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MEMO TO: County Engineers/City Engineers/Road Supervisors/Highway Administrators/Public Works Directors and Consultants

FROM: Tod Salfrank, Chief
Bureau of Local Projects

SUBJECT: OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM – FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is issuing a call for projects for its Off-System Bridge Program. Projects selected will be programmed for letting in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024, which begins October 1, 2023.

Federal law and regulations require that a specific portion of a state's apportionment of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and Bridge Program Funds (BPF) be used for replacement or rehabilitation of eligible bridges located on roads that are not on the federal-aid system. To comply with this requirement, KDOT has established the Off-System Bridge Program. The total State and Federal funds for this program will be approximately \$20.5 million for FFY 2024. KDOT will cap the funds awarded on a project-by-project basis for this program, not to exceed two million dollars per project. The program is competitive, and funds are awarded through an application process. Projects will be selected for the FFY 2024 program from the applications received from this announcement.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, the bridge must meet the following criteria:

- Located on a road functionally classified as a rural minor collector, rural local, or urban local road.
- Have a current NBI inspection report.
- Have an NBI rating of "Poor".

PARTICIPATION: This is a federal program, and the participation will be 100% funded with a combination of state and federal funding (up to \$2M) for construction and construction engineering. The local agency will be responsible for any construction and construction engineering cost over the project maximum as well as 100% of the design, right of way acquisition, utility relocation, and any non-participating costs.

LOW-COST BRIDGE OPTIONS: Low-cost bridge design options will be allowed if the following conditions are met:

- The bridge is located on a road functionally classified as a local road
- Traffic volume is less than or equal to 100 vehicles per day
- The approach roadway is a two-wheel path road
- Roadway surface on approaches is gravel, sand or dirt
- Maximum length of bridge is 100'
- The new structure shall be no less than 24' wide
- Bridge is not located on or adjacent to a curve or intersection
- A type 3 object marker shall be installed at each end of the bridge rails

Local projects low-cost bridge standards are available for download at <https://kart.ksdot.org/>.

PROCEDURE: To be considered, interested officials must apply to the Bureau of Local Projects adhering to the following procedures:

- Completely fill out the attached application form, including project costs. Form is also available on-line at: <https://www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwksdotorg/bureaus/burLocalProj/BLPDocuments/1332%20Application.xlsx>
- Attach a map of the location.
- Submit all documents by **September 2, 2022**.

TIME AND CYCLE: Proposals for the FFY 2024 program must be submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation and postmarked by September 2, 2022. Submissions will be accepted electronically at KDOT.LPePlans@ks.gov or by mail at KDOT, 700 SW Harrison St., Bureau of Local Projects, 7th Floor, Topeka, KS 66603-3745. We anticipate the announcement of the approved projects by the end of November 2022. After this announcement, the LPAs will be required to process a Request for Construction Project (KDOT Form 1302). A schedule will be developed after receipt of the KDOT Form 1302 to advance the project to a timely bid letting.

CONTACT PERSON: If further information is needed to complete the application, please contact Donna Schmit at donna.schmit@ks.gov or (785) 213-7034.

Sincerely,



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