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Governor Kelly Announces \$5 Million in Street and Road Safety Grants to Kansas Communities

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced 12 Kansas communities will receive a combined total of \$5 million in federal funds through the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program to produce local transportation safety plans to identify and address transportation safety concerns.

State funding provided by a new Kansas SS4A Match Pilot Program will contribute to the local match as required of grant recipients.

“These grants directly support communities across Kansas to improve roadways and save lives,” **Governor Laura Kelly said.** “I commend these local governments for leveraging federal and state funding to create safety plans for city streets and county roads.”

On behalf of Kansas communities applying for SS4A federal funds, the Kansas Department of Transportation sent 22 letters of support for this first round of SS4A applications. The 12 projects awarded within Kansas are for “action plan grants” to assist communities that do not currently have a roadway safety plan in place.

The largest grant award in Kansas went to Garden City for \$1,360,000. The Garden City application is for a safety plan for six cities and six counties in western Kansas.

Other Kansas communities securing SS4A grants include the City of Dodge City, City of Lawrence, City of Leavenworth, City of Olathe, City of Salina, City of Valley Falls, Cowley County, Leavenworth County, and Wyandotte County. Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission are among the SS4A grant recipients.

To encourage participation in this program, KDOT agreed to contribute anywhere from 10% to 20% of the total local match requirement. To receive the full 20%, an agency had to represent a rural area of the state and apply for a multijurisdictional planning effort to

encourage regional collaboration. The Cost Share/Match in SS4A is 80% Federal and 20% Local Match.

“Local commitment and regional collaboration were instrumental in bringing Safe Streets and Roads for All funds to Kansas,” **Calvin Reed, Acting Secretary of Transportation, said.** “KDOT’s help with local matching funds is indicative of the importance the agency places on safety and our long-term goal of reaching zero roadway fatalities.”

Administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, SS4A is a five-year, \$5 billion competitive grant program funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program supports the U.S. DOT’s National Roadway Safety Strategy, a comprehensive approach to make roadways safer for everyone, including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, and emergency and construction workers. SS4A plans stress responsible driving, safer roadway designs, appropriate speed-limit setting, and improved post-crash care, among other strategies.

Below is an overview of the awarded projects in Kansas from the SS4A program:

Grant Awardee	Award Amount	% Local Match from KDOT
City of Lawrence*	\$160,000	15%
City of Leavenworth	\$280,000	10%
City of Olathe	\$280,000	10%
City of Salina*	\$160,000	15%
City of Valley Falls	\$40,000	15%
Cowley County	\$160,000	15%
Dodge City	\$230,434	10%
Garden City*	\$1,360,000	20%
Leavenworth County	\$280,000	10%
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	\$225,600	15%
Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission*	\$800,000	15%
Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City	\$1,000,000	None

* Indicates awardee was the lead applicant for a multijurisdictional application.