

KANSAS SS4A MATCH PILOT PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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We are a county and have completed an LRSP through the Bureau of Local Projects. Are we eligible for state funding support for our projects identified in our LRSP?

For the SS4A program, no. The Kansas Pilot Match program is only for applications to the Action Plan Grant. However, if a county with a LRSP applied for supplemental action planning *through* the Action Plan Grant or, if the county partnered or applied jointly with another community for the Action Plan Grant, they would be eligible for KDOT support funding.

Can we apply for funding for sidewalk, asphalt, or other construction items?

No. This program is for planning purposes only. Any construction project is considered implementation.

Can we apply for more than one grant this year?

No. Applicants may only apply for an Action Plan OR an Implementation grant this year. However, it is our hope that applicants that apply for Action Plan grants this year will become more competitive for Implementation grant during the next four years.

Additionally, applicants cannot submit multiple applications as an individual and as part of a joint application. Duplicative Action Plan Grants will be flagged by the USDOT.

We are a rural community. Will we be competitive for this grant?

Yes, especially if you partner with other rural communities. KDOT is offering an additional 5% of the total cost share for communities which meet the Rural Opportunity Zone standards. Additionally, USDOT's [Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success](#) (ROUTES) program can assist rural areas with the grant application process. There are many cost share programs at the State level.

To what extent will KDOT be involved in the application?

KDOT is not eligible to apply and cannot be listed as a joint applicant. However, KDOT may participate in the local match required and should be listed as a funding partner. KDOT will provide preliminary data such as the fatality count, fatality rate and population. However, applicants must supply the percentage of underserved population statistic and the 300-word safety narrative.

Our comprehensive safety action plan is nearly complete. Can we apply for the Implementation Grant in this cycle?

To be eligible for Implementation Grants, Action Plans must be completed and adopted prior to submission of your application (on or before September 15, 2022) to qualify as an existing plan. If your plan is not complete before the September 15 deadline, we encourage you to complete your plan and apply for an Implementation Grant in a subsequent SS4A funding cycle. Please use the [Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet](#) to determine if your plan is sufficient for an Implementation Grant.

What does equity mean in terms of safety?

Equity is the consistent and systematic fair, just, and impartial treatment of all individuals, including individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons; Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Equity considerations include plan development using inclusive and representative processes. Underserved communities are identified through data and other analyses in collaboration with appropriate partners. Analysis includes both population characteristics and initial equity impact assessments of the proposed projects and strategies.

What measurements will be used to determine population if multiple cities and counties partner?

KDOT will use a weighted average to compare populations. KDOT reserves the right to review cases individually and can decide to award funding based on availability after application approval.

What match amount will KDOT provide?

KDOT will fund up to \$4 million of the statewide cost share pilot program in 2022. If Kansas entities are approved for the USDOT SS4A grant program, KDOT will fund a minimum of 10% of the Safety Action Plan grant total cost while the federal share will be 80%. Regional collaboration is highly encouraged. Joint applicants may qualify for an additional 5% of cost share. Rural applicants are also highly encouraged. Cities with populations of 15,000 or fewer and counties with populations of 40,000 or fewer may qualify for another 5% of the cost share. KDOT could potentially fund the entirety of the local match portion required depending on applicant criteria and at the discretion of KDOT.

If a community does not have any roadway fatalities, will it be competitive?

Fatality counts and rates are important data inputs that will be used to rank applications. However, communities will be more competitive with joint applications that encompass all data considerations including percent underserved population.

What if an MPO is housed at a city and the city is our fiscal agent?

Joint applicants should determine who will be the lead applicant to receive and manage grant funding.

How do we start?

Local consultants may assist applicants in estimating the cost to develop a Safety Action Plan.

Which entities need a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)?

Only the lead applicant needs a UEI. Partners on the application do not need a UEI but it does not hurt to obtain one.