

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026 Application Package | Memo



To: Senator Rick Billinger, 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: Build Kansas Fund Application #2026-171-NWKPDC

Date: May 6, 2026

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of Hays. 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 2-7. Page 8 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project narrative, pages 9-14.

Project Overview

The City of Hays seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) for their Hays, KS Airport (HYS) – Reconstruct Runway 4-22 Phase 2 Construction project which includes reconstructing deteriorated pavement on Runway 4-22 to address cracking, heaving, and subgrade failure, restoring pavement integrity, improving operational safety, and reducing long-term maintenance costs.

This opportunity is a discretionary IIJA program with a local match requirement of 5% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$65,302.05 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local cash match of \$3,436.95. This request has the potential to unlock \$1,306,044.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$1,374,783.00.

The deadline is May 1, 2026, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on February 2, 2026.

Previously Awarded BKF

Program/Fiscal Year	BKF Amount	Federal Award Status	BKF Status
FAA FY25	\$153,864.00	Awarded	Obligated

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on February 11, 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	2026-171-NWKPDC		
Applicant Name	City of Hays		
Application Date Received	2/2/2026		
Project Name	Hays, KS Airport (HYS) - Reconstruct Runway 4-22 Phase 2 - Construction		
Project Description	The project will reconstruct deteriorated pavement on Runway 4-22 to address cracking, heaving, and subgrade failure ongoing safety concerns. Reconstruction will restore pavement integrity, improve operational safety, and reduce long-term maintenance costs.		
Entity Type	Local Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	Northwest KS Planning & Development Commission		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation		
IIJA Program	Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG)		
IIJA Program Type	Discretionary		
Application Type	Implementation		
IIJA Application Deadline	5/1/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$65,302.05		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	IIJA Application	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$65,302.05 will unlock \$1,306,044.00 in federal IIJA funding, with a local cash contribution of \$3,436.95, for a total project cost of \$1,374,783.00.		
Previously Awarded BKF Applications (If Applicable)	Program/FY	BKF Amount	Status
	FAA FY25	\$153,864.00	Approved/Obligated
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	2/11/2026 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	5/6/2026 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>		

Title	City of Hays, Kansas	01/13/2026
	by Ian Wright in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 52826483
	iwright@hwlochner.com	

Original Submission	02/02/2026
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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:	City of Hays, Kansas
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Project Name:	Hays, KS Airport (HYS) - Reconstruct Runway 4-22 (Phase 2 - Construction) (IIJA Request For Additional Funding)
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Entity type:	Local Government
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Entity Population:	21,040
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Applicant Contact Name:	Jamie Salter
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Airport Director
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+17856287370
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	jsalter@haysusa.com
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Applicant Contact Address:	3950 E 8th Street
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	n/a
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Applicant Contact City:	Hays
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Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
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Applicant Contact Zip Code:	67601
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Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact?	No
Project Contact Name:	Ian Wright
Project Contact Position/Title:	Project Manager
Project Contact Telephone Number:	+13165189244
Project Contact Email Address:	iwright@hwlochner.com
Project Contact Address:	15717 College Boulevard
Project Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	n/a
Project Contact City:	Lenexa
Project Contact State:	Kansas
Project Contact Zip Code:	66061

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?	Ellis 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: IIJA Airport Infrastructure Grant Funding - Airport Infrastructure Grant (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? 5/1/2026

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: \$1,306,044.00

Enter the total project cost: \$1,374,783.00

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: \$65,302.05

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$3,436.95

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?

N/A

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

The IIJA (formerly Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)) local match to the federal grant has been planned for utilizing local funding mechanisms. At this point in time and throughout past research, there are no known funding sources available (federal or local) that could fund the BIL local match.

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:

[Hays_KS_Airport_Justification.docx](#)

[HYS_Application_050-2026_IIJA.pdf](#)

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

To make this project whole financially, the City of Hays had to request an additional amount of IIJA funding once it became available in federal fiscal year 2026. This application is applicable to the FFY2026 IIJA funds.

Total Project Cost: \$7,127,000

AIP-Primary Entitlement Funds: \$2,887,756

Local Match to AIP-Primary Entitlement Funds: \$151,987

FFY2025 IIJA Funds Already Under Grant

FFY2025 IIJA Funds: \$2,576,850

Local Match to FFY2025 IIJA Funds: \$135,624

FFY2026 AIG-BIL/IIJA Funds: \$1,306,044

Local Match to FFY2026 AIG-BIL/IIJA Funds: \$68,739

Build Kansas Fund Request: \$65,302.05

Local Match to Build Kansas Fund Request: \$3,436.95

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: Ian Wright
The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.

