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The City of Russell Awarded a Grant for Street Lighting Upgrades.

The City of Russell is excited to announce that it has been awarded \$122,783 in grant funds through the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to upgrade 311 streetlights to more energy-efficient technologies.

The KCC received a \$1.9 million Block Grant from the Department of Energy (DOE) as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Under this program, the KCC supports projects that replace traffic signals and street lighting with energy-efficient technology, with a particular focus on rural communities in Kansas.

“The City of Russell is honored to receive this grant, which will allow us to make significant improvements to our city’s infrastructure,” said Jim Cross, Mayor of the City of Russell. “Upgrading to energy-efficient streetlights is a major step forward for our community. It helps us reduce energy consumption and costs while enhancing lighting quality throughout the community.” The city is taking a crucial step towards sustainability and environmental responsibility.

The transition to LED streetlights is expected to begin in August and be completed by October of this year. The City of Russell will inform residents about the project's progress and any potential impacts on local traffic or neighborhoods.

For more information about the street lighting upgrade or other sustainability initiatives in the City of Russell, please get in touch with Dave Sturgeon, Electric Utility Director, at 785.483.7112.

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