

Kansas Infrastructure Hub:

Grant technical assistance, match funding, and grant writing assistance

Kansas Rural Health & Prosperity Grants 101 Workshop April 8, 2025 Matthew Volz, P.E.

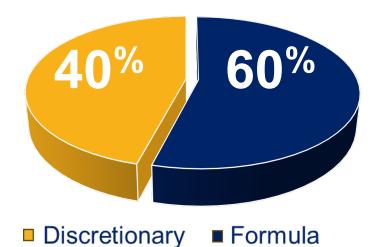




BIL Overview

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- AKA Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- National Infrastructure Investment = \$1.2 Trillion across 5-year lifespan
 - Nearly 400 programs across 12 Federal Agencies
 - 40% awarded via Discretionary grants / 60% awarded via Formula grants



Discretionary vs. Formula

Competitive vs. Allocated



Kansas Infrastructure Hub Overview



Serving Kansas - Our Approach is Unique

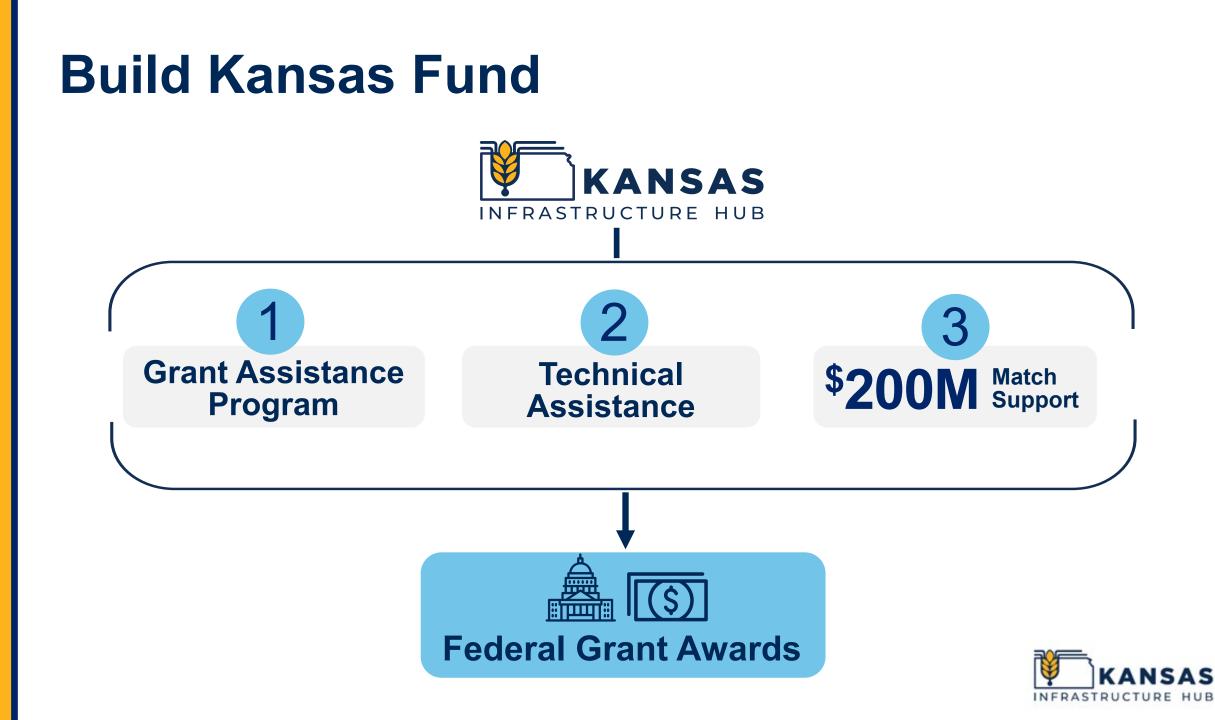
- Steering Committee Approach Multi Agency
- Multi-Infrastructure
 - Transportation
 - Energy
 - Water
 - Broadband
 - Cybersecurity
 - Resilience
- **Technical Assistance** (regional TA staff members)
- Local Match Funding (for BIL grant programs)
- Grant Application Writing and Grant Administration Funding

