

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2024 Application Package | Memo



To: Senator Ty Masterson, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Murl Riedel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Matthew A. Volz, P.E., Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure

Hub RE: Build Kansas Fund Application # 2024-038-NoEDD

Date: April 17, 2024

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Nortonville.

The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 11 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-8. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources.
- Attachments – executive summary, pages 9-11.

Project Overview

The City of Nortonville seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) for development of their first Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

SS4A is a discretionary BIL program that has a local match requirement of 20%. The City of Nortonville is requesting \$20,000 from the Build Kansas Fund. This request has the potential to unlock \$80,000 in federal funds.

The next deadline for SS4A applications is May 16, 2024. The Build Kansas Fund application was received on March 15, 2024.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on April 17, 2024, following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2024-038-NoEDD
Project Name	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	NoEDD
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
BIL Application Deadline	4/4/2024
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$20,000.00
Technical Assistance Received	General No
	BIL Application No
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes
	Other (Brief Description): Support on application and budget submission
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$20,000.00 will unlock \$80,000.00 in federal BIL funding.

Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	April 17, 2024 Recommend
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Advisory Committee Target Review	DATE Recommend or Deny
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Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	DATE Approve or Deny
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Completeness Review Data

Date Build Kansas Application Received:	4/02/2024
Date Of Completeness Check:	4/02/2024
Date Forwarded to Steering Committee:	4/02/2024

Title	Nortonville, City of	04/02/2024
	by Brandy Sutherland in Build Kansas Fund	id. 46110927
	Fiscal Year 2024 Application	
	brandy.sutherland@bluevalleyconsultants.com	

Original Submission	04/02/2024
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Score	n/a
	Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	Nortonville, City of
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Project Name:	Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the City of Nortonville
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Entity type:	Local Government
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Applicant Contact Name:	Barb Polson
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Clerk
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+19138862060
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	bpolson@nortonvilleks.com
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Applicant Contact Address:	PO Box 177
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
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Applicant Contact City:	Nortonville
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Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
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Applicant Contact Zip Code:	66060
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Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact?	No
Project Contact Name:	Brandy Sutherland
Project Contact Position/Title:	Project Manager
Project Contact Telephone Number:	+17855049450
Project Contact Email Address:	brandy.sutherland@bluevalleyconsultants.com
Project Contact Address:	PO BOX 252
Project Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
Project Contact City:	Riley
Project Contact State:	Kansas
Project Contact Zip Code:	66531

Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Certify that you are pursuing a viable Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible:	Yes
Certify that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component:	Yes
What is the primary county that the project will occur in?	Jefferson County

The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

[Zip Code Percentage.xlsx](#)

Part 3: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Grant Application Information
Please Note: This information is related to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.

Please enter the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for: DOT-SS4A-FY24-01 Safe Streets and Roads for All

What is the funding agency for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? U.S. Department of Transportation

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 20.939

What is the application due date for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 4/4/2024

What is the federal fiscal year for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 2024

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity: \$80,000.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 20.0

Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information

Enter the non-federal match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$20,000.00

Is the project able to move forward with a lesser match amount than requested? No

If you are awarded less match than the amount requested, at what amount would your project NOT be able to move forward? \$20,000.00

Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project:

[Kansas+DOT+table.xlsx](#)

Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test

Confirm that there are no available funding sources currently planned to go unused by your entity that could be leveraged for this project: Yes

Confirm there are no available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies that could be used for this match:

Yes

Confirm that you have explored other readily available funding sources (federal or non-federal) to be used for this match:

Yes

Briefly describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:

I searched for private entities who grant funds to rural communities for health, safety and transportation improvements, most were for scholarships to get medical training or medical equipment. I looked through the KDOT programs and applied for a Cost Share for different improvements. I also signed up to get technical assistance to create the Safe Routes to School planning documents.

Part 6: Additional Information

Please upload a copy of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) program application associated with this request OR a 2-page executive summary providing an overview of the project:

[SS4A_Application_Narrative_NortonvilleV2.pdf](#)

[SS4A_Nortonville_Concept.pdf](#)

Provide any additional information about this project (optional):

Part 7: Terms and Conditions

Understanding of Fund Release Requirements:

checked

Understanding of Use of Funds:

checked

Understanding of Reporting Requirements:

checked

Authority to Make Grant Application:

checked

Persons and Titles: Brandy
The following Sutherland
persons are
responsible for
making this Build
Kansas Fund
application.

