

Kansas State Deaf-Blind Fund

FY 2020 - 2021

Students who are deaf-blind present complex and challenging educational needs. The nature of the disability is such that highly specialized consultation, evaluation methods, and technology may be necessary for them to access daily instruction in education settings. A large percentage also have significant intellectual disabilities. Availability and daily use of specialized instructional materials and services, such as positioning equipment, assistive technologies, instructional software, augmentative alternative communication devices, and/or accommodations provide can maximize access to the general education curriculum. As a result, the opportunity for students with deaf-blindness and/or significant intellectual disabilities to learn and achieve alongside their same age peers in preschools, general education classrooms, community and/or vocational settings is increased.

In SFY2021, the amount allocated was \$110,000.00. Each application to the Kansas State Deaf-Blind Fund is reviewed carefully. One criterion for eligibility is the cost of expenditure(s) needs to exceed the amount an LEA has available from local and state categorical funds. The first funding window for priority candidate application was July 1 to October 31. Funding was available and a second application window was opened for students with significant intellectual disabilities, in addition to deaf-blindness January 1st through May 20th.

In SFY2021, an unusual number of unforeseen challenges arose when verifying local expenditures before issuing reimbursements. These obstacles can be attributed to the COVID-19 disruptions on local business offices combined with staff turnover. An unusually high number of requests for reimbursement were substantially lower than the amount KSDE approved. KSDE responded by extending due dates, soliciting additional applications, providing technical assistance and accommodating the need of each LEA to every extent practical. As a result, \$95,454.97 was expended and \$14,545.00 remained unobligated.

In SFY2021, a total of 92 deaf-blind fund applications were processed. Expenditures benefitted 76 Kansas children and youth from 32 local districts, cooperatives, interlocals, and/or education service centers. A listing of expenditures by organization and amounts can be found on second page of this report. The money was used in the following categories:

Assistive Technology	\$95,454.97
Consultation	\$0.00
Evaluations	\$0.00
Total	\$95,454.97

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Organization	Amount
C0009 Northwest KS Education Service Center	\$2,930.07
C0021 Leavenworth County Infant Toddler Services	\$1,065.13
C0032 Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating	\$1,329.82
C0033 Shawnee County Infant Toddler Services	\$346.85
D0101 Erie-Galesburg	\$710.12
D0229 Blue Valley	\$6,896.97
D0231 Gardner Edgerton	\$2,403.90
D0232 De Soto	\$1,481.89
D0233 Olathe	\$11,208.22
D0254 Barber County North	\$643.29
D0257 Iola	\$1,113.75
D0260 Derby	\$12,037.00
D0261 Haysville	\$200.00
D0286 Chautauqua Co Community	\$528.75
D0305 Salina	\$845.32
D0331 Kingman - Norwich	\$899.00
D0349 Stafford	\$899.00
D0373 Newton	\$1,078.99
D0379 Clay Center	\$2,627.36
D0383 Manhattan-Ogden	\$5,682.73
D0409 Atchison Public Schools	\$724.91
D0413 Chanute Public Schools	\$2,478.98
D0437 Auburn Washburn	\$1,829.78
D0469 Lansing	\$2,337.65
D0497 Lawrence	\$13,908.99
D0500 Kansas City	\$1,010.38
D0501 Topeka Public Schools	\$3,468.19
D0609 Southeast KS Education Serv Center	\$2,319.50
D0613 Southwest Kansas Area Cooperative	\$2,545.93
D0618 Sedgwick Co Area Educational Servs	\$6,850.49
D0620 Three Lakes Educational Cooperative	\$1,226.44
D0708 Hays West Central KS Special Ed. Coop.	\$1,825.57
TOTAL	\$95,454.97