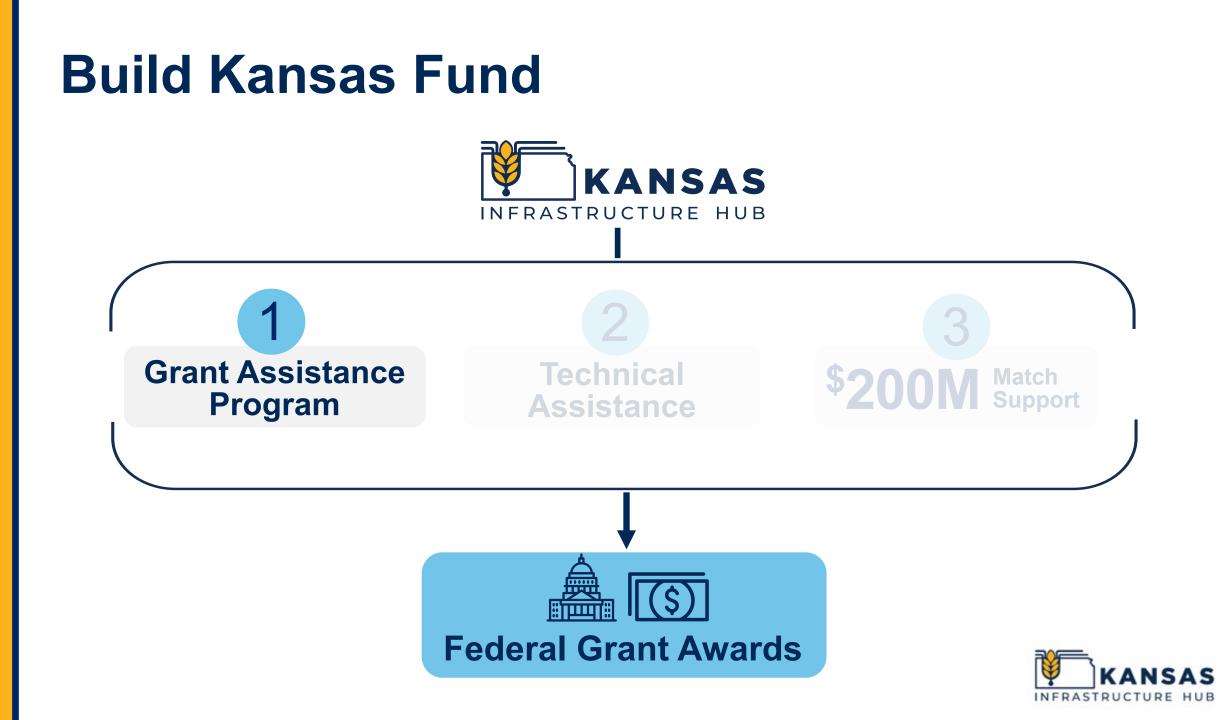




Kansas Infrastructure Hub Agencies

- Kansas Department of Agriculture
- Kansas Department of Commerce
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kansas Department of Transportation
- Kansas Corporation Commission
- Kansas Water Office
- Kansas Division of Emergency Management
- Kansas Office of Information Technology Services





GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

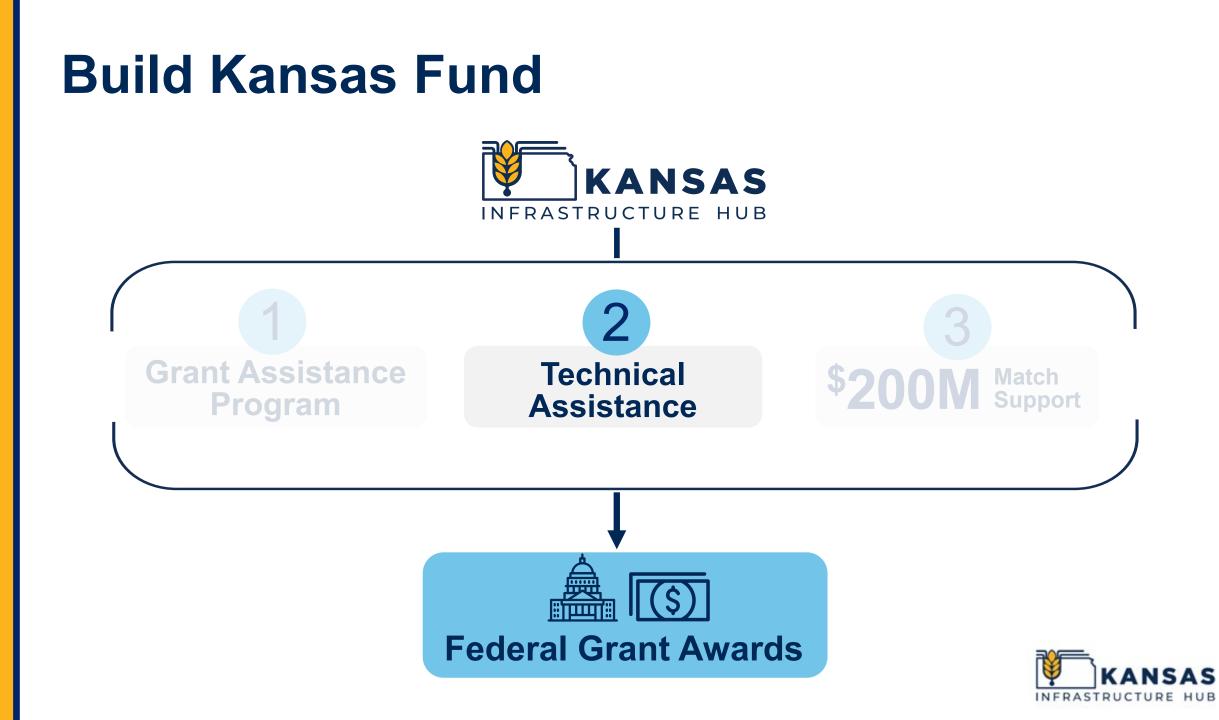
- Addressing grant application hurdles
- Competitive projects and applicant need
 - Lack of funding for professional grant writers
 - Will lead to more federal grant awards
- Grant writing & grant administration
 - For BIL/IIJA grant opportunities
 - Eligible applicants: Cities <10k; Counties <50k
 - Reimburse local agencies for consultant costs
 - \$500,000 budgeted

GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Grant Consultants List

 We are developing a <u>list of consulting firms</u> <u>that provide grant related services</u> as a resource for local agencies.

 If your firm is interested, <u>please complete the</u> <u>questionnaire on our website</u> – kshub.gov.



Build Kansas Fund – Technical Assistance



Hub Team

- Grant Programs
- Advice/Best Practices
- Concept
 Development



Boots on the Ground

- In House Staff
- Consultant Staff



Funding

- Dedicated
- Technical Assistance
- Match Funds



Kansas Infrastructure Hub Team



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Amber Bandish Hub Project & Grant **Research Support**



Phyllis Wahahrockah Tasi **Tribal Governments and Great Plains/Southwest Regions**



Shannon Praete Northwest Region



Technical Assistance the Hub Provides



- Grant Research
- Grant Identification and Project Alignment
- Grant Application Support
- Build Kansas Fund Application Support