Position/Title: Principal Engineer, Blue Valley Consultants, LLC

Additional: Barb
Polson

Position/Title: City Clerk

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Internal Form

Score n/a

Pre-Award Information:

Post-Award Information:

Deviation Report:

Source	Amount	Zip Code	% of project in
			zip code
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$ 80,000.00	66060	100% in Kansas
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$ 20,000.00		
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)			
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 100,000.00		

Overview

Nortonville, Kansas, a close-knit community, nestled amid the rolling plains, embodies the heart and soul of rural America. The city council and mayor are prepared to take a proactive approach to safety concerns and understand the need for pre-emptive measures and implement the Nortonville Safety Task Force (Task Force) to support the development of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the City of Nortonville (Action Plan). This plan will encompass various initiatives aimed at enhancing public safety, promoting community engagement, and reducing injuries, especially serious and fatal injuries. The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant, Nortonville will conduct supplemental planning activities to assist in the development of an Action Plan to create a safer and more secure future for all road users.

This project will consist of the development of the Action Plan as well as supplemental planning activities to include safety analysis for lighting and speed studies, road safety audits, and ADA transition plans. The Task Force will engage the community through various methods, and compile the feedback and update any policies. The SS4A grant will allow the city to identify comprehensive improvements, driven by data, community input and equity matters to address safety concerns for all modes of transportation which will recommend an implementation timeframe. As countermeasures are implemented, the community will be updated and data will be shared to show the progress toward reducing injuries.

Project Location/Address

Nortonville, Kansas, located in Jefferson County, has nearly 7 miles of roadway with no connectivity for non-motorized users without using the road; this is a safety risk to the pedestrians. The proposed project will develop an Action Plan that will allow for safer modes of transportation for all users. Focus will be given to areas with the highest volumes, low-income residents and where residents with mobility and accessibility issues are a concern.

Response to Selection Criteria: Safety Impact

The City of Nortonville is fortunate enough to have avoided roadway fatalities in the last five years; however, safety concerns such as elderly residents using micromobility devices to travel and the lack of sidewalks and ADA ramps. The SS4A funds will allow the city to complete an Action Plan to identify low-cost and high-impact strategies throughout the older and newer parts of the community creating cohesiveness and connectivity for the residents. Implementing evidence-based projects and strategies improves the effectiveness of the improvements as well as the likelihood that the improvements will be utilized.

Osage Street, the north/south thoroughfare, connects residents to the gas station, the business district, via Main Street, and the Elementary/Middle School via Walnut Street. These areas are highly traveled by pedestrians, either elderly using micromobility devices or children on bikes, scooters or walking. There is a potential for severe and even fatal crashes. Also, dedicated facilities have been shown to increase the community's activity level and improve health.

Identifying areas where speeding is a concern and providing countermeasures will help reduce those risks. Additionally, improving lighting conditions and reducing conflict points by providing the pedestrian or cyclist a dedicated travel way separate from the motorist will also reduce the severity and likelihood of crashes.

Response to Selection Criteria: Equity

The city takes inclusivity and equity seriously and had Governmental Assistance Services conduct a Low-Moderate Income study in 2020 which shows that more than 60% of the residents have incomes that are below the LMI limits. The Task Force will include strategies and projects that improve the safety of all residents regardless of their income. Experts are in agreement that providing accessible improvements to low/moderate income areas increase the probability that the improvements will be utilized which improves health. One area in which Nortonville residents are statistically vulnerable is with their health. According to the USDOT Equitable Transportation Community Explorer, Nortonville has an overall disadvantaged component score of nearly 80% in health vulnerability. These Action Plan will address these issues, provide connectivity and begin the journey for improved health. This is especially important to Nortonville since nearly 20% of the residents are over 70 and on a very low-fixed income.

Additional Consideration: Budget Costs

The Nortonville City Council requests grant funding in the amount of \$80,000 to support the development and creation of the Action Plan and supplemental planning activities to aid in the guidance of the Action Plan. The city has requested \$20,000 in funding from the Kansas Build Fund as the 20% match. The Action Plan and supplemental planning activities represent a proactive and collaborative approach to addressing transportation safety challenges and presents a significant opportunity to address lacking transportation safety improvements within the community while fostering economic growth and enhancing quality of life. With the funding from the SS4A Grant, the City of Nortonville is poised to implement strategic improvements that will increase road safety, enhance pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure, and promote safe transportation practices. Together, the city can create a transportation environment that is safer, more accessible, and more conducive to the well-being of all residents of Nortonville.

