



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 railroad 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 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 major rail rehabilitation and construction/expansion projects, such as rail spurs, sidings and extensions.
- ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Local Governments, 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:** The State Rail Service Improvement Fund is for major rehabilitation and construction/expansion projects. The application is available at [www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/railapp2013](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/railapp2013).
- If the project directly relates to creating jobs and capital investment, the applicant should submit the Economic Development Program application, available at [www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/edapp2013](http://www.ksdot.org/tworks/ecodevo/downloads/edapp2013).
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