

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026 Application Package | Memo



To: 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 #2025-158-FHRC

Date: July 22, 2025

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by Chase County. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 12 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 – Executive summary, pages 9-12.

Project Overview

Chase County seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for their Safe Streets for All Grant project which includes the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for Chase County.

This opportunity is a discretionary IIJA program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$100,985.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local match of \$5,315.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$425,200.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$531,500.00.

The deadline was June 26, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on June 10, 2025.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on July 9, 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	2025-158-FHRC
Applicant Name	Chase County
Application Date Received	6/10/2025
Project Name	Safe Streets for All Grant
Project Description	This project includes the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for Chase County.
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	Flint Hills
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Planning & Demonstration
BIL Application Deadline	6/26/2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$100,985.00
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 \$100,985.00 will unlock \$425,200.00 in federal BIL funding, with a local cash contribution of \$5,315.00, for a total project cost of \$531,500.00.
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	7/9/2025 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	7/22/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>

Title	Chase County	06/10/2025
	by Christie Reinhardt in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 50788708
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Original Submission	06/23/2025
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Score	n/a
Part 1: Applicant Information	
The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	Chase County
Project Name:	Safe Streets for All Grant
Entity type:	Local Government
Entity Population:	2,679
Applicant Contact Name:	Christie Reinhardt
Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Grant Writer
Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+19079472542
Applicant Contact Email Address:	creinhardt@chasecountyks.com
Applicant Contact Address:	300 Pearl St
Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
Applicant Contact City:	Cottonwood Falls

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 66845

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? Chase 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: Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity DOT-SS4A-FY25-01

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: \$425,200.00

Enter the total project cost: \$531,500.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 20%

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.

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$100,985.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$5,315.00

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? \$0

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies will be used for the non-federal match?	\$0
What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each.	\$0
What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?	\$0
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	Chase County has the second highest traffic fatality rate in Kansas, with an alarming average of 93.2 fatalities per 100,000 residents annually. Data from the Kansas Department of Transportation Local Road Safety Plan revealed high-risk zones where agricultural and commercial trucks merge with high-speed through traffic on US Highway 50. The county would like to reduce crash severity and eliminate fatalities by developing a comprehensive, countywide safety plan without Safe Streets for All grant funding. Like many rural counties, Chase County does not have concentrations of extreme poverty but does have limited financial resources. The median income is \$52,481, 25% lower than state and US averages. Chase County uses a complicated formula to determine property tax, with lower rates on agricultural land and homestead exemptions, and the median assessed property value is \$83,000 compared to a state median of \$164,000. FEMA reimbursement for extensive storm damage to roads and bridges in 2024 have not been seen yet, further limiting available county funds. Budget deficits mean that there will be a 2025 mill levy rate increase just to maintain essential services and without Build Kansas match, Chase County will not be able to meet the SS4A 20% match requirement. The County Commission has approved the SS4A grant application, the Build Kansas application, and the 5% contribution to Build Kansas match funding. The county also has a .5FTE grant writer, experience with Federal contracts, no outstanding debt, strong community and regional partners and a pledge to improve safety and connectivity.

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:

[Executive_Summary_for_SS4A_FFY25.pdf](#)
[Chase_County_SS4A_Grant_Narrative.pdf](#)
[SS4A_Budget.pdf](#)
[Chase_County_LRSP_Segment_Risk_Factor_Scores.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: Christie Reinhardt
The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.

Position/Title: Grant Writer

Additional:

Position/Title:

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Position/Title:

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Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$100,985.00	19.00%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$5,315.00	1.00%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$425,200.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$531,500.00	100.00%

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

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
66843	15%
66845	40%
66850	20%
66862	5%
66869	20%
	100% In Kansas

Executive Summary

Chase County participated in a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Local Road Safety Plan (LSRP) engineering cohort in 2024. Chase County was included in the project as the county has the second highest traffic fatality rate in Kansas, with a 5-year average of 93.2 per 100,000 people. An LSRP is meant to provide a framework for improvement with a local focus and prioritized action to align with KDOT's "Drive to Zero" mission to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes in Kansas. From this cohort project, Chase County received raw data, risk scores, and maps that provided color coded graphic illustrations. KDOT also provided maps that listed the top ten recommended county safety improvement projects. Most of these projects are where county roads meet with the Highway 50 main traffic corridor or where there is heavy truck and vehicle traffic on county roads, bridges, and curves not designed for this type of usage.

To address the high fatality rates, Chase County is applying for a FFY25 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant to take the KDOT LSRP work and turn it into a completed Safety Action Plan with supplemental studies and demonstration projects. SS4A is a 5-year grant (2022-26) and almost \$2 billion is still available for grantees. Once a plan is completed, communities are eligible for additional SS4A funds for implementation projects. Implementation funds can be used for improvements and strategies such as new turning lanes and lane width alterations, bike lanes, high friction surface treatment, rumble strips, roadway improvement at rail intersections, shoulder widening, additional lighting, road markings, safety cameras, public education, and signage. The Chase County SS4A planning project will use grant funds for a contract with an engineering firm to partner with the county to complete a safety plan using the current KDOT LSRP data and recommendations, and supplementing them with the additional studies, analyses, and stakeholder input necessary for completing an action plan. The completed Safety Action Plan will include seven key components:

1. Leadership
2. Planning structure
3. Safety analysis
4. Engagement and collaboration
5. Policy and process changes
6. Strategy and project selections
7. Progress and transparency

Collaborators will include the Chase County Commission, Roads and Bridges, Emergency Services, School District 284, business and community leaders, , KDOT, BNSF Rail Line, Kansas Infrastructure Hub, Flint Hills Regional Council, Build Kansas, and US DOT. A Safety Task Force will be created from these partners to provide leadership, engagement, and

recommendations for the Action Plan. The contractor will also work with the Task Force to select and trial low-cost safety strategies at a minimum of two demonstration sites. The goal is to significantly reduce or eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, and commercial and agricultural operators. Expected SS4A short term outcomes to achieve this long-range goal include:

1. **Data** to inform and monitor safety planning and activities
2. **Engagement** with public and private stakeholders
3. **Development** of a safety plan using ideas that work
4. **Tests** of low-cost, high-impact strategies that improve safety

Chase County will solicit an engineering contractor through a competitive process. The non-federal match for SS4A funds is 20%. The County will also be hiring a contractor for SS4A grant reporting and administration. The budget for the SS4A grant is as follows:

Safe Streets for All FFY25 Budget	SS4A Federal Request	SS4A Non-Federal Match	Total Cost
New Safety Action Plan Deliverables: Develop leadership and task force, conduct safety analysis, review data, select strategies, complete comprehensive plan.	244,800	61,200	306,000
Supplemental Planning Activities: Road safety audit data collection and analysis, speed and lighting studies	102,000	25,500	127,500
Demonstration Activities: Curb extension demonstration, road diet demonstration	42,400	10,600	53,000
Grant Administration:	36,000	9,000	45,000
	\$425,200	\$106,300	\$531,500