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About Recovery Connect

What	Why	How
• A Sedgwick County economic recovery program run by the Public Policy and Management Center (PPMC) at WSU	• To connect individuals, small businesses, and nonprofits to resources to help them recover from the pandemic	• Funded by Sedgwick County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Who We Serve

Individuals

- Provide solutions to individuals seeking to reenter the workforce but face barriers in accessing training programs

Nonprofits

- Provide assistance to nonprofit organizations seeking grant funding

Businesses

- Provide resources to struggling businesses to remain open and operating during the pandemic

Program Overview

Awareness	**Access**	Support
Connect to existing resources.	Create equitable access.	Refer to 1:1 assistance.

Awareness

- Website: resources for individuals, businesses and nonprofits
- Outreach: community and partner networks
- Events: virtual and in-person sessions and workshops
- Social Media: community engagement & sharing resources

Access

- Needs: understand community needs and barriers to recovery
- Initial Assessment: meet with a Recovery Connect specialist
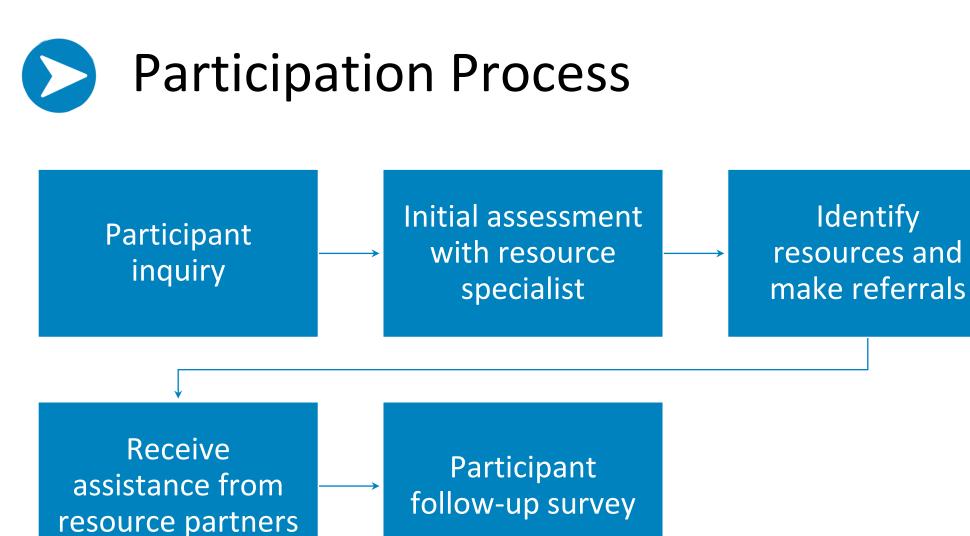- Referrals: refer participants to program and resource partners

Support

- Assistance: provided by program and resource partners
- Education: connections to job training and education through WSU Tech Community Navigator
- Workshops: bi-weekly grant writing workshops

Participation Process

| Participant inquiry | → | Initial assessment with resource specialist | → | Identify resources and make referrals |

| Receive assistance from resource partners | → | Participant follow-up survey |

Program Partners

AB&C Bilingual Resources

C3S

CML Collective

Cynthia Berner: *Public Libraries/ Small Community Connector*

Empower

Harmony Marketing

Kansas Nonprofit Chamber

Local Government Network

Oaklawn Improvement District

Wichita State University

WSU Tech

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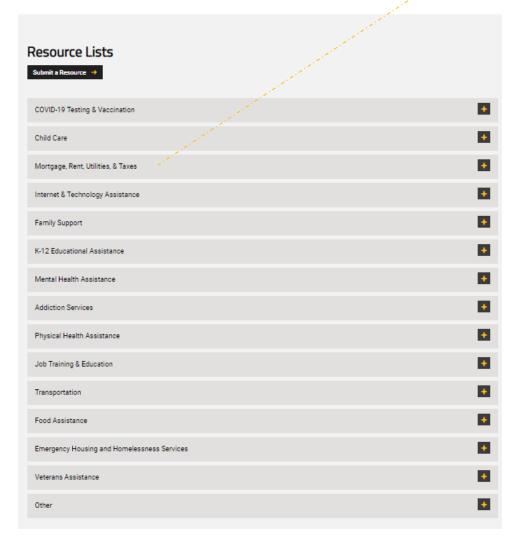A Sedgwick County Community Initiative

COVID Recovery for Individuals

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Recovery Connect can provide solutions to individuals seeking to reenter the workforce but need assistance with needs related to housing, childcare, COVID-19 vaccinations, health & medical assistance, and more. Check out our resource list below.

Contact us by email at recoveryconnect@wichita.edu or by phone at (316) 978-6737 to get started with an initial assessment.

Resource Lists

Submit a Resource →

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination	+
Child Care	+
Mortgage, Rent, Utilities, & Taxes	+
Internet & Technology Assistance	+
Family Support	+
K-12 Educational Assistance	+
Mental Health Assistance	+
Addiction Services	+
Physical Health Assistance	+
Job Training & Education	+
Transportation	+
Food Assistance	+
Emergency Housing and Homelessness Services	+
Veterans Assistance	+
Other	+

Child Care +

Mortgage, Rent, Utilities, & Taxes −

Rent, Utility, and Internet Assistance
- For: Renters financially impacted by the pandemic
- From: Kansas Housing Resource Corporation (KHRC) Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance (KERA) program
- How: Apply online
- More info: Visit KS Housing Corp's website
- Deadline: OPEN

Wichita Emergency Rental Assistance Program (WERAP)
- For: Renting households with an income below 80% of the area median income (AMI). Depending on availability, the funding can be used for past due rent & utilities, future rent & utilities, or a total of up to 15 months of assistance. The family must:
    - Have past rent due and/or utilities and must have received an eviction notice or demand for payment.
    - Have a COVID-19 related economic impact such as loss of job, reduced tips, or increased child care or medical expenses.
- From: The City of Wichita
- How: Apply online
- More info: For general info and AMI/ income limits visit the City of Wichita's website
- Deadline: OPEN

The Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP)
- For: Households that are currently disconnected or at risk of becoming disconnected from drinking and/or wastewater services (under 15% of the federal poverty level)
- From: Kansas Department for Children and Families. The Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP)
- How: The application form is online
- More info: Visit DCF's website
- Deadline: OPEN. Funds available until exhausted

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
- For: Eligible households can receive a one-time per year benefit to help pay a portion of their home energy costs.
- From: Kansas Department for Children and Families
- How: Apply online through DCF's portal. Print applications that can be mailed or emailed to DCF are also available at online.
- More info: Visit DCF's website
- Deadline: March 31, 2022 at 5 pm

Kansas Homeowner Assistance Fund (KHAF)
- For: Kansas homeowners financially impacted by the pandemic needing help with mortgages, property taxes, homeowners' insurance, energy costs, and more.
- From: Kansas Housing Corp
- How: Homeowners will submit applications online. Application link can be found on their website
- More info: Visit their website. Call (855) 307-KHAF (5423) or email KHAF@kshousingcorp.org with any questions.
- Deadline: Open

Internet & Technology Assistance +

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Group Discussion

1. What are the greatest areas of need for individuals, nonprofits, and small businesses?

2. What type of resources or assistance can help?

3. What groups should we be presenting to?

4. How can we make this program more successful?

Website Review & Resources

Website:

www.Recovery-Connect.org

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Thank you for participating!

What questions do you have?

Do you have feedback?