

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026

Application Package | Memo



To: Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, Build Kansas
Advisory Committee
Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Shawn Wesner, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: **2026-188-NoEDD Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation**

Date: July 16, 2026

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. 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 – Project narrative, pages 9-10.

Project Overview

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for their PBPB SS4A Demonstration project which includes rehabilitating bridges and implement targeted roadway safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serious injuries across the Nation’s transportation network.

This opportunity is a discretionary IIJA program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$819,487.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing an in-kind match contribution of \$43,131.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$3,450,474.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$4,313,092.00.

The deadline was May 26, 2026, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on April 24, 2026.

Previously Awarded BKF

Program/Fiscal Year	BKF Amount	Federal Award Status	BKF Status
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on May 27, 2026 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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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2026-188-NoEDD		
Applicant Name	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation		
Application Date Received	4/24/2026		
Project Name	PBPN SS4A Demonstration Project		
Project Description	Rehabilitate bridges and implement targeted roadway safety improvements to reduce fatalities and serious injuries across the Nation's transportation network.		
Entity Type	Tribal Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	NO EDD/RPC		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation		
IIJA Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program		
IIJA Program Type	Discretionary		
Application Type	Implementation		
IIJA Application Deadline	5/26/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$819,487.00		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes ☒	No ☐
	IIJA Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes ☐	No ☒
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$819,487.00 will unlock \$3,450,474.00 in federal IIJA funding, with an in-kind match contribution of \$43,131.00, for a total project cost of \$4,313,092.00.		
Previously Awarded BKF Applications (If Applicable)	Program/FY	BKF Amount	Status
	N/A	N/A	N/A
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	5/27/2026 Recommend ☒ Declined ☐		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	7/16/2026 Recommend ☐ Declined ☐		

Title	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	04/24/2026
	by Julia Murray in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 53932546
	16281 Q Road Mayetta, Kansas 66509 Kansas United States 785-966-3942 juliamurray@pbpnation.org	

Original Submission	04/24/2026
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Score	n/a
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Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
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Project Name:	PBPN SS4A Demonstration Project
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Entity type:	Tribal Government
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Entity Population:	1,650
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Applicant Contact Name:	Julia Murray
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Tribal Grant Manager
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+17859663942
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	juliamurray@pbpnation.org
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Applicant Contact Address:	16281 Q Road
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
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Applicant Contact City: Mayetta

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 66509

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? Jackson 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:

FY 2026 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?

5/26/2026

Application Type:

Implementation

What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?

2026

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity:

\$3,450,474.00 for a total project cost of \$4,313,092.00

Enter the total project cost:

\$4,313,092.00

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:

\$819,487.00 for a total project cost of \$4,313,092.00

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

0

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

\$43,131.00 for a total project cost of \$4,313,092.00

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?

N/A

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies be used for the non-federal match?

N/A

What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each.

In-kind matching support will be provided from PBPN for project management.

What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?

N/A

Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:

PBPN has applied for funding through the Rural and Tribal Assistance Program and Safe Streets for All Program to fund this project. To date, no funds has been awarded to complete the project.

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:

[2026_SS4A_summary_for_KS_BUILD_app.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 checked
of Funds:

Understanding of checked
Reporting
Requirements:

Authority to Make checked
Grant Application:

Persons and Titles: Julia
The following Murray
persons are
responsible for
making this Build
Kansas Fund
application.