- Grants 101
- Grant Process Guidance
- Post Award Grant Management Support



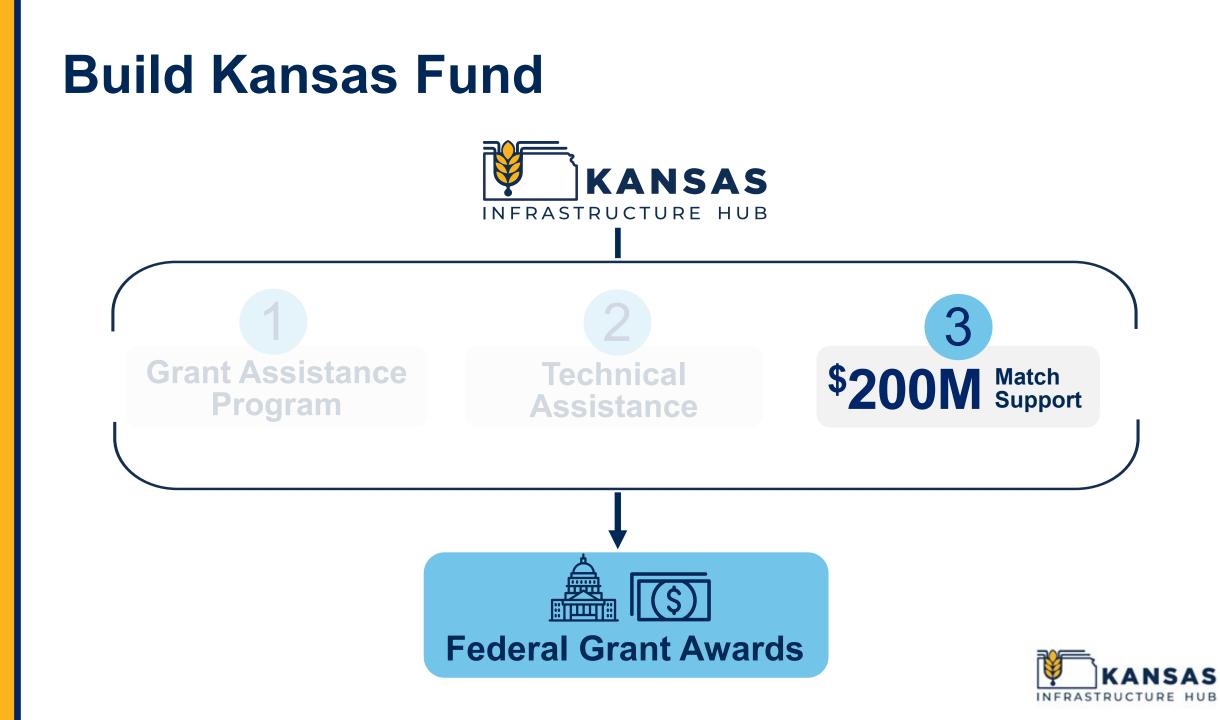
- Federal BIL Grant Research
- State Grant Identification
- Private
 Foundation
 Funding



Technical Assistance (TA) Update







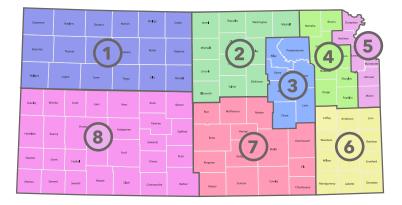
Build Kansas Fund – Match Support



The Build Kansas Fund provides matching funds... ...over the life of the fund and BIL, Fiscal Year 2024-2027...

