an update regarding the ARPA funding, World Cup and STAR Bonds for the Chiefs and Royals.

ARPA

Currently, there are 16 ARPA grant programs administered by Commerce and more than \$436 million has been dispersed to the grant recipients. 9 of the grant programs have required a match from the recipient, which will generate more than \$421 million in matching funds. Below, you will find a table that breaks down the details related to each grant program.

Program	Total Award Amount	Total Required Match	Disbursements to Date	Award Exp to Date	Award Remaining
ABODE	\$8,057,050.00	\$8,057,050.00	\$1,443,641.00	\$991,836.00	\$6,613,409.00
ALOFT	\$19,079,703.00	\$6,359,901.00	\$12,986,451.50	\$7,629,878.09	\$11,449,824.91
BASE 1.0	\$101,500,000.00	\$33,000,000.00	\$80,734,453.00	\$69,507,177.19	\$31,992,823.00
BASE 2.0	\$44,800,024.00	\$14,933,341.33	\$26,949,484.00	\$15,235,215.73	\$29,564,808.27
CC & TC	\$50,011,397.00	\$50,011,397.00	\$34,106,618.50	\$21,410,682.01	\$28,600,714.99
DRAW	\$9,501,391.48	\$3,167,130.49	\$6,250,181.25	\$3,573,026.54	\$5,928,364.94
EcoDevo - Eisenhower Foundation	\$5,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$5,000,000.00
EcoDevo - Hilmar	\$35,000,000.00	\$-	\$35,000,000.00	\$35,000,000.00	\$-
EcoDevo - Emporia, City of	\$5,000,000.00	\$-	\$5,000,000.00	\$-	\$5,000,000.00
EcoDevo - Grow Hays	\$9,610,450.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$9,610,450.00
EcoDevo - Wareham Hall Renovation Fund	\$1,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$1,000,000.00
EcoDevo - Ottawa, City of	\$3,100,000.00	\$-	\$3,100,000.00	\$3,100,000.00	\$-
EcoDevo - Salina, City of	\$25,000,000.00	\$-	\$25,000,000.00	\$16,006,245.69	\$8,993,754.31
EcoDevo - Pittsburg	\$5,000,000.00	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$5,000,000.00
KBOR	\$113,000,000.00	\$-	\$79,500,000.00	\$38,395,501.17	\$74,604,498.83
KPB	\$8,500,000.00	\$-	\$6,863,500.00	\$2,897,934.06	\$5,602,065.94
PIC	\$8,227,310.65	\$24,281,932.05	\$7,007,663.85	\$6,343,557.16	\$1,883,753.49
SPRINT	\$30,000,000.00	\$-	\$17,414,455.00	\$9,148,084.47	\$20,851,915.53
University Challenge	\$89,880,161.00	\$269,640,483.00	\$79,760,322.00	\$30,610,318.39	\$59,269,842.61
Grand Total	\$571,267,487.13	\$421,451,234.87	\$421,116,770.10	\$259,849,456.50	\$310,966,225.82

*information as of 12/10/24

Overall, the projects supported through ARPA are progressing nicely. Grantees are completing regular project and expense reports and updating timelines as components of the projects are

completed. Additionally, regular check ins and technical assistance meetings are occurring with grantees to ensure compliance with the federal regulations.

Here are a few highlights of the success of this funding.

- ALOFT: Aviation Learning Opportunities and Funded Training – This program provided up to \$20 million in grants to aviation and aerospace manufacturers, supply chain providers, and local airports for training and workforce development initiatives.
 - Textron Aviation, Inc. in Wichita was able to expand their training workforce facility from 30,000 square feet to 70,000. The facility provides upscaling of recertification training for current employees and manufacturing training scenarios for new employees. They are estimating that they will train 500 incremental employees over two years, resulting in an additional 3,500 indirect jobs.
- BASE 1.0: Building a Stronger Economy 1.0 – This program provides matching funds to address economic development opportunities with the goal of expanding the state’s base of businesses and residents as we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic.
 - The Norton County Foundation utilized funding to renovate the Heaton building allowing it to house 9 businesses with 18 employees. The project included construction of a structural integrity beam, technology to implement a card key system for entrances and exists of the building and general renovations to create the additional office space.
- BASE 2.0: Building a Stronger Economy 2.0 – Like BASE 1.0, this program provides matching funds to address economic development opportunities with the goal of expanding the state’s base of businesses and residents as we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic.
 - The City of Independence was able to complete a water expansion project to supply adequate water and water pressure to Bartlett Grain, Milling, & Processing and other local businesses.
 - In Colby, BASE 2.0 was awarded for an expansion project at McCarty Dairy that created 27 additional jobs and will support 3,500 cattle per year. Ultimately, this project allows the dairy to double its production.
- Community/Tech Colleges – Approximately, \$45 million was allocated to 22 community colleges and technical colleges in Kansas for specific projects related to workforce.
 - Through this funding, Colby Community College constructed an agricultural center to accommodate existing and expected new student enrollment in agricultural majors. The facility has 6 classrooms and offices for 16 full-time agricultural employees.
 - At Johnson County Community College, the funding was used to create a commercial drivers license program with training simulators.
- Private Independent Colleges – \$10 million was allocated to fund grants for private and independent colleges for workforce related projects.
 - Newman University was awarded a grant to complete a variety of projects. Those included window replacements in Sacred Heart Hall, the purchase of sonography equipment for the radiology program and the creation of a student success center in Dugan Hall. The student success center provides a space for tutoring, testing services, ADA support services and career and graduate school advising.
 - At Tabor College, funding supported the construction of additional student residence hall space. It specifically created space for 86 new beds.

- SPRINT: State Park Revitalization and Investment in Notable Tourism – This funding opportunity sought to address the pandemic’s impact and support the tourism industry by funding development and/or improvement of tourism-focused businesses and tourism agencies.
 - The funding supported the construction and installation of 14 interactive STEM exhibits at the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. These exhibits will promote STEM related careers to young people.
 - In Hutchinson, the State Fair Grounds were awarded a grant to rebuild the House of Capper to the same style as the original from 1916. The project also included renovations to the Fountain House. Electrical updates, new doors and windows and a 30-foot extension of the building were all components of the renovation at the Foundation House.

As with the ARPA funded grantees, the agency has regular communication with KC 2026 leadership and participates in monthly virtual Project Management meetings. KC 2026 has established several subcommittees focused on key aspects of the World Cup which includes: Transportation, Safety and Security, Government Affairs, Marketing & Communications, Fan Events, Volunteer Workforce and Community Engagement. Presentations were arranged for KC 2026 to engage with key tourism stakeholder groups, including the Council on Travel and Tourism and the Kansas Tourism Conference. In addition, Kansas Tourism provided a presentation at the Kansas Museums Association conference to help prepare museums for World Cup visitors both at their attraction and in their community. We provided photography and videography assets to KC 2026 to be used in the creation of marketing materials, plus helped them identify key tourism attractions across the state of interest to international travelers. The contract is almost executed, and includes a timeline and eligible expenses including transportation, security, promotion, IT needs and a legacy project. KC 2026 is prepared to provide an update to the legislature in January.

Lastly, we are not able to share any details regarding the Chiefs and Royals utilizing the new provisions of the STAR Bond program. Because all major economic development projects require discretion and confidentiality, the department is not able to disclose any details regarding the activity surrounding negotiations or future agreements.