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\$30 million in KDOT grants available through Transportation Alternatives Program

The Kansas Department of Transportation is accepting applications for \$30 million in available grant funding through the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program.

These funds help communities implement projects that have significant local and regional impacts for people walking, cycling and rolling. Eligible projects include the construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure to access public transportation, accessibility improvements, improvements to the state's scenic or environmental assets, projects supporting Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs and more.

“This program is the state's largest to fund projects that are focused on active transportation,” said KDOT Active Transportation Manager Jenny Kramer. “Following the completion of the Kansas Active Transportation Plan and the Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment in 2023, this round offers improvements to prioritize the state's greatest safety challenges while addressing equity.”

Register for informational webinars on TA Program project requirements at <https://www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/burtransplan/TransAlt.asp>. The webinars will be on –

- **Monday, Feb. 5**, at 10 a.m.
- **Thursday, Feb. 8**, at 2:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Feb. 9**, at 11 a.m.

The first step is to submit a Concept Paper for the proposed project. Concept Papers are due to KDOT by March 1, with reviews and feedback provided in March. Selected applicants will then receive notice to complete a full application.

This round of funding will be made available for projects ready to implement and construct during Federal Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. The TA program requires a 20% local match on all participating expenses, however, there will be opportunities for match support up to 20% available from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for construction projects that meet certain safety, equity and population size criteria. Match support will also be available for SRTS non-construction projects.

Other key dates for the application process are:

- **Informational webinars** – Feb. 5, 8 and 9
- **Concept forms due on-line (required for application)** – March 1
- **Concept forms review and feedback** – March 2024
- **Application links emailed to eligible applicants** – By April 1
- **Applications due on-line** – May 17
- **Application review** – May-July
- **Awards announced** – Summer 2024

To view and submit a concept paper, register for webinars and other information, go to <https://www.ksdot.gov/bureaus/burtransplan/TransAlt.asp>. For questions, email KATE@ks.gov or call (785) 296-5186.

Other helpful links -

Kansas Active Transportation Plan - <https://www.ksdot.gov/KansasATP.asp>

Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment -

<https://www.ksdot.gov/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/burTrafficSaf/reports/reportspdf/2023KansasVulnerableRoadUserSafetyAssessment.pdf>

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