

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 #2025-094-SEKRPC

Date: March 14, 2025

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Coffeyville. 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 and project map images, pages 9-15.

Project Overview

The City of Coffeyville seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for funding available through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program for their Storm Sirens project which includes installing two storm sirens to enhance severe weather alert coverage, improve public safety, and ensure all city residents receive timely emergency warnings.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 25% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$9,053.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local match of \$6,035.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$45,264.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$60,352.00.

The deadline is April 1, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on February 25, 2025.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on March 12, 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	2025-094-SEKRPC
Applicant Name	City of Coffeyville
Application Date Received	2/25/2025
Project Name	City of Coffeyville – Storm Sirens
Project Description	Install two storm sirens to enhance severe weather alert coverage, improve public safety, and ensure all city residents receive timely emergency warnings.
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	Southeast KS Regional Planning Commission
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Resilience
BIL Program	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Implementation
BIL Application Deadline	April 1, 2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$9,053.00
Technical Assistance Received	General Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BIL Application Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (Brief Description): Provided general and BKF Application support.
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$9,053.00 will unlock \$45,264.00 in federal BIL funding, with a local cash contribution of \$6,035.00 for a total project cost of \$60,352.00.
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	3/12/2025 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	3/18/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>

Title	City of Coffeyville	02/25/2025
	by Amber Dean in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 49768089
	102 West 7th Street Coffeyville, Kansas 67337 KS United States 6202526119 adean@coffeyville.com	

Original Submission	03/10/2025
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Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	City of Coffeyville
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Project Name:	City of Coffeyville-Storm Sirens
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Entity type:	Local Government
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Entity Population:	8,826
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Applicant Contact Name:	Amber Dean
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Director of Community Development
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+16202526119
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	adean@coffeyville.com
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Applicant Contact Address:	102 West 7th
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
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Applicant Contact City:	Coffeyville
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Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 67337

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? Montgomery 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: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

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

Enter the Kansas State Agency in which you are applying for funding. N/A

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 97.047

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

Application Type: Implementation

What is the federal fiscal year for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 2024

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity: \$45,264.00

Enter the total project cost: \$60,352.00

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: \$9,053.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$6,035.00

Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: 00

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? 0

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

No

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?

Local Funding sources

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

We have actively researched additional funding opportunities, including federal, state, and private grants, as well as potential partnerships and sponsorships. Additionally, we have reviewed budget line items to identify any available internal funding. Despite these efforts, we have been unsuccessful in securing alternative funding sources at this time.

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:

[Storm_Siren_Narrative.pdf](#)

[Coffeyville_Storm_Siren_Project_maps.pdf](#)

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

- : *The new sirens overlap with the current ones because the existing system simply doesn't provide enough coverage for our community. Many residents have reported that they can't hear the sirens, and several areas fall outside the effective range of the current system. While siren coverage maps show ideal conditions, they don't account for real-world obstacles like buildings, trees, and terrain that block or dampen sound. Our community has grown, and with the frequency of severe weather in our area, it's critical that our warning system keeps up. By adding new sirens that overlap with the existing ones, we're ensuring that every part of town gets the coverage it needs, giving residents the best possible chance to hear warnings and take shelter in an emergency*

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: Amber
The following Dean
persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.

Position/Title: Director of Community Development

Additional: Kwinn
Bromley

Position/Title: Chief of Police

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$ 9,053.00	15%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$ 6,035.00	10%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$ -	
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$ 45,264.00	75%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$ -	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 60,352.00	100%

Zip Code	% of project in zip code	State
67337	100%	Kansas
		100% in Kansas

BRIC Capacity & Capability Building

PROJECT: STORM SIRENS

WRITTEN BY: AMBER DEAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBMITTED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

1. **Sub-applicant Type**
 - a. Local Government
2. **Has the sub-applicant adopted the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan?**
 - a. Yes
3. **Is this project identified as an action in the approved and adopted Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan?**
 - a. Unsure
4. **Sub-applicant Sponsor name**
 - a. City of Coffeyville
5. **Sub-applicant Address**
 - a. 102 W 7th Street, Coffeyville, KS 67337
6. **Sub-Applicant County**
 - a. Montgomery
7. **Project Point of Contact (POC)**
 - a. Amber Dean
8. **Project POC Title**
 - a. Director of Community Development
9. **Project POC Phone #**
 - a. 620-252-6119
10. **POC Email Address**
 - a. Amber Dean
11. **What is the project type?**
 - a. Warning Sirens
12. **Physical location of proposed project**
 - a. Coffeyville, KS
13. **Project County or Counties**
 - a. Montgomery
14. **What hazard(s)/problem(s) does this mitigate?**
 - a. Storm sirens will help us cover areas that are not be getting adequate alerts right now, making sure everyone in the community is informed during severe weather. This improvement means people will have more time to find shelter or take other safety measures, which can significantly reduce injuries and save lives. Plus, with more sirens, we build in redundancy, so if one goes down, we've still got others in place to get the word out. This not only boosts safety but also reinforces the community's confidence in our emergency preparedness. It's about making sure we're meeting safety standards and keeping our residents protected.
15. **Identify what the project is and describe in detail the scope of work associated with the proposed project.**
 - a. We're planning to purchase and install two new storm sirens for Coffeyville because our current system doesn't fully cover some areas of town, leaving certain neighborhoods without proper alerts during severe weather. These additional sirens will significantly improve public safety by making sure everyone gets timely warnings when it matters most.

