

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2025 Application Package | Memo



To: Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Jason Fizell, Interim Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2025-123-NoEDD

Date: June 17, 2025

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Lawrence. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 10 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-8. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – executive summary and project map images, pages 9-10.

Project Overview

The City of Lawrence seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for their Comprehensive Safety Action Plan implementation project which includes implementing transformative safety improvements aimed at eliminating roadway facilities and serious injuries.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$76,000.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local match of \$4,000.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$320,000.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$400,000.00.

The deadline is June 26, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on May 2, 2025.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on May 28, 2025 following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2025

Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2025-123-NoEDD
Applicant Name	City of Lawrence
Application Date Received	5/2/2025
Project Name	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
Project Description	Implementing transformative safety improvements aimed at eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	NO EDD/RPC
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Planning
BIL Application Deadline	6/26/2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$76,000.00
Technical Assistance Received	General Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BIL Application Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (Brief Description): Provided General TA and BKF Application Support.
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$76,000.00 will unlock \$320,000.00 in federal BIL funding, with a local cash contribution of \$4,000.00 for a total project cost of \$400,000.00.
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	5/28/2025 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	6/17/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>

Title	City of Lawrence Kansas	05/02/2025
	by Cece Riley in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 50441778
	criley@lawrenceks.gov	

Original Submission	05/12/2025
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Score	n/a
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Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	City of Lawrence Kansas
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Project Name:	Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A)
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Entity type:	Local Government
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Entity Population:	94,934
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Applicant Contact Name:	Cece Riley
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Transportation Planner II
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+17858323155
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	criley@lawrenceks.gov
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Applicant Contact Address:	6 E 6th St
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
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Applicant Contact City:	Lawrence
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Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
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Applicant Contact Zip Code:	66044
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Is the Project
Contact the same as
the Applicant
Contact?

Yes

Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Certify that you are
pursuing an
Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs
Act (IIJA) funding
opportunity for which
your entity is eligible:

Yes

Certify that the
Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs
Act (IIJA) funding
opportunity you are
pursuing has a
required non-federal
match component:

Yes

What is the primary
county that the
project will occur in?

Douglas County

The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

[Zip Code Percentage.xlsx](#)

Part 3: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - Grant Application Information Please Note: This information is related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.

Please enter the
Infrastructure
Investment and Jobs
Act (IIJA) funding
opportunity title that
the entity is applying
for:

USDOT FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding

What is the funding agency for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? U.S. Department of Transportation

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 20.939

What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 6/26/2025

Application Type: Planning

What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 2025

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity: \$320,000.00 for a total project cost of \$400,000.00

Enter the total project cost: \$400,000.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 20%

Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information Beginning in July 2024 and moving forward, 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 enough relative to the Build Kansas Fund request. For a local public entity, 5% of the non-federal match is a good guideline, but not a requirement. See Build Kansas Fund Program Guidance for exceptions and more information.

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$76,000.00 for a total project cost of \$400,000.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$4,000.00 for a total project cost of \$400,000.00

Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: 00

Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project:

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Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test and Eligible Applicant Match

What other available funding sources that are currently planned to go unused by your entity will be leveraged for this project? N/A

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies will be used for the non-federal match?	N/A
What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each.	N/A
What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?	Local
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	<p>We collaborated closely with our Lawrence budget team to explore potential funding through the 2026 Budget Process. However, given the City's current fiscal challenges, including a need to reduce expenditures by over \$6 million, allocating funds to new projects or studies would necessitate reallocation or cuts to existing programs. As a result, identifying local funding sources for this initiative has proven to be exceptionally difficult</p> <p>We also reviewed other local grant funds, however timelines did not align.</p>
Part 6: Additional Information	
<p>Please upload a draft or final version of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) program grant application associated with this request OR an executive summary providing an overview of the project:</p> <p>Safety_First-_Corridor_Study_and_LPI_Demonstration_Exec_Summary.pdf</p>	
Provide any additional information about this project not covered in previous sections of this application (optional):	
Part 7: Terms and Conditions	
Understanding of Fund Release Requirements:	checked

Understanding of Use of Funds: checked

Understanding of Reporting Requirements: checked

Authority to Make Grant Application: checked

Persons and Titles: Cece
The following Riley
persons are
responsible for
making this Build
Kansas Fund
application.

