

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: **2026-208-SCKEDD Wichita Airport Authority**

Date: July 16, 2026

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

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 14 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 2-8. Page 9 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project narrative, pages 10-14.

Project Overview

The Wichita Airport Authority seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) program for their Taxilane A2 Relocation project which includes the relocation and widening of Taxilane A2 to accommodate larger aircraft, improve airfield functionality, and support continued growth at Colonel James Jabara Airport.

This opportunity is a Formula IIJA program with a local match requirement of 5% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$28,901.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local cash match of \$3,211.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$ 610,133.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$642,245.00.

The deadline was June 30, 2026, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on June 4, 2026.

Previously Awarded BKF

Program/Fiscal Year	BKF Amount	Federal Award Status	BKF Status
AIG/FY25	\$51,750.00	Awarded	Committed
AIG/FY25	\$1,344,816.00	Awarded	Committed
AIG/FY25	\$180,000.00	Awarded	Committed

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on June 24, 2026 following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026

Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2026-208-SCKEDD		
Applicant Name	Wichita Airport Authority		
Application Date Received	6/4/2026		
Project Name	Taxilane A2 Relocation		
Project Description	Relocate and widen Taxilane A2 to accommodate larger aircraft, improve airfield functionality, and support continued growth at Colonel James Jabara Airport.		
Entity Type	Local Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	South Central KS Economic Development District		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation		
IIJA Program	Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG)		
IIJA Program Type	Formula		
Application Type	Implementation		
IIJA Application Deadline	6/30/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$28,901.00		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes ☒	No ☐
	IIJA Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$28,901.00 will unlock \$610,133.00 in federal IIJA funding, with a local cash contribution of \$3,211.00, for a total project cost of \$642,245.00.		
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Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	6/24/2026 Recommend ☒ Declined ☐		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	7/16/2026 Recommend ☐ Declined ☐		

Title	Wichita Airport Authority	06/04/2026
	by Deidra Cronk in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 54322602
	2173 Air Cargo Road Wichita, Kansas 67209 United States 316-946-4700 dcronk@wichita.gov	

Original Submission	06/04/2026
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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:	Wichita Airport Authority
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Project Name:	Taxilane A2 Relocation
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Entity type:	Other
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If you selected "other," please describe your organization:	Airport Authority
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Applicant Contact Name:	Deidra Cronk
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Capital Program Administrator
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+13166134103
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	dcronk@wichita.gov
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Applicant Contact Address:	2173 Air Cargo Road
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Applicant Contact
Address Line 2
(optional):

Applicant Contact City: Wichita

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 67209

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

Project Contact Name: Don Dearmont

Project Contact Position/Title: Capital Projects & Development Manager

Project Contact Telephone Number: +13169464717

Project Contact Email Address: ddearmont@wichita.gov

Project Contact Address: 2173 Air Cargo Road

Project Contact Address Line 2 (optional):

Project Contact City: Wichita

Project Contact State: Kansas

Project Contact Zip Code: 67209

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?

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: 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:

Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG)

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

Federal Aviation Administration

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	20.117
What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	6/30/2026
Application Type:	Implementation
What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	2026
Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity:	\$610,133.00
Enter the total project cost:	\$642,245.00
Enter the required non-federal match percentage:	5%
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: \$28,901.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$3,211.00

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 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 project has an overall cost of \$2,262,947. In addition to the \$610,133 in IIJA funds, \$1.4 in Airport Improvement Program Funds from the Federal Aviation Administration will be used. The total applicant cash match for the project is \$196,749.
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	This project is expected to utilize an additional \$1.4M in Airport Improvement Program funds from the Federal Aviation Administration.

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:

[SF_424_Taxilane_A2.pdf](#)

[COW_Federal_Compliance_Signing_Statement_PDF.pdf](#)

[Jabara_A2_narrative_HUB_Revised.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: Jesse
The following Romo
persons are
responsible for
making this Build
Kansas Fund
application.

Position/Title: Director of Airports

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Project Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$28,901.00	4.50%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$3,211.00	0.50%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
IJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$610,133.00	95.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$642,245.00	100.00%

Match Source	Amount	% of Match
Build Kansas Fund	\$28,901.00	90%
Applicant Contribution	\$3,211.00	10%
TOTAL MATCH	\$32,112.00	100%

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67226	100%
	100% In Kansas

Background

The Colonel James Jabara Airport (Jabara) is in Sedgwick County just northeast of Wichita's central business district. The Wichita Airport Authority (WAA) owns the airport, which has been designated a regional airport, addressing regional, state, and national economies, and serving all types of general aviation aircraft. The airport's services include fuel service, aircraft maintenance and parts, avionics, wash and detail, aircraft parking, and short- or long-term hangar space. Also available are aircraft sales, flight training, and charter services. This airport has an economic impact to the state of over \$156 million, with over 1,053 jobs attributable to the airport and an annual payroll of \$40,884,800. Jabara accounts for 9.2% of jobs in the state created by general aviation airports (Kansas Aviation Economic Impact Study, 2016).