Position/Title: Tribal Grant Manager

Additional: Abigail
 Heitzman

Position/Title: Tribal Grant Assistant

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

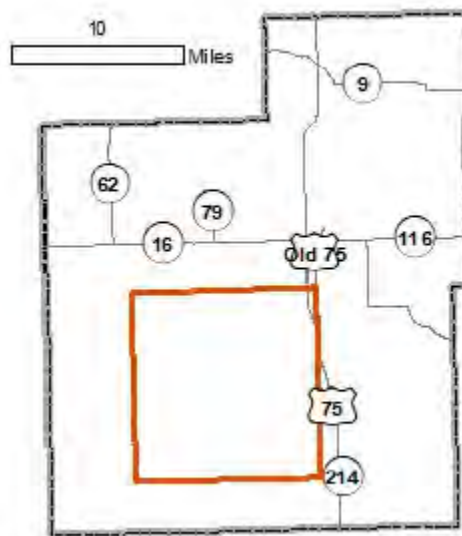
Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$819,487.00	19.00%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$0.00	0.00%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$43,131.00	1.00%
IIJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$3,450,474.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$4,313,092.00	100.00%

Project Match	Amount	% of Match
Build Kansas Funds	\$819,487.00	95.00%
Applicant Contribution	\$43,131.00	5.00%
TOTAL MATCH	\$862,618.00	100.00%

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
66509	100%
	100% In Kansas

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB or ‘the Nation’) is a federally recognized Tribe located in rural northeast Kansas on its reservation established by the Treaty with the Potawatomi Nation, dated June 17, 1846, 9 Stat. 853. The project jurisdiction includes the 121.5 square mile portion of the reservation, now identified as the Common Lands. The Common Lands are located in Jackson County, Kansas along U.S. Highway 75, a busy transportation corridor connecting northern Texas north to the Canadian border.



[Figure 1]

In the spring of 2025, PBPB completed a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) through funding from a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant and is now seeking to apply for a SS4A Implementation Grant to begin carrying out the recommendations and improvements identified in the CSAP that are designed to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. As stated in the justification for the Planning Grant:

“According to data recorded by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB) Police Department, PBPB has a roadway fatality rate of 22.7 per 100,000 people [as of 2023]. This rate is significantly higher than averages in the United States, and the development of an Action Plan would empower PBPB to see significant reduction or elimination of roadway fatalities and serious injuries. The Nation’s roadway infrastructure has compounding issues which impede its goal of reaching zero roadway fatalities, including lacking road design, poor infrastructure, visibility issues, and a lack of multimodal options for travelers. [...] PBPB is interested in exploring all safety considerations that may be applicable to the Nation’s roadways and jurisdiction, including low-cost, high-

impact strategies. The Nation is committed to engaging key stakeholders and the community to identify and implement safer road structures. PBPB intends to make data-driven analysis and decisions and will utilize the fully developed Action Plan as a guide and resource in reducing roadway fatalities.”

The Nation is eager to begin implementing improvements and countermeasures in its jurisdiction recommended in the PBPB CSAP — the proposed project will serve as Phase 1 of the CSAP implementation, with future phases planned to fully enact the Safety Action Plan. This initial proposed project will consist of three components based on strategies identified in the PBPB CSAP that advance roadway safety for the Nation:

1. Rehabilitation and modification of four (4) bridges to improve existing roadways;
2. Low-cost, high-impact infrastructure enhancements to support road safety in six (6) priority locations; and
3. Implementing system-wide strategies including crosscutting safety countermeasures.

The PBPB CSAP identified high-risk potential hazards across the Nation, including bridges without guardrails. The rehabilitation and modification of four bridges to improve existing roadways will address this hazard by replacing the failing support structures to provide stable foundations for guardrails. Infrastructure improvements in high-incident and high-traffic areas will consist of adding new road signs in the six priority locations and installing lighting along 150th Road from the US Highway 75 overpass bridge to the PBP Casino & Resort, which is a section of road that sees heavy traffic from the local community, guests visiting the casino, and semitrucks passing through. Additionally, road safety audits, as recommended in the CSAP, will be performed at the six priority locations and other critical areas within the PBPB road system. The local road safety audits will coincide with a traffic study conducted along US-75 Highway from 114th Road to 204th Road, which will serve as the first step toward establishing a “safety corridor” on the stretch of highway that runs through the Nation’s jurisdiction. The safety corridor would be marked by additional infrastructure improvements and closely monitored speed limit enforcement by Tribal Police depending upon the outcome of the traffic study.