

Project Name	Paving 420 th Rd between I-80 and Hwy 34, Beaver Crossing, NE, District 1
Subcommittee	Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
Agency or Department	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Account	Community Development Fund – Economic Development Initiative (EDI)
Program	
Amount Requested	\$4,114,948.00
Total Project Cost	\$7,193,685.00
Federal Share of Project’s Total Budget	\$7,114,948.00
Previous Federal Funding Level	We received \$3 million in FY24 Community Project Funding for this project.
Previous Funding Request	We previously requested \$5.8 million for this project. This was prior to updated engineering.
Was this request included in the President’s budget?	Yes, this was in the budget for FY24.
Can this project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months of enactment?	Yes, Seward County has an updated contract with an engineering firm with a new set of engineering plans. Our contract with the engineering firm states our plan is to let the project in the Fall of 2024, with an intention to begin construction in the Spring of 2025.
Will you submit this request to multiple subcommittees? If so, which ones?	No
Will you submit this request to other Senators or Congressmembers? If so which ones?	Yes, we have submitted this request to Senator Fischer.
Could you accept a funding level below your ask? If so, what is the minimum necessary funding level?	No. Without a federal allocation, Seward County cannot complete this project. As a small county with a small tax base, we do not have the resources available in our budget. Additionally, we have several bridges nearing 100 years old that we will have to replace soon that require funds we may have to bond for – leaving us limited resources.
Name of Recipient	Seward County
Mailing Address of Recipient	529 Seward St., Room 206, Seward NE 68434

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Request Contact Information #2:	Seward County Commissioner Misty Ahmic 529 Seward St Seward, NE 68434 mahmic@sewardcountyne.gov (402) 641-1695
Location of Project	420 th Road between Interstate 80 and State Highway 34 in Seward County, NE
Federal Nexus Statement	See attached Nexus Statement. Federal Statute # 23 USC 133
Itemized Budget for project?	Re-Engineering Estimate: \$254,228.00 Right-of-Way Estimate: \$83,874.00 Project Estimate: \$6,855,583.00
Summary	<p>Seward County requests \$4,114,948.00 to pave 5.5 miles of heavily traveled county road 420 also known as Beaver Road. This portion of 420th connects Interstate 80 and State Highway 34. This is the main access road between the Village of Beaver Crossing and State Highway 34. According to September 2023 traffic counts, nearly 2,000 vehicles travel this roadway per week. Due to the high traffic and the consistent truck and commuter traffic on 420th road has made it difficult to maintain with hard to prevent washboards and potholes. Weather conditions, materials, and the cost of labor present equal maintenance challenges.</p> <p>The Seward County Road Department spends a considerable amount of time & resources maintaining this road, due to the significant amount of traffic & heavy equipment that degrades the roadway. This is problematic for Seward County because it takes significantly more revenue to maintain 420th road than nearby roads and presents a potential hazard to drivers with increased equipment presence.</p> <p>This roadway is on the current Seward County six-year road plan; however, a small county budget makes it unlikely to ever be completed without federal assistance. Alternatively, if Seward County moved this project to its one-year road plan, it would require more than 10% of the total county budget and no additional road maintenance or repairs could be completed during the same year.</p>

<p>Why is this project important for Nebraska’s First Congressional District?</p>	<p>In addition to connecting constituents to a state highway, this route would provide direct access for several agricultural producers in the area. Specifically, there are two chicken farms, three feedlots, and a trucking business. Additionally, traffic on this route is heightened during harvest when semis haul corn and soybeans to various elevators.</p> <p>The proposed paving project of 420th is North of Interstate 80 to Highway 34 & is often a detour route for road closures that occur because of accidents on the Interstate. County roads that are gravel are difficult for non-experienced drivers to navigate & create a hazard for residents, producers, & EMS providers in the area. This would help reduce this risk in an area that has seen a significant increase in motorist accidents in the last 10 years. CPF assistance in completing the paving of 420th road would significantly increase safe transportation for constituents, EMS/first responders, and the agricultural industry in Congressional District 1.</p>
<p>Why is this project an appropriate use of taxpayer funds?</p>	<p>The Seward County Board of Commissioners regularly receive requests to pave more county roads from our constituents – taxpayers. By paving a high traffic road like 420th, residents, businesses, EMS/first responders, and agricultural producers can more efficiently attain services & goods as well as deliver necessary commodities. This is a visual & effective way of putting taxpayer funds to good use and partnering with the front-line elected body who hears from taxpayers directly day-to-day. Safe roadways are imperative to the growth & future success of Seward County.</p>
<p>NE 01 Community Support</p>	<p>See Attachments</p>
<p>Please list all funding partners for this project.</p>	<p>Seward County has dedicated \$78,737.00 in public funding for engineering costs on this project and has received a \$3 million allocation for FY24.</p>
<p>If you are submitting multiple CPF requests, where does this project rank in your total requests?</p>	<p>This is the only CPF request on behalf of Seward County.</p>

PHASING: The previous \$3 million received in CPF Funding for this project will be used for construction engineering, Right-of-Way acquisition, and preliminary construction costs. The remaining \$4,114,948,00 requested in FY25 CPF Funding will be used to complete the construction of this project.

Community Project Funding prompts in the database for EDI:

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What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority: In addition to connecting constituents to a state highway, this route would provide direct access for several agricultural producers in the area. Specifically, there are two chicken farms, three feedlots, and a trucking business. Additionally, traffic on this route is heightened during harvest when semis haul corn and soybeans to various elevators.

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Amount requested for the Community Project Funding and the total project cost:

Requesting: \$4,114,948.00

Total Project Cost: \$7,193,685.00

Are there community partners participating in this project? We are receiving no financial support from any other community partners. However, we have a significant amount of community support via letters that are attached.

Does the grantee have experience executing a federal grant? Yes

Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which ones? No

Is this project consistent with the primary objection of the community development program?

Please describe who the project is intended to benefit: Yes, it is for local road infrastructure that connects Interstate 80 to Highway 34. By paving a high traffic road like 420th, residents, businesses, EMS/first responders, and agricultural producers can more efficiently attain services & goods as well as deliver necessary commodities. The proposed paving project of 420th is North of Interstate 80 to Highway 34 & is often a detour route for road closures that occur because of accidents on the Interstate. County roads that are gravel are difficult for non-experienced drivers to navigate & create a hazard for residents, producers, & EMS providers in the area. This would help reduce this risk in an area that has seen a significant increase in motorist accidents in the last 10 years. CPF assistance in completing the paving of 420th road would significantly increase safe transportation for constituents, EMS/first responders, and the agricultural industry in Congressional District 1.

What is the entity's EIN? 47-6006507

What is the zip code of the project location? 68313