

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2025 Application Package | Memo



To: Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Shauna Wake, Office of the Kansas State Treasurer

From: Matthew A. Volz, PE, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2025-080-SCKEDD

Date: January 10, 2025

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Wichita. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 10 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-8. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – executive summary, pages 9-10.

Project Overview

The City of Wichita seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the National Infrastructure Investments grant program, more commonly known as Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), for their Connecting Kansans through Multimodal Improvements at US-54/400 & Eisenhower Airport Parkway project which includes planning and preliminary engineering and design work for improvements to pedestrian safety and access to jobs, as well as replacement of aging infrastructure, at and near the Wichita Eisenhower National Airport.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$540,000.00 from the Build Kansas Fund and is providing a local match of \$60,000.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$2,400,000.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.00.

The deadline is January 30, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on December 3, 2024.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on January 8, 2025, following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2025-080-SCKEDD
Applicant Name	City of Wichita
Application Date Received	12/3/2024
Project Name	Connecting Kansans through Multimodal Improvements at US-54/400 & Eisenhower Airport Pkwy
Project Description	Planning and design work for improvements to pedestrian safety, access to jobs, and infrastructure replacement.
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	South Central KS Economic Development District
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Planning
BIL Application Deadline	1/30/2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$540,000.00
Technical Assistance Received	General Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BIL Application Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (Brief Description): Applicant provided with pre-award support for the federal application and support for BKF application.
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$540,000.00 will unlock \$2,400,000.00 in federal BIL funding, with a local contribution of \$60,000.00, for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.00.

Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	1/8/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	1/15/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>

Title	City of Wichita	12/03/2024
	by James Wagner in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 48985382
	jwagner@wichita.gov	

Original Submission	12/10/2024
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Score	n/a
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Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	City of Wichita
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Project Name:	Connecting Kansans through Multimodal Improvements at US-54/400 & Eisenhower Airport Pkwy
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Entity type:	Local Government
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Entity Population:	396,119
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Applicant Contact Name:	Paul Gunzelman
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Engineer
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+13162684501
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	PGunzelman@wichita.gov
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Applicant Contact Address:	455 Main
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	7th Floor Engineering
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Applicant Contact City:	Wichita
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Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
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Applicant Contact Zip Code:	67202
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Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact? Yes

Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Certify that you are pursuing a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible: Yes

Certify that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component: Yes

What is the primary county that the project will occur in? Sedgwick County

The Build Kansas Fund is intended to support Kansas-based infrastructure projects. Please provide a list of all the zip codes this project will be located in, along with an estimated percent [%] of the project located in that zip code. For example, if seeking funding for road infrastructure, provide a rough percent of the roads expected in each zip code:

[Zip Code Percentage.xlsx](#)

Part 3: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Grant Application Information
Please Note: This information is related to the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.

Please enter the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for: FY 2025 National Infrastructure Investments

What is the funding agency for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? U.S. Department of Transportation

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 20.933 National Infrastructure Investments

What is the federal application due date for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 1/30/2025

Application Type: Planning

What is the federal fiscal year for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 2025

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity: \$2,400,00.00 for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.00.

Enter the total project cost: \$3,000,000.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 20%

Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information Beginning in July 2024 and moving forward, eligible applicants are expected to contribute a portion of the non-Federal match requirement. This contribution can be in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions. The goal is to demonstrate the applicant's commitment to the project. The contribution should be significant enough relative to the Build Kansas Fund request. For a local public entity, 5% of the non-federal match is a good guideline, but not a requirement. See Build Kansas Fund Program Guidance for exceptions and more information.

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$540,000.00 for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.00.

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$60,000.00 for a total project cost of \$3,000,000.00.

Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$0

Expected breakdown of funding sources to support the project: Enter the funding source and projected amount from each source to support this project:

[Kansas+DOT+table_V2.xlsx](#)

Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test and Eligible Applicant Match

What other available funding sources that are currently planned to go unused by your entity will be leveraged for this project? N/A

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies will be used for the non-federal match? N/A

What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each. N/A

What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match? The City of Wichita will provide up to a 2% match of local funding (\$60,000) based on a \$3,000,000 project award. If funding is not awarded through the Build Kansas Fund, the City of Wichita will be unable to fund further transportation planning and construction to enhance safety within the interchange.

Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project: The City of Wichita has worked with private and public entities on this project. Non-federal match contributions have not been secured for the project as the City of Wichita will maintain public roads designated within the project. The City of Wichita has requested FY 24 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Funds in the amount of \$2.1 million, which has not been confirmed and is phased for a different project within the interchange expansion and study area.

Part 6: Additional Information

Please upload a draft or final version of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) program grant application associated with this request OR an executive summary providing an overview of the project:

[FY24_RAISE_GRANT- _City_of_Wichita_Submittal.pdf](#)

[Exhibit_A- 2024_RAISE_Grant- _Wichita- _Project_Scope_Map_1-24-2024.pdf](#)

[Wichita_RAISE_Grant- _KS_Inf_Hub_Exec_Summary.pdf](#)

Provide any additional information about this project not covered in previous sections of this application (optional):

Part 7: Terms and Conditions

Understanding of Fund Release Requirements: checked

Understanding of Use of Funds: checked

Understanding of Reporting Requirements: checked

Authority to Make Grant Application: checked

Persons and Titles: Paul
The following Gunzelman
persons are
responsible for
making this Build
Kansas Fund
application.

Position/Title: City Engineer

Additional: James
Wagner

Position/Title: Special Projects Engineer

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$2,400,000.00	80%
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$540,000.00	18%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$60,000.00	2%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$3,000,000.00	100%

Zip Code	% of project in zip code	State
67209	100	Kansas

Overview

The City of Wichita, Kansas (the City) is requesting \$2,400,000 in federal funding from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program to support ***Connecting Kansans through Multimodal Improvements at US-54/400 and Eisenhower Airport Parkway***. RAISE funds will be used to conduct planning processes and begin engineering design to improve safety and connectivity, rebuild aging infrastructure, and improve access to area jobs at and near Wichita Eisenhower National Airport.

Connecting Kansans is a comprehensive study of an area centered on the interchange of the Kellogg Freeway (US 54/ 400) and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange, which is a significant gateway not only to the airport, but also the city, and approximately 845 acres surrounding the interchange. The interchange is the primary access to and from the airport for travelers and air cargo, as well as major airport employers, and is a major west metro area connection for roughly 90,000 daily commuters, and a major connection to a booming commercial corridor and northwest Wichita neighborhoods. The city has identified the area as having significant safety, connectivity, and infrastructure deterioration issues and is a priority because of its connection to the region's transportation network and position as a manufacturing and economic hub, but lacks the funding necessary to perform the necessary planning and initial design plans.

Proposed planning activities include a full traffic study, preliminary engineering study, environmental assessment, and a comprehensive public engagement and input process to define the highest priority projects in the study area, from which topographical survey, project design, and construction plans will be prepared. All potential transportation solutions will occur on city-owned rights-of-way or lands owned by the Wichita Airport Authority, a city entity, so little to no additional rights-of-way are anticipated. It is anticipated that improvements could include significant reconstruction of the Kellogg and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange; reconstruction of Eisenhower Airport Parkway, Airport Road, Ridge Road, and Harry Street; the addition of new sidewalks and multi-use trails; transit facility and service improvements; storm water sewer and utility upgrades; area traffic signal enhancements, landscape and aesthetic enhancements; and identification of EV charging locations for the public and airport users. The project location and proposed scope are illustrated in ***Figure 1***.

By receiving RAISE funding for the planning and initial design phase of the project, the City of Wichita will be able to identify a plan to identify solutions for area transportation and infrastructure deficiencies, implement the highest priority projects, and chart a path forward for future RAISE capital, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration funding requests to implement each solution. This project will begin the long overdue transformation of an area that has lacked a comprehensive vision for improvements to enhance safety, connectivity, and economic development after years of individual projects addressing singular transportation issues, often creating additional barriers and issues for the public.

While the City of Wichita and its internal forces continue to address challenges facing the area as part of incremental improvements and maintenance functions, this funding would facilitate a more substantial study and redesign that would implement a cohesive and comprehensive transportation solution for the area.

