

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026 Application Package | Memo



o: Senator Rick Billinger, 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 #2025-141-SCKEDD

Date: July 22, 2025

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Douglass. 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 2-7. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – application narrative, pages 9-10.

Project Overview

The City of Douglass seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation) for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for their City of Douglass Safety Action Plan Project which includes the formation of a Safety Action Plan for Douglass, Kansas, as well as complementary planning and a road safety audit.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$54,150.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local match of \$2,850.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$228,000.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$285,000.00.

The deadline was June 26, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on June 4, 2025.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on June 25, 2025 following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

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Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2025-141-SCKEDD
Applicant Name	City of Douglass
Application Date Received	6/4/2025
Project Name	City of Douglass Safety Action Plan
Project Description	This project includes the formation of a Safety Action Plan for Douglass, Kansas, as well as complementary planning and a road safety audit.
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	South Central KS Economic Development District
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Demonstration
BIL Application Deadline	6/26/2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$54,150.00
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 \$54,150.00 will unlock \$228,000.00 in federal BIL funding, with a local in-kind cash contribution of \$2,850.00 for a total project cost of \$285,000.00.
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	6/25/2025 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	7/16/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>

Title	Douglass, Kansas	06/04/2025
	by Mike Powell in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 50742520
	mpowell@cityofdouglassks.com	

Original Submission	06/16/2025
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Score	n/a
Part 1: Applicant Information	
The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	Douglass, Kansas
Project Name:	Safety Action Plan
Entity type:	Local Government
Entity Population:	1,550
Applicant Contact Name:	Mike Powell
Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Administrator/Clerk
Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+13167472109
Applicant Contact Email Address:	mpowell@cityofdouglassks.com
Applicant Contact Address:	322 S Forest St., Douglass KS 67039
Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	PO Box 412, Douglass KS 67039
Applicant Contact City:	Douglass
Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
Applicant Contact Zip Code:	67039

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?

Butler 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) 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 FY2025 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:	\$228,000.00
Enter the total project cost:	\$285,000.00
Enter the required non-federal match percentage:	20%
<p>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.</p>	

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$54,150.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$2,850.00

Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$0

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

[Kansas+DOT+table_V2.xlsx](#)

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? None, the City allocates its annual budget each year. For the 2025 budget, we do not anticipate having any unused funds - which is the case for all of our annual budgets.

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies will be used for the non-federal match? No

What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each. No in-kind match is being leveraged.

What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?	Local funding will be provided out of the city's 2025 Street Capital Improvement Fund.
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	The city is unable to find other funding sources for a project as specific as a Safety Action Plan. There have been conservative budgeting efforts in recent years to make sure money is being used wisely, as the city has a relatively small tax base to begin with. None of the KDOT programs pay for planning studies, with the exception of Safe Routes to School, and we have not been able to find any other State, private, or Federal programs that pay for this type of planning study for local government.

Part 6: Additional Information

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:

[Douglass_Planning_Grant_Application_Draft_2025.06.02_Revised.pdf](#)

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:
The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.
Mike Powell

Position/Title: City Administrator/Clerk

Additional:	Mike Shirley
Position/Title:	Mayor
Additional:	
Position/Title:	
Additional:	
Position/Title:	

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$54,150.00	19.00%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$2,850.00	1.00%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$228,000.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$285,000.00	100%

***Applicant match contribution is 5% of total match requirement**

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67039	100%
	100% In Kansas

Narrative

Introduction

Douglass, Kansas is located in Butler County, about 30 miles southeast of the City of Wichita. Home to 1,555 people, the city is just over 1 square mile in size. As of the 2020 Census, half of the population were married couples living together, and 36% of the households in Douglass had children under the age of 18. 13% of the population was 65 years of age or older and living alone. According to the 2016-2020 American Community Survey, 9% of the population were below the poverty line, and the median household income was \$56,125.

Project Scope

This project scope will include the formation of a Safety Action Plan for Douglass, Kansas, as well as complementary planning and a road safety audit.

Roadway Safety Issues

Douglass has historically developed on the west side of Highway 77, which runs north and south through town. As seen in Figure X, Douglass High School and Marvin Sisk Middle School are located along the highway, introducing safety risks. The city has been seeing increased interest in new development on the east side of the highway. However, there are no safe ways to cross the highway for any road users. The Dollar General is located on the east side of the highway, causing most of the citizens of Douglass to cross the highway to access daily groceries. There is a lack of pedestrian infrastructure in this area, as well as throughout town. Other safety concerns include low visibility at important intersections, railroad crossings, lack of signage throughout town, and issues with pedestrians crossing a high-speed street to park near the city's baseball fields.