The project involves setting up two Whelen VortexR4 storm sirens, as outlined in the quote. These are powerful systems with an 1800-watt speaker that can reach up to 6000 feet with a clear 70dB signal. The package includes everything we need—control cabinets, power amplifiers, siren controllers, and battery chargers, along with two-way radio controllers and the necessary mounting brackets. We'll strategically place these new sirens to fill in the gaps in our current coverage, making sure everyone in Coffeyville is protected.

16. History of Damages

- a. Coffeyville has experienced several significant storms that highlight the importance of a robust storm siren system. On July 7, 2008, an EF2 tornado caused extensive damage, destroying homes and impacting infrastructure, leading to substantial economic costs. On April 14, 2012, a tornado warning was issued due to detected rotation; while widespread damage was avoided, high winds impacted agricultural properties. Earlier, on May 8, 2003, and May 3, 1999, storms caused damage to residential properties and infrastructure, though Coffeyville avoided direct hits. More recently, tornado warnings on March 21, 2022, and May 15, 2023, brought strong winds and minor damage, reinforcing the need for our siren system. These events demonstrate the varied impacts of severe weather, from property damage to economic effects, and underscore the necessity of maintaining an effective storm warning system.

17. Description of area

- a. Coffeyville sits in southeastern Kansas, blending urban and rural landscapes. The Verdigris River runs nearby, adding to the area's natural beauty and providing a vital water source for agriculture and recreation. The landscape is a mix of deciduous trees, grasslands, and expansive fields where crops like wheat, soybeans, and corn thrive. Surrounding the city are wooded areas that offer a habitat for local wildlife, while the city itself is more urbanized, with residential neighborhoods, businesses, and industry.

The project will impact both residents in town and those living in the more rural parts of Coffeyville. In the city, you've got people living in established neighborhoods and working in local businesses and industries. Outside the city limits, the rural population is more spread out, with farming being the mainstay. Both groups depend on our local infrastructure and emergency services, making the new storm sirens essential for keeping everyone safe, whether they're in town or out in the country.

18. Does the proposed activity address climate resiliency and/or adaptation with consideration of future impacts and risks?

- a. Yes, adding these storm sirens is all about making sure Coffeyville is ready for whatever the future throws at us, especially as storms seem to be getting more intense with climate change. The proposed installation of additional storm sirens directly addresses climate resiliency and adaptation by enhancing our community's ability to respond to severe weather events. As climate change continues to influence weather patterns, increasing the frequency and intensity of storms, the need for a robust early warning system becomes even more critical. By expanding our siren coverage, we're not just thinking about today—we're preparing for the increased risks that could come with more extreme weather down the road. This project is about making sure everyone,

especially those in areas that might not be fully covered right now, gets the alert they need when a storm is coming. It's a key part of how we're working to adapt and stay resilient, keeping our community safe as weather patterns continue to change.

19. Explain why this project is the best alternative.

- a. Installing these additional storm sirens is the best option because it gives us the most reliable and widespread way to alert the community during severe weather. We considered other alternatives, like relying on mobile alerts, social media, or just focusing on public education. But each of those has its drawbacks. Mobile alerts can fail if cell service is down, and not everyone checks their phone or social media during a storm. Education is important, but it doesn't help when you need a real-time warning. The storm sirens, though, are designed to reach everyone, no matter where they are or whether they have a phone on them. They're the most effective way to make sure people get the warning they need to stay safe. If we don't move forward with this, parts of Coffeyville will continue to be at risk of missing critical alerts, which could lead to serious injuries, loss of life, and more damage during storms. With the way weather is changing, we can't afford to take that risk. This project is about making sure our whole community is protected.