4-Year

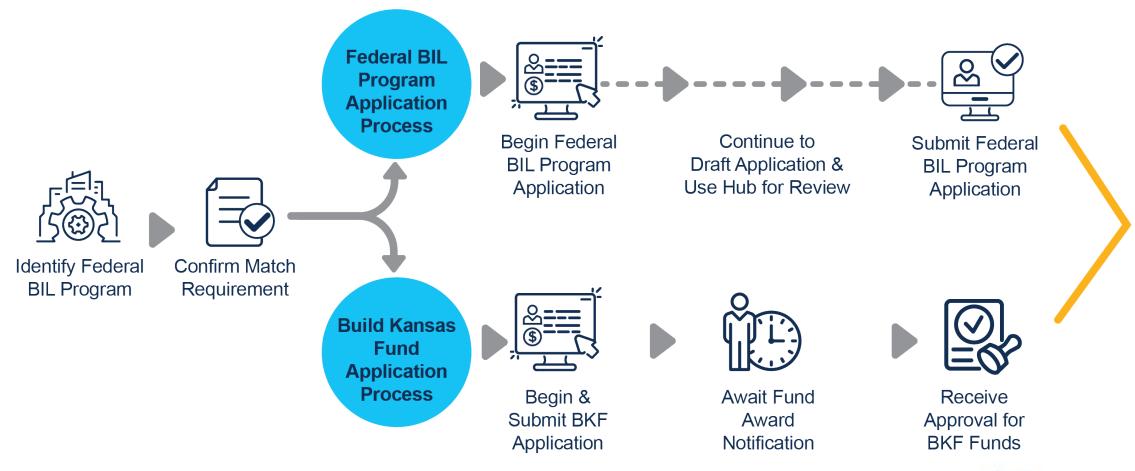
Lifespan



...and promises to invest \$10M in each Economic Development District (EDD)

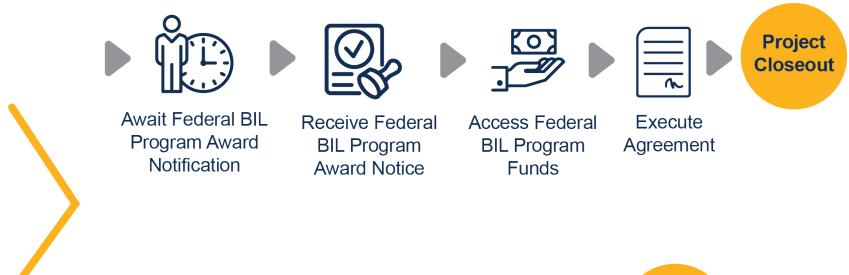


BIL Grant & Build Kansas Fund Application Process Overview





BKF Award to Post-Award Process





Share Federal Award Notice with the Kansas Infrastructure Hub

Access Build	
Kansas Funds	

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Execute Agreement with the State

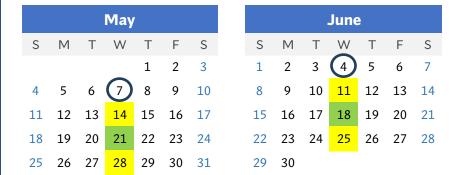




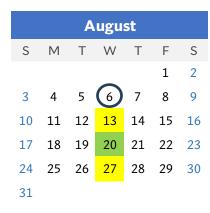
CY 2025 BKF Schedule

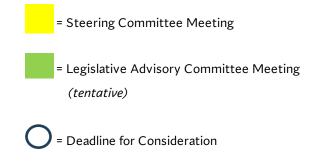


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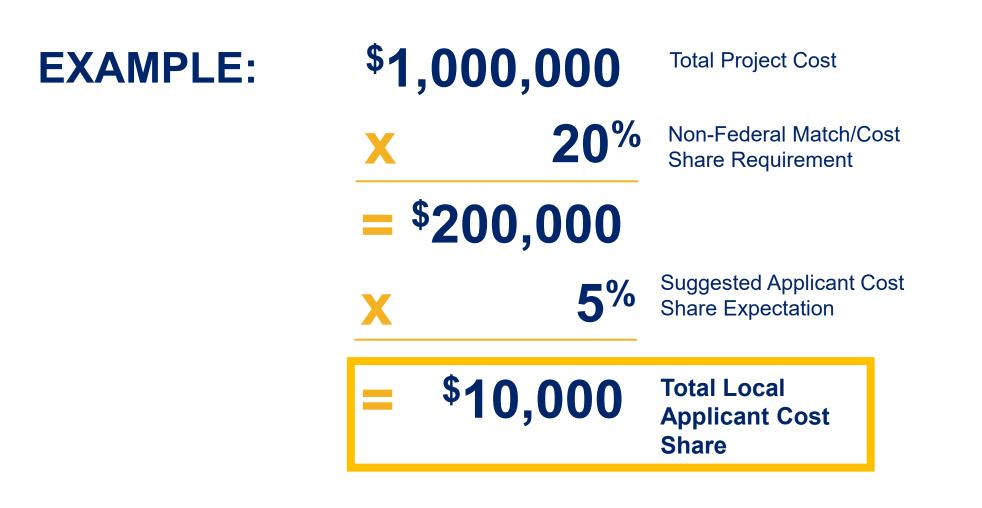