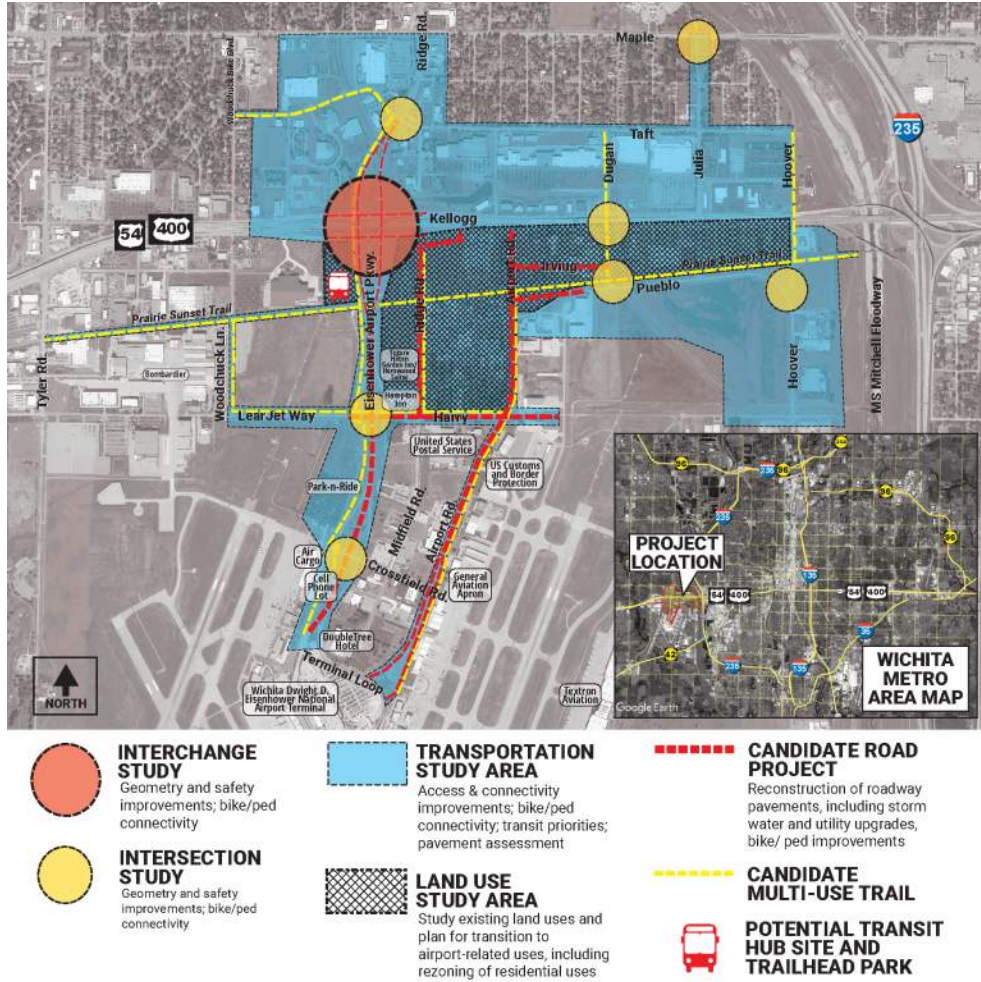


Figure 1. Map indicating the proposed project area and scope of work.

Statement of Work

The City of Wichita has identified significant infrastructure needs in the area around the Kellogg and Eisenhower Airport Parkway interchange. The proposed project will bring together the City of Wichita, Wichita Airport Authority, and Wichita Transit to study deficiencies, identify actionable recommendations, prioritize those improvements, and begin design to implement the highest priority projects. The project will include two stages- the planning study and engineering design.

The planning study will include:	The engineering design stage will include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic study. Preliminary engineering study. Environmental assessment. Comprehensive public engagement and input process to define the highest priority projects in the study area to move forward to engineering design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topographic and right-of-way survey. Project design. Public engagement events and meetings at the 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% design levels. 30%, 60%, 90%, and 100% construction plans.