20. Are there any known historic site or environmental concerns associated with this project?

- a. N/A

21. How is this project unique to mitigating the identified hazard?

- a. This project is unique because it directly tackles the gaps in our current storm warning system by ensuring that every resident, no matter their access to technology, gets timely alerts through storm sirens. Unlike other projects that might rely on mobile alerts, which can fail in critical moments, these sirens are strategically placed to cover areas that are currently underserved. What makes this project stand out is its focus on inclusivity and reliability, reaching everyone from urban neighborhoods to rural areas. Compared to similar projects, this one guarantees safety for the entire community by providing a dependable, time-tested solution that other approaches just can't match.

22. What lifeline does the proposed project address?

- a. Safety and Security - Law Enforcement/Security, Fire Service, Search and Rescue, Government Service, Community Safety
- b. Communications - Infrastructure, Responder Communications, Alerts Warnings and Messages, Finance, 911 and Dispatch

23. Cost Estimate or Quoted Cost for Project Total

- a. \$60,352.50

24. Are local funds already budgeted for this project?

- a. Only partially

25. If no, please list source of local matching funds. Local match funds can be: non-federal grants, taxes, bonds, volunteer, donation, in-kind services/materials, etc.

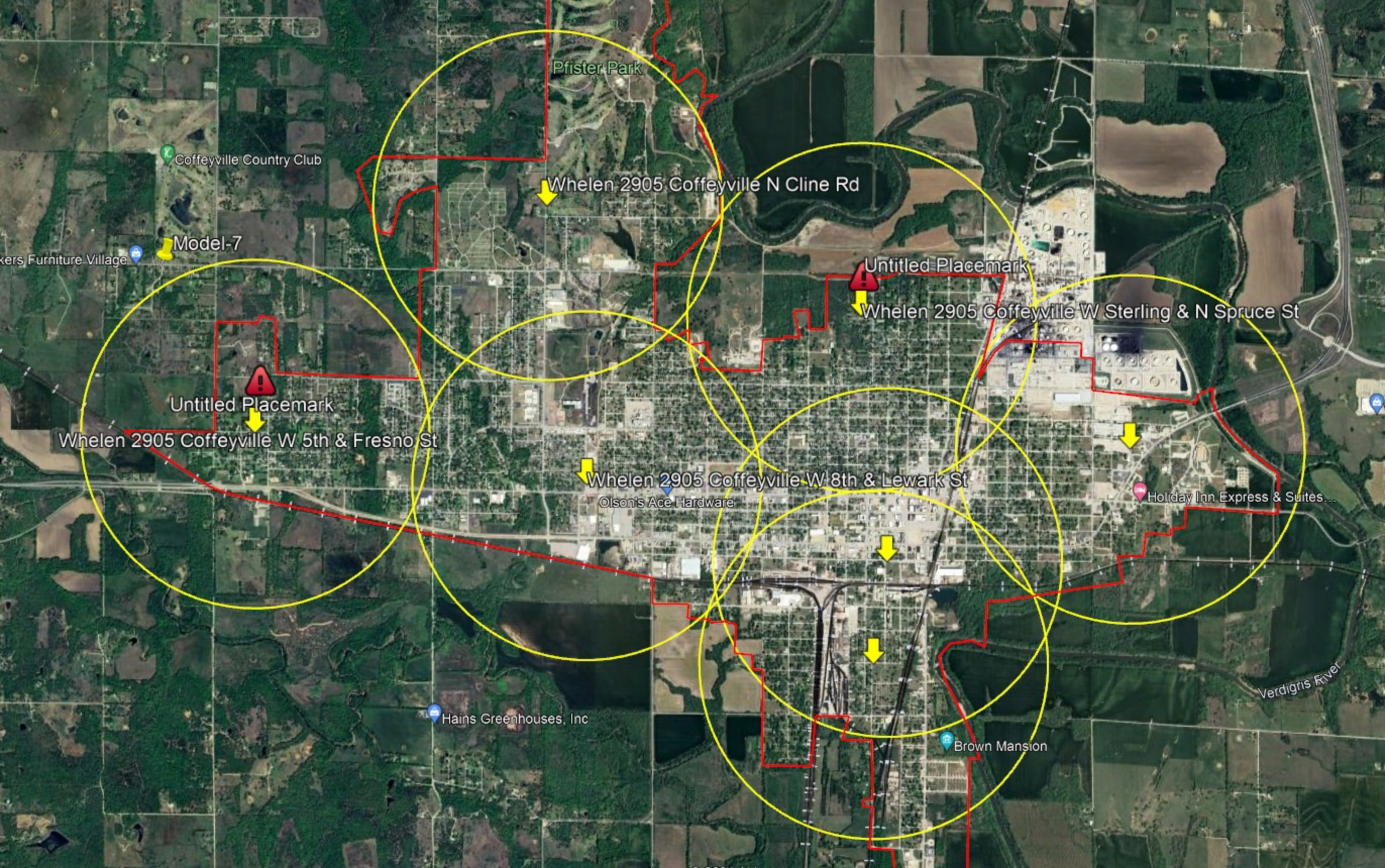
- a. The City will utilize Build Kansas Funds to provide matching dollars for Federal grants under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Additionally, the City will cover 10% of the required 25% match with city funds from the capital improvement fund.

