

Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) 2.0

BASE 2.0 will address infrastructure and economic development needs that were delayed or slowed due to COVID-19 in an effort to expand the state's base of businesses and residents. BASE 2.0 projects will aim to develop infrastructure and economic assets that will set the stage for long-term business and community growth across Kansas.

BASE 2.0 Timeline

January 3, 2023 – Request for applications posted

January 6, 2023 – Webinar for interested applicants

January 31, 2023 – Applications due

March 14, 2023 – Anticipated date for public disclosure of BASE 2.0 Awardee names, addresses, and award amounts

Period of Performance – Projects must be completed within 2-years or by June 30, 2025 (whichever is sooner). Construction must begin within 6 months of the fully executed grant agreement.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants located in Kansas, include:

- County or municipal governments,
- Economic Development Organizations,
- Recognized Tribes within the borders of Kansas,
- Private land developers and commercial property owners,
- 501c3-Designated Non-Profit Organizations,
- Local Main Street Programs or Main Street Affiliate,
- Local Chambers of Commerce,
- Community Foundations, and
- Rural Water Districts.

Use of Funds

BASE 2.0 projects will support infrastructure investments associated with current or future economic development projects, including:

- Infrastructure associated with the development of new business parks
- Development of infrastructure required to support business expansions and housing (utility connection, ground leveling, and connecting roadways).
- Renovation of existing business parks to bring up to modern standards
- Development of infrastructure such as railroad spurs, water, wastewater, stormwater and other utilities
- Driveway aprons
- Business Park signage
- Parking facilities directly associated with business attraction projects
- Speculative industrial office and residential space
- Development of infrastructure related to cybersecurity investments
- Other projects that achieve the goal of expanding the state's base of businesses and residents

Unallowable projects:

- Vertical Construction housing projects
- Standalone improvements for public service buildings and community facilities (ie: fire stations, police stations, swimming pools, libraries)
- Broadband projects
- Street repairs or improvements not tied to an existing or future economic development project

Application Information

- No more than three (3) total applications may be submitted by an eligible entity from BASE 1.0 and BASE 2.0 combined.
- All applicants must obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on SAM.gov to apply, and all awarded applicants must complete, and maintain, an active entity registration on SAM.gov to receive funding.
- There is no minimum amount for projects, however the maximum award request is \$25 million.
- Up to three (3) letters of support
- A business and marketing plan are required for the project.
- Projects submitted are required to document how the project was delayed or affected negatively due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting negative economic conditions.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit any relevant architectural and/or engineering plans for their project, as well as bids and estimates.

Information for BASE 1.0 Applicants

If you applied for BASE 1.0 (original funding opportunity), you may leave your BASE 1.0 application unchanged and it will be considered again for funding. If you desire to make changes to your original (BASE 1.0) application, search your email for a notification from Submittable that your BASE 1.0 application is open for editing. To make changes, login with your original credentials to update project details and/or replace attachments. All changes must be submitted by January 31, 2023 at 11:59 PM.

All applications (BASE 1.0 unfunded as well as BASE 2.0 submissions) will be reviewed when the current application period closes on January 31, 2023.

Matching Funds Requirement

All projects require a minimum 25% match investment provided by the applicant or additional program partner. No in-kind (non-cash) contributions or donated equipment, goods or services are eligible for match. All match funding must be verified money in the bank ready to spend.

Matching funding can be from state or federal sources, as long as there is no duplication of benefit. Examples of eligible matching funds include Local ARPA Funds, Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grants, Community Development Block Grant, Community Service Tax Credit Program, USDA Rural Development, State Historic Preservation Office programs, Network Kansas programs, and funds from a general operating account.

Allowable expenses incurred specifically for and necessary to an approved project, that were procured competitively and in accordance with the applicants written procurement policies, are eligible for match only if dated on or after January 1, 2019. Land purchases are eligible for matching fund contributions no earlier than January 1, 2021.

Disbursement

Awardees will be provided with no more than 50% of their award disbursement following the execution of an Award Agreement. The remaining disbursement(s) will be provided following the acceptance of two quarterly progress reports and 10% of the grant funds have been expended, along with any other necessary conditions provided in the Award Agreement.

Resources

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