Applicant Cost Share Expectation



- Eligible applicants are expected to contribute a portion of the non-Federal match requirement.
- This contribution can be in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions.
- The goal is to demonstrate the applicant's commitment to the project.
- The contribution should be significant. For a local public entity, 5% of the non-federal match is a good guideline, but not a requirement.

Example Project with a Cost Share of 80% Federal and 20% Non-Federal





Applicant Cost Share – Exclusions & Justifications



- Eligible applicants who cannot meet the cost share expectation can provide detailed written justifications.
- Exceptions or exclusions from the cost share expectations may be granted based on valid reasons.
- Collaborative applications or regional projects may also be considered for exclusion on a case-by-case basis.

Important Notes



- The Hub is <u>not</u> selecting projects
- Projects only receive BKF funding if awarded a federal grant
 - Federal agencies make project selections and provide award notification
- This is additive only
 - Communities can apply without requesting Technical Assistance
 OR making a Build Kansas Fund Application

BKF Dashboards

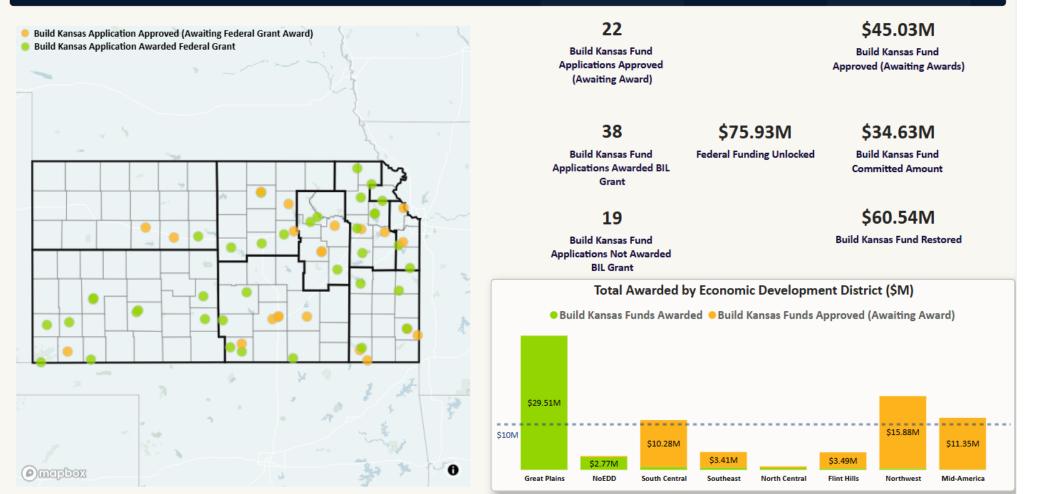


BIL Dashboard | Build Kansas Fund

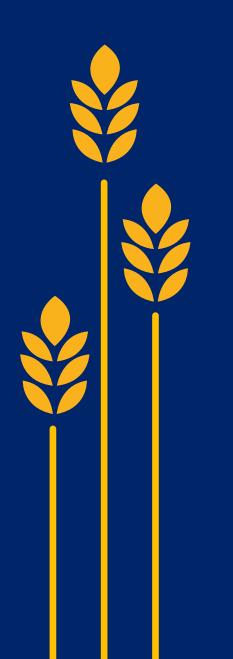
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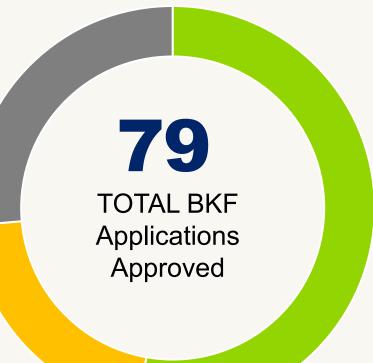






