



WHAT IS BIL?

Summer 2023

To date, Kansas has received nearly **\$1.8B** in BIL funding (discretionary and formula programs).

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BIL is shorthand for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. BIL also has another name—the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). IIJA was the original package presented to Congress. When it passed out of Congress and went to the President's desk for signature in November 2021 it became BIL. You'll see BIL and IIJA used interchangeably—they mean the same thing.

BIL provides historic investment in United States infrastructure over a five-year period. About 60% of this funding is considered formula, sometimes called directed funds, that will have specific federal requirements. The remaining 40% will be discretionary grants which will have their own set of federal priorities/ requirements.

The total investment across the United States is **\$1.2 trillion** and includes nearly 400 formula and discretionary grant programs across 12 federal agencies.

BIL supports **investments in transportation, energy and power, broadband, water and sewer, resilience and cybersecurity.**

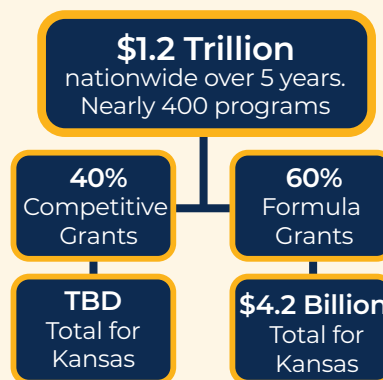
BIL Funds: Formula vs Discretionary Grants

There are two types of BIL funds—formula and discretionary grants. Each type has rules regulating how they are to be spent. Those rules are set by legislation and/or the federal funding agency, and they vary by each program. Some programs under BIL already have established guidelines, while other programs are still in development. This means that for some programs, the rules and/or funding availability have not yet been established.

Discretionary Grant Funds are competitive grant funds that an eligible entity can apply to receive. Each BIL grant program (both new and existing) has specific guidelines that outline who is eligible, project types, spending expectations and other key aspects of the program. Guidelines associated with a grant are determined by the federal agency responsible for distributing those dollars.

Discretionary grant funds are merit based—meaning each grant application is scored based on the criteria provided and awards are made based on those scores. Not every grant application submitted will be awarded money. For many programs the applicant must provide matching funds.

KANSAS BIL FUNDS



Formula (or Directed) Funds are essentially guaranteed dollars. These funds are distributed from federal agencies to corresponding state agencies through existing and new programs. Many existing programs are receiving more funding than they have previously.

There is no one-size-fits-all answer when it comes to how formula funds can be used—it depends on the rules for each program.

KANSAS FORMULA FUNDS*

Transportation	\$3.2 Billion
Energy & Power	\$40 Million
Broadband	\$452 Million
Water & Sewer	\$454 Million
Resilience	\$25 Million
Cybersecurity	\$3.8 Million

STATEWIDE FORMULA TOTAL \$4.2 Billion

**5 year total*



KANSAS INFRASTRUCTURE HUB

Terms to Know:

NOFO stands for Notice of Funding Opportunity. It's a formal announcement from a federal agency about available funding. The announcement will invite applications and provide information such as eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria, funding preferences/priorities, application directions and the submission deadline.

Eligible Entities is a term used to identify who can receive funding. Eligible entities vary across programs.

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The Kansas Infrastructure Hub is Kansas' coordinated approach to working to identify best practices from across the nation for deploying funds and maximizing Kansas' BIL opportunities.

A state agency subcabinet working group has been established and includes representatives from the Kansas Departments of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Health and Environment, and Transportation, as well as the Kansas Corporation Commission and Kansas Water Office.

The Hub will reach out to the private sector, as well as federal and local agencies, to develop partnerships and seek grant funds to strengthen Kansas infrastructure.

It's referred to as a hub because it's meant to connect multiple agencies to ensure collaboration and be a resource center to help Kansans. The Hub is not a governing body.

How the HUB Can Help*

- The Hub's team is **offering technical assistance** to any eligible entity developing a project located in Kansas that will be funded all or in part by a grant from BIL. Technical assistance includes program-specific webinars, grants capacity development, and grants management support such as research and application writing.
- Additionally, the Hub is serving as the processing and clearinghouse for the **Build Kansas Fund** which can provide \$200M in federal matching funds over the life of the fund, Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2027 for Kansas projects funded through the BIL.

*Not an exhaustive list

Resources

Kansas Infrastructure Hub

www.kshub.org

This website is the Hub's clearinghouse for information and resources to help Kansas organizations make the most of federal funding available under BIL. This collaborative effort focuses on resources relevant to Kansans and tracks funds coming to the state, as well as current grant opportunities. This site will continue to evolve along with the Hub.

IIJA Implementation Resources National Governors Association

www.nga.org/iija-implementation-resources

Described as a "one-stop shop" for information on IIJA/BIL. Includes a calendar of upcoming funding opportunities and milestones, a listing of federal resources broken down by federal agency, and a formula and competitive grant program tracker.

Implementing Infrastructure Investments at the County Level National Association of Counties

www.naco.org/resources/implementing-infrastructure-investments-county-level

A resource for counties that includes information such as open notices of funding for county governments and a BIL funding matrix for counties.

Local Infrastructure Hub

localinfrastructure.org

With nearly 400 funding opportunities available through BIL, this resource helps local leaders navigate and understand the information provided by the federal government.