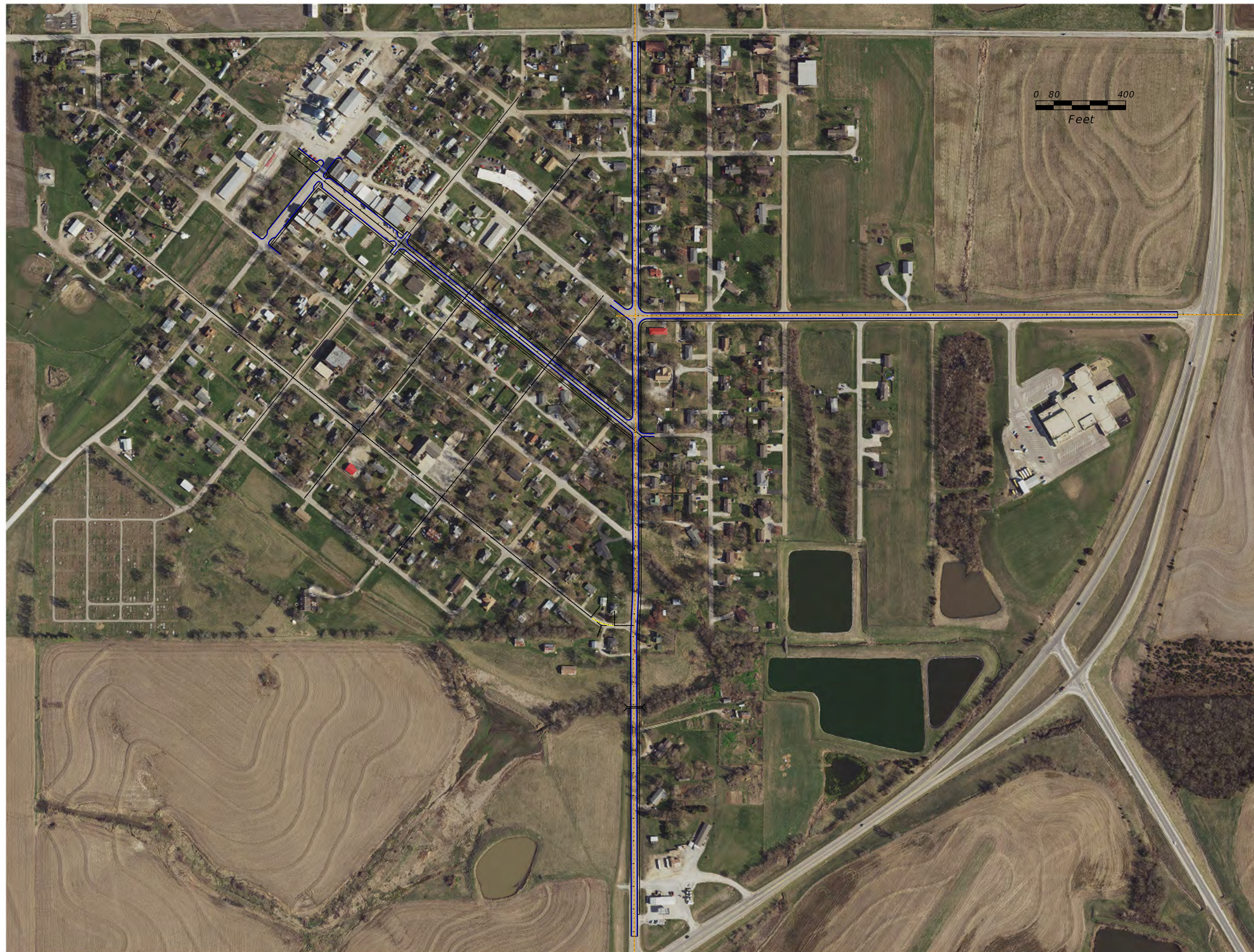
Preliminary Cost Estimate				
Task	Total	Requested	Match	% Match
Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	\$ 55,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 11,000	20%
<i>Supplemental Planning Activities</i>				
Lighting Study	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	20%
Speed Study	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	20%
ADA Transition Plan	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,000	20%
Total Project Costs	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000	20%

Additional Consideration: High Fatality Rates

The city of Nortonville does not have a high fatality rate.

Project Readiness

The city council is prepared to complete the consultant agreement with Blue Valley Consultants, LLC, a woman-owned, disadvantaged business, in preparation for being selected for this grant. Once the notice of award is given and the agreement executed with the DOT, the city council and Mayor will create the Nortonville Safety Task Force, data will be collected for the lighting and speed studies and road safety audits will be conducted. It is expected that the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the City of Nortonville will take 12 to 18 months to complete.



REVISIONS			
DATE	DESCRIPTION	DATE	DESCRIPTION


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CITY OF NORTONVILLE KANSAS		
ROAD NO.	COUNTY	PROJECT ID
S30 T7S R19E	Jefferson	

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