BIL Dashboard

Build Kansas Funds Applications



38 Awarded Federal Grant

> 2 Awaiting Federal Grant Award

Not Awarded Federal Grant





BIL Dashboard

Total Value of Awarded Projects





\$28.18M

Applicant Contribution

\$75.93M

Federal Funding Unlocked



BIL Dashboard

\$34.63M

BFK Committed

\$75.93M

Federal Funds Unlocked **219**%

Return on Investment (ROI)



What has the BKF Funded?



Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- **Russell** Weather Resilient Electrical Grid Improvements
- **Ozawkie** Generators for Water/Wastewater System Buildings
- **Ozawkie** *Lagoon System Upgrades*

Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electrical Grid (40101d)

- Anthony Anthony Circuit Reconstruction
- Ark Valley Electric Coop AVEC System Resiliency Project
- Attica 34.5 Feeder Line
- Blue Mound Substation, Line, and Pole Replacement
- Garden City NE Underground Replacement
- Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc Resiliency Enhancements
- Holton Holton Transformer Improvements
- Horton Substation Upgrade
- **Pioneer Electric Cooperative** *Grid Resiliency, Vulnerability, and Innovation*
- **Pratt** Pratt Substation Hardening Project
- Victory Electric Coop Assn Inc South Dodge Resiliency Project





What has the BKF Funded? (continued)

Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) / Airport Terminal Program Grant

- Coffey County Rehabilitate Taxiways
- **Concordia** New Hangar and Pavement
- Ellsworth Snow Removal Equipment Storage Facility
- Emporia Replace Taxiway Lighting System
- Hutchinson Construct GA Apron Taxilane
- Independence Rehabilitate Taxiways
- Manhattan New Hangar
- Miami County Airport Project
- Morton County Rehabilitate Runway, Remove Taxiway
- Sabetha Taxiway Project
- Salina Terminal Improvements
- Stanton County Airport Reconstruct South 2/3 Parallel Taxiway



WaterSMART

- Dodge City Treat Effluent to Ark. River/Ogallala Aquifer
- SW KS Groundwater Mgmt. Dist. 3 Irrigation Ditches to Pipeline



What has the BKF Funded? (continued)



Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE)

- **Spring Hill** Eastern Kansas Communities Rail Corridor At-Grade Crossing Elimination Plan
- City of Liberal Liberal Crossing Analysis for Routes Enhancing Safety (Liberal CARES)

TRANSPORTATION

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

- Edgerton Safety Planning and Demo Project
- Nortonville Safety Planning
- Ogden Safety Action Plan
- **Osage County** Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
- Dickinson County Road Safety Action Plan
- Arkansas City Safe Streets 4 All
- Topeka Safety Planning and Demo Project



Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)

Port Authority of Stafford County – Central Kansas Transload Facility







Transportation Funding Opportunities



Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program

- Funding Agency: U.S. DOT Funded by BIL
- FY25 Due June 26, 2025
- Planning and Demonstration Grants safety action plans, supplemental safety planning, and/or safety demonstration activities.
- Implementation Grants for projects that are in existing roadway safety action plan.
- 20% cost-match requirement
- Implementation: \$982,260,494
 - Planning & Demonstration Grants: \$402,260,494
 - \$100k to \$5M (400 to 700 expected awards)
 - Implementation Grants: \$580M
 - \$2.5M to \$25M (40 to 70 expected awards)
- Eligible Applicants:
 - Cities, counties, MPOs, Tribal govt.





