

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026

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: Shawn Wesner, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: **2026-189-NWKPDC Wilroads Gardens Improvement District**

Date: July 16, 2026

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the Wilroads Gardens Improvement District. The application packet includes the following items:

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 12 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-9. Page 10 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project narrative, pages 11-12.

Project Overview

The Wilroads Gardens Improvement District seeks funding from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for funding available through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program for their Wilroads Gardens Wastewater Improvement project which includes replacing failing lift stations and pumps to reduce the risk of wastewater system failure and improve resilience during extreme weather events.

This opportunity is a discretionary IIJA program with a local match requirement of 25% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$213,750.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local cash match of \$11,250.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$675,000.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$900,000.00.

The deadline is July 23, 2026, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on April 27, 2026.

Previously Awarded BKF

Program/Fiscal Year	BKF Amount	Federal Award Status	BKF Status
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on May 27, 2026 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	2026-189-NWKRPC		
Applicant Name	Wilroads Gardens Improvement District		
Application Date Received	4/27/2026		
Project Name	Wilroads Gardens Wastewater Improvement Project		
Project Description	Replace failing lift stations and pumps to reduce the risk of wastewater system failure and improve resilience during extreme weather events.		
Entity Type	Special District Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	Northwest KS Planning & Development Commission		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Resilience		
IIJA Program	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)		
IIJA Program Type	Discretionary		
Application Type	Implementation		
IIJA Application Deadline	7/23/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$213,750.00		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes ☒	No ☐
	IIJA Application	Yes ☐	No ☒
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes ☐	No ☒
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$213,750.00 will unlock \$675,000.000 in federal IIJA funding, with a local cash contribution of \$11,250.00, for a total project cost of \$900,000.00.		
Previously Awarded BKF Applications (If Applicable)	Program/FY	BKF Amount	Status
	N/A	N/A	N/A
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	5/27/2026 Recommend ☒ Declined ☐		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	7/16/2026 Recommend ☐ Declined ☐		

Title	Wilroads Gardens Improvement District	04/27/2026
	by Danielle Crouch in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 53950237
	712 Main St. PO Box 456 Ashland, Kansas 67831 United States 620-635-0752 cvhorses@hotmail.com	

Original Submission	04/27/2026
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Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	Wilroads Gardens Improvement District
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Project Name:	Wilroads Gardens Wastewater Improvement Project
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Entity type:	Other
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If you selected "other," please describe your organization:	Special District Government
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Applicant Contact Name:	Troy Robertson
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Wilroads Gardens Improvement District Board President
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+16203383028
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	troyalanr@gmail.com
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Applicant Contact Address:	PO Box 816
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Applicant Contact
Address Line 2
(optional):

Applicant Contact City: Dodge City

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 67801

Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact? No

Project Contact Name: Danielle Crouch

Project Contact Position/Title: Grant Writer and Consultant

Project Contact Telephone Number: +16203768546

Project Contact Email Address: cvhorses@hotmail.com

Project Contact Address: PO Box 32

Project Contact Address Line 2 (optional):

Project Contact City: Dodge City

Project Contact State: Kansas

Project Contact Zip Code: 67801

Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Certify that you are pursuing an Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible:

Yes

Certify that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component:

Yes

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

Ford 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: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) - Grant Application Information Please Note: This information is related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity to which you will apply. This is NOT information for the Build Kansas Match Fund.

Please enter the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for:

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

What is the funding agency for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?

97.047

What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?

7/23/2026

Application Type: Implementation

What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?

2025

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity:

\$675,000.00 for a total project cost of \$900,000.00

Enter the total project cost:

\$900,000.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage:

25%

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: \$213,750.00 for a total project cost of \$900,000.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$11,250.00 for a total project cost of \$900,000.00

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?	The Wilroads Gardens Improvement District has access to funding through the Kansas State Revolving Fund (SRF) program and is currently included on the Intended Use Plan, with a funding application submitted. However, no funding awards have been announced to date. While SRF Funds are a potential source of project financing, the district's goal is to minimize reliance on loan funding due to its limited financial capacity and small customer base.
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The district is able to meet the required local match through its own funds; however, additional external funding is necessary to reduce the overall debt burden and maintain affordable user rates. The district is actively pursuing grant opportunities, including the FEMA BRIC program for the project and the Build Kansas Fund, to offset project costs.

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies be used for the non-federal match?	N/A
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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 required non-federal match for the FEMA BRIC program will be met through a combination of state grant funding and local funds.

The Wilroads Gardens Improvement District is requesting \$213,750 through the Build Kansas Fund to support the majority of the required match. In accordance with program requirements, the district will provide the remaining 5% of the match, totaling \$11,250, using available local system funds.

The district's overall funding strategy is to utilize grant funding to the greatest extent possible, both to meet match requirements and to offset total project costs. As a small, rural system with limited financial capacity, minimizing reliance on loan funding is a priority in order to maintain affordable user rates.

