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## **Governor Kelly congratulates Russell for receiving \$160,000 in federal safety grants**

RUSSELL – Governor Laura Kelly announced the city of Russell has been awarded \$160,000 in federal funding in the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. The funds will be used to help improve safety and prevent deaths and serious injuries on local roadways.

Russell is among seven Kansas communities receiving a combined total of \$1.47 million in funding through the SS4A program.

“The Safe Streets and Roads for All grant will enable our community to start planning safer streets, roads and walkways,” said Rich Krause, Public Works Director. “I want to thank our city staff for their collaboration on this grant and to the Kansas Department of Transportation for its support in helping secure funding to improve safety and expand mobility options for decades to come.”

State funding provided by a Kansas SS4A Match Pilot Program will contribute 15% of Russell’s local match as required of grant recipients.

“No one can better pinpoint a community’s safety needs than the people who live and work there,” said Governor Kelly. “I commend these local governments for leveraging federal and state funding to create safety plans for their city streets and county roads.”

Administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Safe Streets and Roads for All is a five-year, \$5 billion competitive grant program funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. SS4A projects stress responsible driving, safer roadway designs, appropriate speed limit setting and improved post-crash care. Nationwide for this fall 2023 funding announcement, the \$82 million in SS4A grants is being directed to 235 regional, local and Tribal communities.

“Local commitment and regional collaboration were instrumental in bringing Safe Streets and Roads for All funds to Kansas,” said KDOT Secretary Calvin Reed. “KDOT’s help with local matching funds is indicative of the importance the agency places on safety and our long-term goal of reaching zero roadway fatalities.”

The SS4A program is structured so the federal government covers 80% of the planning and demonstration grant costs, and the local government covers 20%. The Kansas Department of Transportation agreed to cover some or all of the local match to encourage participation. To have the full 20% covered by KDOT, agencies had to represent a rural area of the state.

Other Kansas communities receiving SS4A grants include the cities of El Dorado, Eureka, and Hutchinson and Chautauqua and Shawnee counties. The USDOT expects to announce additional FY23 awards in December.

Below is an overview of the fall 2023 awarded projects in Kansas from the SS4A program:

<b>Grant Awardee</b>	<b>Award Amount</b>	<b>% Match from KDOT</b>
Chautauqua County*	\$360,000	20%
City of El Dorado	\$160,000	15%
City of Eureka	\$140,000	15%
City of Hutchinson	\$160,000	10%
City of Newton*	\$320,000	15%
City of Russell	\$160,000	15%
Shawnee County	\$168,000	10%
<b>Kansas Total</b>	<b>\$1,468,000</b>	

\* Indicates awardee was the lead applicant for a multijurisdictional application.

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