Position/Title: Transportation Planner II

Additional: Jessica
Mortinger

Position/Title: Transportation Planning Manager

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$76,000.00	19.00%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$4,000.00	1.00%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0%
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$320,000.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$400,000.00	100%

***Applicant satisfies recommended match contribution of 5% of the required match**

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
66044	30%
66046	30%
66049	30%
66047	10%
	100% In Kansas

USDOT FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding
Assistance Listing # 20.939

Project Title: **Safety First: Corridor Study and LPI Demonstration**

Applicant: City of Lawrence, KS

Date: 05-02-2025

Executive Summary

The City of Lawrence, in partnership with the Lawrence–Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), developed a bold and data-driven Vision Zero Transportation Safety Action Plan with support from a Fiscal Year 2022 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant. This plan lays the groundwork for transformative safety improvements aimed at eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users – whether they walk, bike, ride transit, or drive.

To advance this vision, City staff have prioritized a set of low-cost, high-impact, short-term strategies that are both feasible within the next year and focus on the most vulnerable users and corridors with the highest rates of severe crashes. These projects include:

- Road Safety Audits on the 6th Street and 23rd Street corridors
- A demonstration of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs)

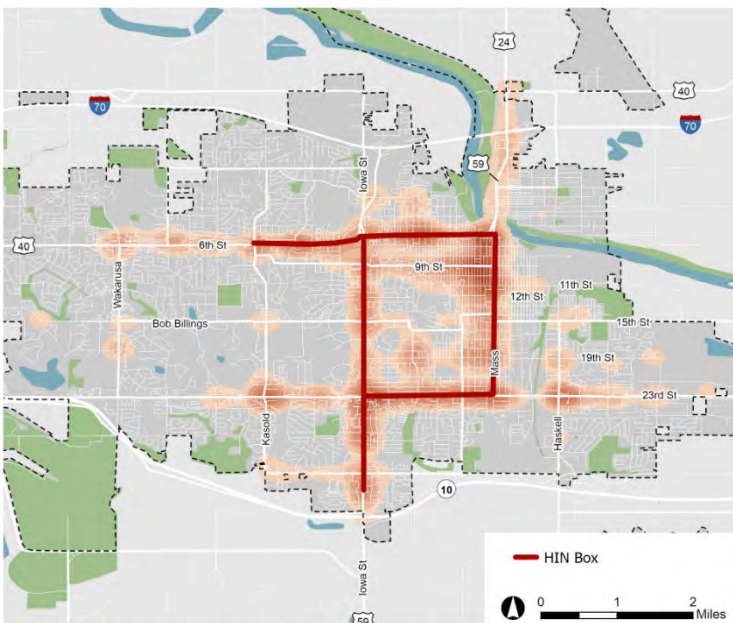


Figure 20. High-Injury Network (HIN) Box Corridors

The targeted segments of 6th Street (Kasold Drive to Massachusetts Street) and 23rd Street (Iowa Street to Massachusetts Street) lie within the city's High Injury Network. These corridors are hotspots for serious crashes due to heavy traffic volumes, wide roadways, and frequent conflicts between drivers and pedestrians or cyclists. The audits will evaluate opportunities for improvements such as raised median islands, crossing improvements, geometric improvements, better lighting, and access management strategies— tools proven to reduce crashes and save lives. During the audit and corridor study process, staff will engage a broad range of public and private stakeholders. This robust community engagement will ensure diverse perspectives are represented, and feedback gathered will be carefully analyzed and integrated into the Safety Action Plan appendix.

In parallel, the city will pilot Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) at key intersections, particularly downtown and near Safe Routes to School signalized intersections. Backed by FHWA research showing a 13% reduction in pedestrian crashes, LPIs give people walking across the street a head-start before vehicles get the green light, improving visibility and safety.

These near-term initiatives will serve as catalysts for longer-term, systemic change. Findings from the road safety audits will be integrated into an appendix to the existing Safety Action Plan, helping to guide future capital investments. Based on data from the LPI pilot, such as driver yield rates and crash reductions, the City may also propose a policy for broader implementation.

By building on momentum from our newly adopted Action Plan and targeting the highest-risk areas and users, these projects will lead to a significant reduction or elimination of roadway fatalities and serious injuries involving various road users.