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Counties to receive \$4.6 million for road safety improvement projects

Projects in 13 counties will receive a combined total of approximately \$4.6 million in funding to improve safety on rural roads across the state as part of the Kansas Department of Transportation's High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) program.

"Improving safety is KDOT's top priority, and we're pleased to work with communities to improve safety for travelers on rural county roads," said Kansas Secretary Julie Lorenz. "By working together, we can make taxpayer dollars go farther and strengthen transportation infrastructure throughout the state."

Counties sent in 33 applications from November 2019 to February, requesting more than \$10.5 million in federal funds for this program. Projects were selected earlier this month. The funds are for Federal Fiscal Year 2022.

Projects in this program fall into one of two categories - Systemic or Site Specific. Projects in the Systemic category are 100% federally funded and aren't required to provide a match. Site Specific projects are 90% federally funded, and a county contributes a minimum of 10% of the project cost.

The county, category, amount awarded and brief description for the 13 projects receiving funds in FFY 2022 are shown below:

Crawford: Site Specific, \$136,000

Install aggregate shoulders, extend culverts, and install retroreflective pavement markings on S. 260th Street between U.S. 160 and K-126.

Douglas: Site Specific, \$443,700

Install high-friction surfacing on curves on County Route 442 and Country Route 1055.

Ellsworth: Systemic, \$392,000

Upgrade signing of all major collectors east of K-156.

Gray: Site Specific, \$616,000

Install aggregate shoulders on 13 Road between U.S. 50 and D Road; S Road from 11 Road to Ingalls; and 11 Road from S Road to 10 Road.

Jefferson: Site Specific, \$356,000

Install acceleration/deceleration lanes on the west side of the intersection of Ferguson Road and Slough Creek Road.

Leavenworth: Systemic, \$130,000

Upgrade signing of Route 13 from Easton to Potter, and County Route 14 from the Jefferson/Leavenworth county line to the city limits of Leavenworth.

Marion: Site Specific, \$152,000

Improve the intersection of Nighthawk Road and 190th Road.

Montgomery: Site Specific, \$378,000

Install paved shoulders and SafetyEdgeTM and extend culvert on Peter Pan Road between the city limits of Independence and County Route 4600. Improve the intersection of Peter Pan Road and Oak Street.

Ottawa: Site Specific, \$468,000

Eliminate curve on Limestone Road approximately three miles east of Minneapolis.

Rice: Systemic, \$242,000

Upgrade signing of all major collectors east of K-14 and north of U.S. 56.

Saline: Site Specific, \$414,000

Install aggregate shoulders, flatten side slopes, and extend culverts on two miles of Simpson Road between Magnolia Road and Crawford Road.

Stanton: Systemic, \$299,000

Upgrade signing of all major collectors.

Trego: Systemic, \$620,000

Upgrade signing of all major and minor collectors.

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