Kansas Department of Transportation
INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
FY 2021

BACKGROUND	The Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program (IKE) established the Innovative Technology Program to be funded at $3M per year. Local consult conversations in 2019 made it clear that Kansas must leverage new innovative technology opportunities to better position the state for the future.
OBJECTIVE	The Innovative Technology Program provides financial assistance to partners for innovative technology projects that improve safety, increase total technology investment and help both rural and urban areas of the state improve the transportation system. Innovative Technology Program processes will be continuously refined to meet state needs.
AVAILABLE FUNDING	$3M per fiscal year. No project will be awarded more than $1M per cycle.
ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	Projects that meet an important transportation need such as promoting safety, improving access or mobility, and advancing transportation technology. All transportation system projects are eligible, including roadway (on and off the state system), rail, aviation, Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), alternative fuels, public safety data, bicycle/pedestrian and public transit.
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	Projects will typically be administered by a local unit of government. Non-governmental applications also will be considered.
LOCAL MATCH	A minimum of 25% non-state cash match is required. Additional consideration will be given to project applications that contribute more than the minimum required match.
REQUIREMENTS	Candidate projects should provide transportation benefits that typically 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 August 17, 2020. Projects will be evaluated according to both their eligibility and alignment to State objectives. Geographic distribution will also be considered. Applications will be due September 18, 2020. Awarded projects will be announced by the end of October 2020.
HOW TO APPLY	The Innovative Technology Program application will be available only on the KDOT website, beginning August 17, 2020. All applications and attachments must be submitted as a single PDF. Please submit your signed application by **September 18, 2020,** 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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