

Text of questionnaire for Interior-the Environment Appropriations Subcommittee

GRANTEE STATE, CITY AND ADDRESS:

**City of Lawrence, Kansas  
6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lawrence, Kansas 66044**

GRANTEE NAME:

**City of Lawrence, Kansas**

PROJECT LOCATION: [this is where the project is physically located and is not necessarily the grantee's mailing address]

**23<sup>rd</sup> and Ousdahl area**

PROJECT NAME

**23<sup>rd</sup> and Ousdahl Stormwater Improvements**

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

**The City of Lawrence is requesting \$1,100,000 for stormwater improvements at the intersection of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ousdahl Road. This area is a major stormwater challenge during large rain events, seriously impeding traffic on one of the busiest east-west arterials in Lawrence, and affecting commerce. The ability for emergency vehicles to travel and access this area is also impaired. Once funding is obtained, this project could be completed in one construction season.**

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT BASED ON FACILITIES PLAN OR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT:

**\$2,000,000**

AMOUNT REQUESTED [CANNOT EXCEED 55% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT]:

**\$1,100,000**

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM PAST APPROPRIATIONS [SPECIFY DOLLAR AMOUNT PER YEAR AND SOURCE OF FUNDS, SUCH AS THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND, STAG, GRANTS, USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM]:

The City of Lawrence has not received earmark funds for this or any other stormwater project.

The City of Lawrence receives \$1,000,000 per year in pass through funds from the Kansas Department of Transportation. These funds are used to rebuild failing/inadequate infrastructure within the City limits.

The City of Lawrence has previously received \$800,000 in the 2006 Appropriations Bill for the improvement of 31<sup>st</sup> Street from Haskell to O'Connell.

The following transit-related appropriations have also been funded:

FY03 FTA Section 5309 -	\$491,839
FY04 Section 115 -	\$400,000
FY05 FTA Section 5309 -	\$388,711
FY08 FTA Section 5309 -	\$147,000
FY08 JARC -	\$496,818
FY2009 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant (included in FY09 Omnibus Bill but not yet obligated)	\$950,000

DOES COMMUNITY HAVE A FINANCING PLAN CERTIFIED BY AN AUTHORIZED LOCAL OFFICIAL DEMONSTRATING HOW IT WILL COVER THE 45% MATCHING FUNDS?

The matching funds will be provided by local property, sales tax and stormwater funds.

WILL YOU ALSO SEEK FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT FROM THE RECENTLY-ENACTED STIMULUS PACKAGE [THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, P.L. 111-5]?

No.

Additionally, please review the materials below, which were provided by the Interior and Environment Subcommittee:

- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR STATE & TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANT EARMARK REQUESTS**

**Important: Cost Share Requirement:**

There is a 45% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. In almost all cases, other federal funds can not be used to fund this 45% cost share. For example, a \$1 million project could receive a maximum of \$550,000 from the Federal government, with the remaining \$450,000 the responsibility of the grantee. Ability to fund the 45% cost share is required before EPA can award a STAG grant. Please make your constituents

aware of this cost share requirement. Submission of this request does not constitute a commitment to fund this specific project, nor is it a commitment to provide full Federal funding for the 55% of the specific project cost.

The Committee limits STAG infrastructure grants to some of the project types eligible for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans.