



The Kansas Department of Transportation's
STATE RAIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENT FUND

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OBJECTIVE: **Improve rail access** for businesses and **preserve the condition** of the state's short line rail network

AVAILABLE FUNDING: **\$5 million** annually in a combination of loans and reimbursement grants

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: **Projects that improve the condition or expand the capacity** of the state's short line railroads and **projects that can be used to recruit or expand business** in the state by providing better access to the state's rail network. Typical projects include rail rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, rail spurs, sidings and extensions.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Local Governments, short line railroads, port authorities and shippers

LOCAL MATCH: **Local match will generally be 30%**. Other locally proposed match amounts could be considered depending on project specifics.

REQUIREMENTS: If applicant is a local government, shipper or port authority a **Memorandum of Understanding with the serving railroad to provide service and car supply is required**.
Projects must demonstrate a cost-benefit ratio of one or more.

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: **It is strongly recommended that you begin with the General Local Partnership Opportunities Application**, particularly if you are unfamiliar with the program. The application is available at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/genapp2011.docx>.

If the project directly relates to creating jobs and capital investment, applicants should submit the Economic Development Program application, available at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/edapp2011.docx>.

For preservation and expansion projects, applicants should submit the State Service Improvement Fund application available at <http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/railapp2011.docx>.

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