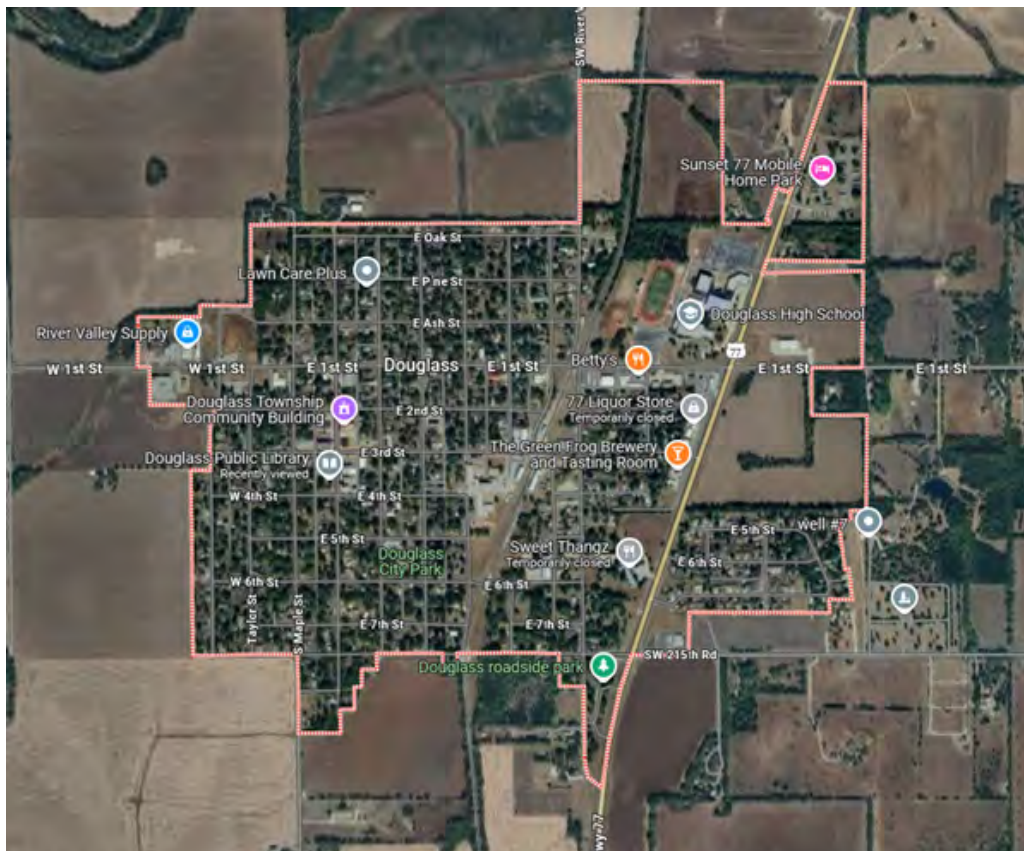


Figure 1: Map of Douglass, Kansas, showing a majority of the development occurring west of the State Highway.

How this Funding Will Reduce Crashes

Creating an action plan will allow for additional study for near-miss data in a small town that does not see many crashes due to a low volume of drivers. This plan will aid in preventing future deaths and serious injuries by highlighting the dangerous road conditions in town. This funding will also help the City of Douglass prepare for additional development that is coming and ensure citizens living on the east side of the highway can access the rest of town safely. The safety action plan will identify the most effective, low cost, and helpful strategies for preventing crashes and increasing safety for all road users. Several of the known issues have seemingly affordable and effective solutions, like increased signage and improved pavement markings. These impacts will happen over the entirety of the City of Douglass.

Public Engagement

Engagement with the public will be planned carefully to involve project branding to create a consistent logo and slogan for the plan to be recognized around the community. A project website will be established to allow the public to view plan progress and provide feedback at any time. There will be at least four meetings with a curated steering committee to guide the project and make sure it is the best fit for Douglass and includes representatives from local, regional, and state level stakeholders. A survey will be used, available online and on paper. The rest of the engagement will take place in three rounds – Building Understanding, Building Momentum, and Building a Foundation for Success. Within each round there will be separate public events, social media and email blast campaigns, and stakeholder sessions. Each phase and event will be summarized in the final plan document.

Technology & Effectiveness

This plan will recommend best practices in safety technology and up to date research, including updated pedestrian infrastructure, improved roadway design, investigating roundabouts, as well as other proven safety countermeasures as defined by the Federal Highway Administration. The plan will be innovative in solving complex problems with affordable solutions.

Conclusion

While low in overall serious injury and fatality crashes, the City of Douglass is in need of this transportation funding in order to improve the safety of its streets. The city is expecting growth and establishing a secure safety network is the first step to responsibly planning for future citizens. Ensuring the safety of our small rural towns will help strengthen Kansas and the nation as a whole.