26. Has a Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) been developed for this project?

a. No

27. Has a Federal disaster Project Worksheet (Public Assistance) been written for any portion of this project?

a. Unknown



Pfister Park

Coffeyville Country Club

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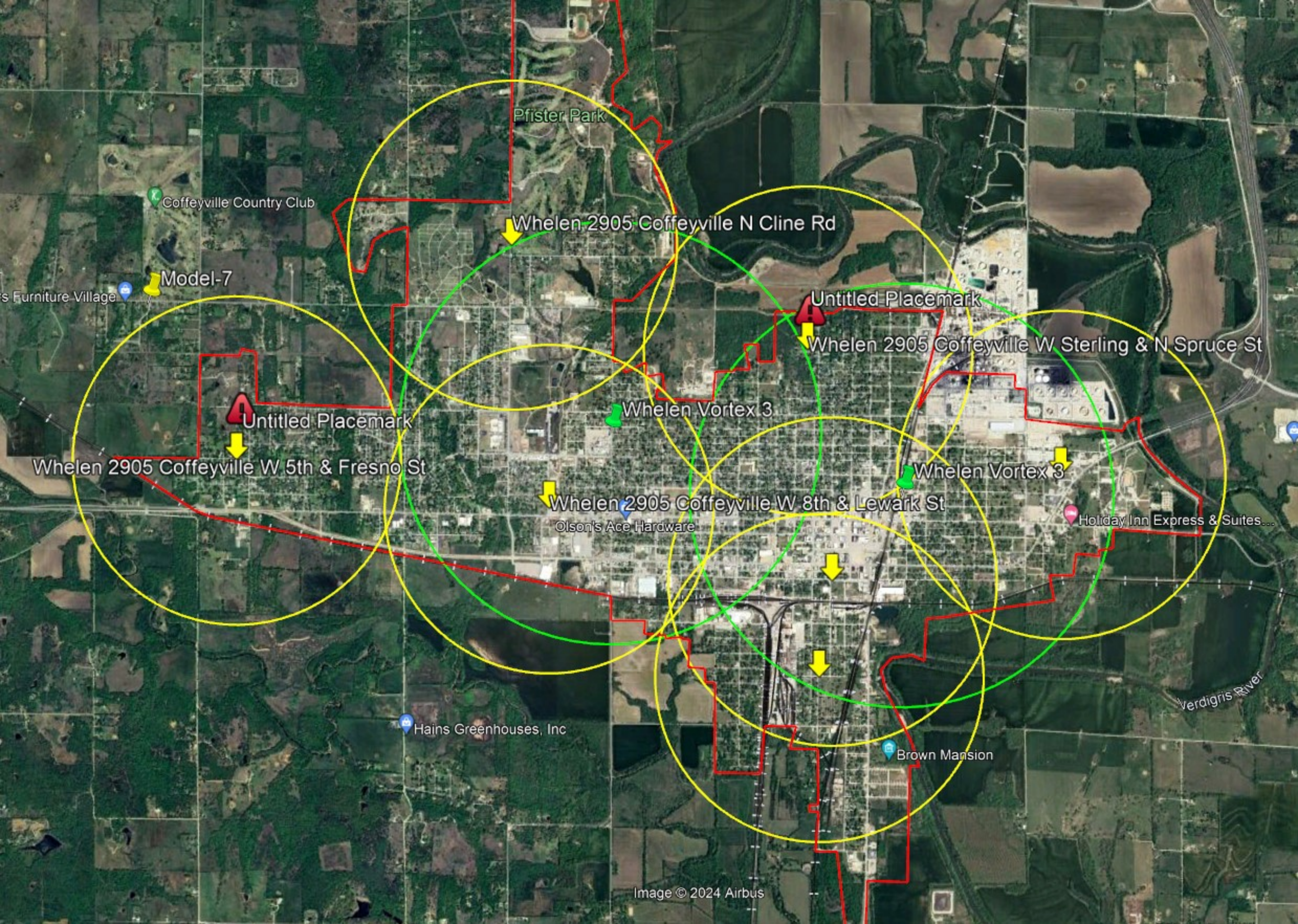
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