By leveraging grant sources such as the Build Kansas Fund in combination with federal funding through the BRIC program, the district aims to complete necessary infrastructure improvements while reducing long-term financial burden on the community.

Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:

The Wilroads Gardens Improvement District has taken a proactive approach to identifying and pursuing multiple funding sources to support this project. The district has worked with technical assistance providers through the WaterTA program and EPA, among others, to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), which serves as the foundation for evaluating system needs and aligning the project with available funding opportunities.

The district is currently preparing an application for the BRIC program and is seeking support through the Build Kansas Fund to meet match requirements. In addition, the district is included on the Kansas State Revolving Fund (SRF) Intended Use Plan and has submitted an application for SRF funding.

The district has also pursued other funding opportunities, including a Kansas Water Office grant, which was not selected for funding, and the EPA Thriving Communities program, which was later defunded after the application was submitted.

The board has utilized the Grant Assistance Program to support development of funding applications, recognizing the complexity and short timelines associated with these opportunities. Coordination with engineers, technical assistance providers, and local partners has helped position the project for successful funding consideration.

These efforts demonstrate a deliberate strategy to secure multiple funding sources while reducing reliance on debt and limiting the financial burden on residents.

Part 6: Additional Information

Please upload a draft or final version of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) program grant application associated with this request OR an executive summary providing an overview of the project:

[Wilroads_Gardens_Executive_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
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Understanding of Use checked
of Funds:

Understanding of checked
Reporting
Requirements:

Authority to Make checked
Grant Application:

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

Position/Title: Grant Writer and Consultant

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Project Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$213,750.00	23.75%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$11,250.00	1.25%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
IJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$675,000.00	75.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$900,000.00	100.00%

Project Match	Amount	% of Match
Build Kansas Funds	\$213,750.00	95.00%
Applicant Contribution	\$11,250.00	5.00%
TOTAL MATCH	\$225,000.00	100.00%

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67801	100%
	100% In Kansas

Executive Summary

Project Overview

The Wilroads Gardens Improvement District proposes to replace two failing lift stations and associated pumps that serve its wastewater collection system. The existing equipment, installed in the late 1970s, has exceeded its useful life and is increasingly unreliable. Mechanical failures and electrical vulnerabilities create a high risk of sewage backups, including residential basement flooding, particularly during heavy rainfall and storm events. These conditions threaten public health and the reliability of essential wastewater services in this rural community.

Project Need

The need for this project is driven by aging infrastructure, limited financial resources, and a lack of system redundancy. Equipment failures have increased in frequency, raising the risk of emergency repairs, service disruptions, and environmental impacts. Without intervention, these issues will continue to escalate, increasing long-term costs and risks to residents.

The risk extends beyond system reliability to include drinking water and environmental impacts. All homes within Wilroads Gardens rely on private water wells, increasing vulnerability to contamination in the event of system failure or overflow. During heavy rainfall and flooding, sanitary sewer overflows could allow untreated wastewater to migrate into surrounding soils and shallow groundwater. The community's proximity to the Arkansas River further increases the risk of surface water contamination during hazardous events.

Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Benefits

This project reduces the risk of wastewater system failure during extreme weather events by replacing outdated lift stations and pumps with modern, compliant equipment. The improvements reduce vulnerability to power outages, lightning, and storm-related grid disruptions. By strengthening critical infrastructure, the project lowers the likelihood of sanitary sewer overflows and untreated discharges during hazard events, protecting public health and water quality. The project functions as a pre-disaster mitigation measure and aligns with FEMA BRIC priorities for infrastructure hardening and risk reduction.

Project Development

Project planning has been guided by a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) completed with support from EPA and the WaterTA program. The PER included system evaluation, identification of priority deficiencies, and analysis of alternatives. Replacement of the lift stations and pumps was identified as the most practical and cost-effective solution. The board has solicited bids for final engineering and design services and is currently reviewing submissions. Advancement into final design and construction is contingent upon securing funding assistance.

Collaborators

Project partners include WaterTA program and EPA technical assistance providers, engineering consultants supporting design and implementation, local emergency management resources, and the Grant Assistance Program supporting application development.

Project Goals

- Restore reliable wastewater service
- Reduce risk of system failure during hazard events
- Protect public health and water quality
- Improve long-term system sustainability
- Strengthen community resilience

Budget and Funding Strategy

The total funding strategy includes a federal request of \$675,000 through the FEMA BRIC program, requiring a \$225,000 non-federal match. The Build Kansas Fund request of \$213,759 will support this match, alongside a local contribution of \$11,250 (5%). The board is evaluating financial options through the PER process and recognizes that modest rate adjustments may be necessary to support repayment and ongoing operations.

Expected Outcomes

The project will result in the installation of two new lift stations and pumps, improved system reliability, and reduced risk of emergency failures and service disruptions. It will protect public health and the environment, reduce future repair and disaster response costs, and position Wilroads Gardens for long-term system sustainability.