QR Link to Grants.gov Opportunity



Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG)

- Funding Agency: U.S. DOT Funded by BIL
- FY25 Due June 30, 2025
 - Notice of Intents Due: May 1, 2025
- For airport improvements, terminal expansions, baggage system upgrades, runway safety enhancements, and air traffic infrastructure improvements.
- 5-50% cost-match requirement
- Implementation: \$15B annually over 5 years
 - Primary Airports: up to \$2.39B annually
 - Non-Primary Airports: \$500M annually
- Eligible Applicants: Sponsors of airports as defined by FAA





QR Link to Grant Opportunity



Water

Funding Opportunities



Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Grant Program

- Funding Agency: U.S. EPA Funded by BIL
- FY 25 Rolling
- Ensure all communities have access to clean and reliable water by providing technical assistance that will help communities to address challenges in providing safe drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services to their residents.
- No cost-match requirement
- Implementation: Free Technical Assistance Services
- Eligible Applicants: States, Local govts., Tribal govts., NGOs, drinking water utilities, wastewater utilities, stormwater utilities





QR Link to Program Guidance/Resources



Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Initiative

- Funding Agency: U.S. EPA Funded by BIL
- FY 24 Rolling
- Provides technical assistance to communities to improve wastewater infrastructure by identifying viable, financially feasible solutions. Support includes community assessments, feasibility studies, funding guidance, engineering assistance, and ordinance establishment, helping communities secure funding and implement effective wastewater management.
- No cost-match requirement
- Implementation: \$11.7B
- Eligible Applicants: States, Tribes, Communities, Homeowners, Utilities





QR Link to Program Guidance/Resources







Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas

- Funding Agency: U.S. DOE Funded by BIL
- FY25 Due August 28, 2025
- Supports rural and remote communities in building clean energy projects to enhance energy resilience, reliability, and affordability while fostering local economic growth, energy independence, and job creation.
- 5-50% Cost-match requirement
- Implementation: \$400M
 - \$2M (min) / \$50M (max)
- Eligible Applicants: States, Local govts., Tribes, Nonprofits, For-profits, Labor unions, Rural Electric Cooperatives, Farming associations/cooperatives, Higher Ed, Incorporated/Unincorporated consortia









Funding Opportunities



Community Connect Grant Program

- Funding Agency: USDA Funded by Consolidated Appropriations Act
- FY25 Due April 21, 2025
- Delivers broadband-speed connectivity to underserved rural communities, aiming to stimulate economic development and enhance educational and healthcare opportunities through community-oriented projects.
- 15% cost-match requirement
- Implementation: \$26M
 - \$100,000 (Min) / \$5M (Max)
- Eligible Applicants: States, Local govts., Tribes, Nonprofits, For-profits, Incorporated orgs., Private corporations







KS Foundational

Funding Opportunities



Entrepreneurship and Business Support Program

- Funding Agency: Patterson Family Foundation
- 2025 Full Application Due: May 9, 2025
 - Letter of Intent Due: April 18, 2025
- Supports small business startups, business growth, and rural entrepreneurship initiatives. Funding can be used for business development, mentorship, and technical assistance programs. (Network supporthow to start and grow a business.)
- No cost-match requirement
- Implementation: \$50,000 (Min) / \$1M (Max)
- Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit Status: 501(c)(3)
 Orgs., School District, Govt entity









Innovation in Community Engagement Program

- Funding Agency: Patterson Family Foundation
- 2025 Full Application Due: May 9, 2025
 - Letter of Intent Due: April 18, 2025
- The Foundation invites creative proposals aimed at improving community engagement in rural communities, with priority given to projects that explore new ideas with the potential for longterm impact and growth of community involvement of all generations of rural residents.
- No cost-match requirement
- Implementation:
 - \$25,000 (Min) / \$500,000 (Max)
- Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit Status: 501(c)(3) Orgs., School District, Govt entity







Looking Ahead





Updates/Anticipated Changes

Be aware of Quid-Pro-Quo and Conflict-of-Interest Rules

New Administration Impacts

IIJA/BIL Funding Changes

Grant Agreement Process





Key Takeaways

- Think big and work together
 - Take advantage of the assistance available
 - **Competitive** projects and **quality** applications lead to awards
- Grant funds strengthen our communities and our state through infrastructure improvements

Economic benefits can outweigh investment

Have **confidence** that you can do this, and your projects are **worthy** of a grant





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Technical Assistance





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