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Dear Ms. Kelly,

This letter provides the Kansas Association of Local Health Department's (KALHD's) written concurrence, on behalf of member local health departments, for the proposed use of the non-earmarked cooperative agreement funds as described in the Kansas Project Budget and Kansas Work Plan Budget Year 2020-2021.

The process leading up to this letter of support is outlined as follows:

- On January 24, 2020 the KALHD/KDHE Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Advisory Team discussed the preliminary draft local work plans.
- On February 6, 2020 the KALHD/KDHE PHEP Advisory Team met for its quarterly meeting and reviewed revised work plan drafts. KALHD members and staff participated with KDHE Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) to discuss the draft work plans and to provide feedback. KDHE PHEP provided revised local work plans and KALHD distributed them to its membership electronically.
- On February 13, 2020 KALHD conducted a review of the PHEP local work plans in an open meeting with KALHD's membership, and Denise Kelly with PHEP participated to solicit final feedback.
- On February 14, 2020 KDHE PHEP staff distributed the revised, final local and regional work plans to KALHD which provided the documents to its membership.
- On February 18, 2020 the KALHD Board of Directors voted to support the local and regional work plans and grant application.

KALHD is the statewide membership organization that currently represents 94 of the 100 local health departments in Kansas. The non-member local health departments are, by county: Chautauqua, Cherokee, Hamilton, Labette, Montgomery, and Republic.

Sincerely,

Dennis Kriesel  
KALHD Executive Director