The Kansas Volunteer Commission is seeking the support of community partners in disseminating the Kansas Volunteerism Survey. The Commission is seeking input to learn about the critical unmet needs facing our communities. The results from the survey will help the Commission determine funding priorities and direct training and technical assistance to advance volunteerism, mentoring, civic engagement and national service in our state.

Complete the survey online and make sure to forward the survey link through your networks and encourage participation.

Surveys are due by Friday, December 4, 2020.

Print off the "I wear a mask because..." printable on our website, www.lkm.org/covid-19 and send us a selfie on Facebook or Twitter as to why you wear a mask! Share the message and use the hashtag #MaskUpKansas!

Mask Up Kansas!

On November 19, the Governor released a new Executive Order 20-68 requiring face masks. The order goes into effect 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday Nov. 25. This order does not apply in counties in which EO 20-52 is in effect or in counties or cities in which a local ordinance or order requires face coverings be worn in public places or in business. Under the new order, local governments retain authority to issue or enforce equally or more restrictive orders. Counties may also exercise authority in KSA 48-925(h) as amended by HB 2016 to issue an order relating to public health that is less stringent than the provisions of the executive order. To do that, the order must make the following findings and include the findings in the order: (1) The board has consulted with the local health officer or other local health officials regarding the governor's executive order; (2) following such consultation, implementation of the full scope of the provisions in the governor's executive order are not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county; and (3) all other relevant findings to support the board's decision. Violations of the new Executive order will be enforced civilly through the Attorney General or the local County Attorney.

Cases of COVID-19 in Kansas are going up. With the colder temperatures and upcoming holidays, let's all work to #MaskUpKansans. Why do you wear a mask? A loved one? To keep your business open and employees well? To protect those of us who have compromised immune systems?

These informative sessions will be held via Zoom and provide a discussion of the League’s 2021 Legislative Priorities. We hope you take this important opportunity to virtually visit with the League and your peers. All Legislators are also invited to attend Regional Suppers; we encourage you to reach out and personally invite them to attend. Register at www.lkm.org/events or contact (785) 354-9565.
KHRC Announces Funding for Homelessness

Supplemental Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding, provided by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020, is now available to assist communities in their efforts to prevent and respond to homelessness. Funds must serve community members currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness and must be used to prevent, prepare for, or mitigate the effects of coronavirus. The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation will accept applications from any unit of local government, including cities and counties. Local governments may apply on behalf of nonprofit organizations, which can provide services as a subrecipient or subgrantee. Eligible grant-funded activities may include:

- Emergency Shelter
- Homelessness Prevention
- Street Outreach
- Rapid Rehousing
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Program Administration

Applications are due Tuesday, Dec. 15. Funds must be expended between Jan. 1 and Dec. 30, 2021.

Questions? Review application materials online or contact ESG Program Manager James Chiselom.