



The Kansas Department of Transportation's  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
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**OBJECTIVE:** Create net new jobs and capital investment in the State by using transportation investments to recruit new businesses and encourage growth of existing businesses.

**ANNUAL FUNDING:** \$10 million in reimbursement grants

**ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:** Any transportation project that can be shown to support job growth or capital investment in the State. All modes are eligible, including road projects on and off the state-system, rail projects, airport improvements and public transit investments. Typical projects include access roads, turning lanes, and rail spurs.

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Local Governments, often in partnership with a private business

**LOCAL MATCH:** A 25% minimum local match is generally required, although this is negotiable

**REQUIREMENTS:** Must address a transportation problem such as enhancing safety, improving access or mobility, or relieving congestion

Must be non-speculative, meaning the program is not intended to fund improvements merely for future recruitment of businesses

Other basic infrastructure must be in place or eminent, such as water and other utilities

Projects cannot just transfer business from one part of the state to another

Must have the support of local leaders such as elected officials and the chamber of commerce

**APPROVAL PROCESS:** If a project's approval is critical to recruit a new business to the State, a decision will be made within 45 days. For projects that are not time-sensitive, projects will be pooled and selected annually as funding is available

**HOW TO APPLY:** If you are new to the program, it is strongly recommended that you begin with the General Local Opportunities Application, available at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/genapp2011.docx>.

The Economic Development application can be found at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/edapp2011.docx>.

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