

Text of questionnaire for Interior-the Environment Appropriations Subcommittee

PROJECT NAME

23rd and Ousdahl Stormwater Improvements

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

Intersection of 23rd Street and Ousdahl Road

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION [include purpose of project]:

The City of Lawrence is requesting \$1,000,000 for stormwater improvements at the intersection of 23rd 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. 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]:

\$1,000,000 (50% of the \$2 million total project cost)

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 federal appropriations 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 31st Street from Haskell to O'Connell.

The following transit-related appropriations have also been funded:

FY 03 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
FY09 FTA Section 5309 -	\$950,000

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

City of Lawrence infrastructure sales tax fund will provide the balance of funds needed for this project.

INTENDED RECIPIENT

City of Lawrence

RECIPIENT STREET ADDRESS

6 E 6th Street

RECIPIENT CITY

Lawrence

RECIPIENT STATE

Kansas

RECIPIENT ZIP CODE

66044

RECIPIENT POINT OF CONTACT [employed by recipient, not a lobbyist]

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EXPLANATION OF REQUEST [must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds -- this response will be posted on Rep. Moore's website]

This project is the highest priority stormwater project based on the 1996 stormwater study. It is a major stormwater challenge during large rain events; seriously impeding traffic on one of the busiest east-west arterials in Lawrence. The entire intersection can be rendered impassable due to flooding, producing major disruptions to travel and commerce. The ability for emergency vehicles to travel and access this area is also impaired. Police and Public Works crews have “standing orders,” so to speak, to dispatch to this intersection, place barricades, and redirect traffic every time there is a heavy storm. 23rd Street is one of the most heavily traveled east-west arterials in Lawrence, as well as a major commercial corridor.

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.