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County opens applications for about \$21M in ARPA funds



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Douglas County opened the next phase of its American Rescue Plan Act funding request process this week.

Deadline to submit paperwork is May 2

The county began accepting grant applications Tuesday, with about \$21 million in coronavirus relief funding left to allocate to agencies

for qualifying expenditures occurring between March 3, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2024. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 2, at 5 p.m.

The process kicked off last month, when the Douglas County Commission first discussed the more than 100 letters of intent for funding

it had received from county agencies. Those preliminary requests totaled nearly \$77 million, almost four times more funding than what the county has left to distribute.

> ARPA, 2A



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LEFT TO RIGHT: MEMBERS OF A UKRAINIAN ENTRY IN THE LAWRENCE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE carry Ukrainian flags on Thursday in downtown Lawrence; a crowd dances to music from a passing float.

Mass. turns green

The St. Patrick's Day Parade returned to downtown Lawrence on Thursday afternoon with festive floats and costumes galore. Parade award winners are listed below:

- First Place Commercial: Top Tumble
- Second Place Commercial: The Fun Factory Ramblers

- Third Place Commercial: Lawrence Tree Service
- First Place Family: Smith Family and Friends
- Second Place Family: Reazin Family
- Third Place Family: Kevin Curtis Family
- Grand Prize Traveling Trophy: The Sandbar

- Best Dressed Wee Little Irish Folk: Leah Collins
- First Place Nonprofit: Greenhouse Church
- Second Place Nonprofit: City of Lawrence Parks and Rec
- Third Place Nonprofit: Watkins Museum of History



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THE SANDBAR FLOAT ROLLS PAST IN THE LAWRENCE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE on Thursday in downtown Lawrence. See more photos from the parade at LJWorld.com.

GOP leader: State could act soon on medical marijuana

By Sherman Smith

Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — Retired Holton mechanic Jim Ricketts is a criminal.

That's because the 71-year-old relies on marijuana every night to ease the pain from injuries that he suffered in two car crashes, including one that broke his neck. Smoking pot allows him to sleep at night.

Ricketts attended a Kansas Senate hearing Wednesday on legislation that would legalize marijuana for medicinal use in Kansas.

> MARIJUANA, 2A

Home prices in Lawrence keep rising



TOWN TALK
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A change in the calendar has not brought a change to one of Lawrence's most expensive trends. Lawrence home prices continue to rise in 2022, according to the first set of data for the new year.

The Lawrence Board of Realtors has released home sales data for January and February, and the median selling price of homes thus far is up nearly 18% for 2022.

> HOMES, 2A

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