**BACKGROUND**

The Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) established the Innovative Technology Program to be funded at $2 M per year. Following local consult conversations in 2019, it was clear that Kansas should leverage new innovative technology opportunities to position the state for the future.

**OBJECTIVE**

The Innovative Technology Program provides financial assistance to partners for innovative technology projects that improve safety, leverage state funds to increase total technology investment and help both rural and urban areas of the state improve the transportation system. The Innovative Technology Program is new and may need to be adjusted based on submitted applications and interest in the program.

**AVAILABLE FUNDING**

$2 M per fiscal year. No project will be awarded more than $1 M per cycle. Funding will only cover construction and procurement costs.

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Projects that address an important transportation need such as promoting safety, improving access or mobility, and implementing new transportation technology.

All transportation system projects are eligible, including roadway (on and off the state system), rail, aviation, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), bicycle/pedestrian and public transit.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Projects typically will be administered by a local unit of government. Non-governmental applications also will be considered with a local government partner.

**LOCAL MATCH**

A minimum of 25% non-state cash match is required. Non-cash matches will not be considered. Additional consideration will be given to project applications that commit more than the minimum required match amount.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Candidate projects should include investments that provide transportation benefits and are not eligible for other KDOT programs. Candidate projects may receive additional consideration if they support economic growth, aid in the retention or recruitment of business or add value to a KDOT project.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

Applications will be accepted beginning October 11, 2021. Selection criteria will include consideration of projects that meet program objectives, eligibility categories and requirements. Geographic distribution also will be considered during project selection. Applications will be due November 19, 2021. Awarded projects will be announced by December 10, 2021.

**HOW TO APPLY**

The Innovative Technology Program application will be available only on the KDOT website, beginning October 11, 2021. All 2021 KDOT Innovative Technology Program applications and attachments must be submitted as a single PDF document. Please submit your signed and completed application packet by **November 19, 2021**, via email to InnovTechProgram@ks.gov. If you do not receive a confirmation email within two business days, please email or call.

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