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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: KANSAS LOCAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2023

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is issuing a call for projects for its Local Bridge Improvement Program. Projects selected must be under contract for construction within 24 months of award.

KDOT has established the Local Bridge Improvement Program using State Funds. The program is competitive, and projects are selected through an application process. Projects will be selected from the applications received after this announcement.

**ELIGIBILITY** – In order to receive funding a bridge must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) classified as “Poor” based on the latest inspection performed under the procedures of the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Program.
- 2) NBI appraisal rating of 3 or less for Items (previously defined as Functionally Obsolete):
  - 67 (Structural Condition),
  - 68 (Deck Geometry),
  - 69 (Underclearances),
  - 71 (Waterway Adequacy), or
  - 72 (Approach Roadway Alignment).
- 3) load rating requires bridge to be posted with a weight limit of less than legal loads.
- 4) in immediate need of rehabilitation to remain open.
- 5) closed due to structural inadequacies.

**PARTICIPATION** - This is a State funded program. Participation will range from 75% to 100% state funds (depending on county population density) for Construction and Construction Engineering on a reimbursement basis.

| County Population Density<br>Persons/Sq. Mile | Required Local Match |
|---|----------------------|
| < 5   | 0                    |
| 5 to 10                                       | 5%                   |
| >10 to 25                                     | 10%                  |
| >25 to 100                                    | 15%                  |
| >100 to 500                                   | 20%                  |
| >500  | 25%                  |

Local match requirement will be reduced in exchange for the permanent closure of additional eligible bridge(s). An additional \$1,000 per linear foot of bridge closure (this may be one or multiple bridges) will be provided through state funds. A minimum of \$50,000 per project will be awarded for a bridge closure.

Maximum funding per project will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**PROCEDURE** - Interested officials must submit an application to the Bureau of Local Projects for consideration for the Local Bridge Improvement Program and adhere to the following procedures:

1. Completely fill out the attached application form including project costs. Form is also available on-line at:  
<http://www.ksdot.org/burlocalproj/default.asp>
2. Attach a map of the location.
3. Submit all documents by **September 2, 2022**.

**TIME AND CYCLE** - Proposals for the program must be submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation and postmarked by September 2, 2022. Electronic submissions will be accepted and may be sent to [KDOT.LPePlans@ks.gov](mailto:KDOT.LPePlans@ks.gov). Hard copies can be mailed to KDOT, 700 SW Harrison St, Bureau of Local Projects, 7th Floor, Topeka, KS 66603-3745. We anticipate the announcement of the approved projects in November 2022. After projects are awarded, the owner and the owner's consultant will advance the project to be under contract for construction by November 1, 2024, unless justification for an extension is provided and approved by KDOT prior to executing the project agreement.

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

Sincerely,



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