Project Description and Goals

The continual expansion of commercial general aviation operations, as well as the increase in corporate and executive hangars at Colonel James Jabara Airport, has created a need to relocate and widen Taxilane A2. This project is essential to accommodate a broader range of aircraft, reflecting the airport's evolving fleet mix. At present, Taxilane A2 is constructed to serve Airplane Design Group (ADG) I aircraft. With its planned relocation and widening, the Taxilane will be capable of supporting ADG II aircraft, thereby improving airport functionality and supporting ongoing growth.

Timeline

The construction bids for the project were opened on May 15, 2026. The deadline for submitting to the FAA a grant application is June 30, 2026. This deadline complies with the BIL AIG program requirements.

Project Funding

The FAA BIL-AIG funding comprises approximately twenty-seven percent of the total cost of the relocation and reconstruction of the Taxilane with the remaining amount of the costs covered by Airport funds. The FAA BIL-AIG portion of the project is shown below along with the Airport match of 10% of the Build Kansas Fund Hub grant request.

Colonel James Jabara Airport	BIL-AIG Portion
BIL-AIG Total	\$610,133
Build Kansas Fund Grant Request	\$28,901
Airport Match (10%)	\$3,211
Airport Improvement Program Funds	\$1,427,164
Sponsor Cash Match	\$193,538
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$2,262,947

City of Wichita
Federal Compliance Grant
Assurance Signing Statement

The City of Wichita is committed to full legal compliance and its employees take seriously their obligations under state, local, and Federal law. This includes applicable Executive Orders and Federal regulations. Certifications and assurances required for Federal grant receipt are not taken lightly and are made to the best of the City's and its employee's knowledge and belief at the time signed, supported by diligent and on-going review of grant requirements. The City of Wichita and its employees recognize that compliance is not merely a snapshot in time but a continuing obligation and will notify appropriate authorities if there is a reasonable concern, supported by the law and the facts, regarding a specific grant assurance or certification. Any employee that has signed, or will sign, a Federal grant assurance on behalf of the City as part of their job description or who has been delegated that duty by the City Manager's Office, does so at the direction of City leadership for the public benefit of the residents of Wichita and surrounding communities and, consistent with the City Code of Ethics, does so without private or personal benefit or gain. Any errors or omissions in the certification are unintentional and will be corrected upon notification by a competent Federal authority.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

*1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*2. Type of Application

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify)

*3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

*5b. Federal Award Identifier:

3 20 0089 37/38 2026

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*a. Legal Name: Wichita Airport Authority

*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):
48 6000653

*c. UEI:
UBMMENJAF1Q9

d. Address:

*Street 1: 2173 Air Cargo Road

Street 2:

*City: Wichita

County/Parish:

*State: Province: KS

*Country:

*Zip / Postal Code USA: United States
67209 1958

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:
Department of Airports

Division Name:
Capital Projects and Development

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: *First Name: Jesse

Middle Name: R.

*Last Name: Romo

Suffix:

Title: Director of Airports

Organizational Affiliation:
Wichita Airport Authority

*Telephone Number: 316 946 4700

Fax Number: (316) 946 4793

*Email: jromo@wichita.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424***9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Pick an applicant type

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

Pick an applicant type

*Other (Specify)

***10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Federal Aviation Administration

***11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

CFDA No: CFDA Title:

20.116 Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

***12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

*Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas

***15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Taxilane A2 Relocation

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:**

*a. Applicant: KS 004

*b. Program/Project: KS ALL

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

*a. Start Date: 06/15/2026

*b. End Date: 03/31/2027

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

*a. Federal	\$ 2,037,297
*b. Applicant	\$ 225,650
*c. State	\$ 0
*d. Local	\$ 0
*e. Other	\$ 0
*f. Program Income	\$ 0
*g. TOTAL	\$ 2,262,947

***19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on _____.
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

***20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", explain:

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U. S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: _____ *First Name: Jesse _____

Middle Name: R _____

*Last Name: Romo _____

Suffix: _____

*Title: Director of Airports

*Telephone Number: 316 946 4700

Fax Number: 316 946 4793

* Email: jromo@wichita.gov

*Signature of Authorized Representative:

*Date Signed: 5/28/2026