Position/Title: Project Manager

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$65,302.05	4.75%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$3,436.95	0.25%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
IIJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$1,306,044.00	95.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$1,374,783.00	100.00%

***Applicant match contribution is 5% of total match requirement**

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67601	100%
	100% In Kansas

Originally constructed in 2004, Runway 4-22 has served as the crosswind alternative to airport users for nearly 20 years. Designed to accommodate aircraft weighing 12,500 pounds or less, the runway pavement section, including both turnarounds at each end, is comprised of five (5) inches of Portland Cement Concrete Pavement (PCCP) on four (4) inches of aggregate base atop nine (9) inches of fly ash treated subgrade. A substantial pavement rehabilitation project on the pavement in 2015 featured full-depth and partial panel PCCP replacement, joint spall repair, joint re-sealing, and pavement re-marking.

The City's consultant completed a site visit in March and September of 2023 to evaluate the varying pavement failures and their impacts during different seasons. Pavement heaving is occurring along critical portions of the runway, most notably around the aiming points on the Runway 4 end, where at times the heaving extends over two inches above the pavement surface. Numerous instances of concrete panel failure via full-length panel cracking span hundreds of feet in several locations. The pavement condition will continue to deteriorate as the freeze-thaw cycle increases the likelihood and severity of pavement heaving and cracking. Durability cracking, commonly referred to as D-cracking, has deteriorated joints to the point where Foreign Object Debris (FOD) is creating a safety concern for the Airport. In multiple locations, the concrete pavement has noticeably settled, suggesting a failing subgrade. During the September 2023 site visit, the City's consultant cataloged all pavement failures and determined that 893 of the existing concrete panels, equating to 16% of the entire area analyzed, had one, or multiple, visible pavement failures. Due to the already poor condition of the pavement, the previous and future overloading, and harsh freeze-thaw cycles that the pavement is subject to, the pavement condition will continue to worsen significantly unless a reconstruction project is completed.

The Airport has closed Runway 4-22 over long durations due to safety concerns from the crumbling pavement emitting FOD and potentially damaging aircraft. Additionally, since the 2015 rehabilitation project, the City of Hays has committed over \$63k of their own funds to fixing additional pavement failures that have occurred. Reconstruction of this pavement would be more cost-effective than continued rehabilitation. Additional benefits to reconstruction include potential future savings by the City, as they would not have to continue to spend their money repairing the pavement outside of an FAA-funded rehabilitation project. Future savings could be justified for the FAA as well, as future

funding on this section of pavement could go towards other airfield projects, instead of an additional rehabilitation or partial reconstruction project.

PART III – BUDGET INFORMATION – CONSTRUCTION

SECTION A – GENERAL

1. Assistance Listing Number:
 2. Functional or Other Breakout:

SECTION B – CALCULATION OF FEDERAL GRANT

Cost Classification	Latest Approved Amount (Use only for revisions)	Adjustment + or (-) Amount (Use only for revisions)	Total Amount Required
1. Administration expense			
2. Preliminary expense			
3. Land, structures, right-of-way			
4. Architectural engineering basic fees			
5. Other Architectural engineering fees			
6. Project inspection fees			
7. Land development			
8. Relocation Expenses			
9. Relocation payments to Individuals and Businesses			
10. Demolition and removal			
11. Construction and project improvement			
12. Equipment			
13. Miscellaneous			
14. Subtotal (Lines 1 through 13)			
15. Estimated Income (if applicable)			
16. Net Project Amount (Line 14 minus 15)			
17. Less: Ineligible Exclusions (Section C, line 23 g.)			
18. Subtotal (Lines 16 through 17)			
19. Federal Share requested of Line 18			
20. Grantee share			
21. Other shares			
22. TOTAL PROJECT (Lines 19, 20 & 21)			

SECTION C – EXCLUSIONS	
23. Classification (Description of non-participating work)	Amount Ineligible for Participation
a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	
e.	
f.	
g. Total	

SECTION D – PROPOSED METHOD OF FINANCING NON-FEDERAL SHARE	
24. Grantee Share – Fund Categories	Amount
a. Securities	
b. Mortgages	
c. Appropriations (by Applicant)	
d. Bonds	
e. Tax Levies	
f. Non-Cash	
g. Other (Explain):	
h. TOTAL - Grantee share	
25. Other Shares	Amount
a. State	
b. Other	
c. TOTAL - Other Shares	
26. TOTAL NON-FEDERAL FINANCING	

SECTION E – REMARKS (Attach sheets if additional space is required)

PART IV – PROGRAM NARRATIVE
(Suggested Format)

PROJECT:
AIRPORT:
1. Objective:
2. Benefits Anticipated:
3. Approach: (See approved Scope of Work in Final Application)
4. Geographic Location:
5. If Applicable, Provide Additional Information:
6. Sponsor's Representative: (include address & telephone number)

PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION FUNDING PLAN (REV03)

HAYS REGIONAL AIRPORT (HYS) CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS

Reconstruct Runway 4-22 and Runway Turnarounds Reconstruct Portion of Taxiway M

June 16, 2025

PROJECT FUNDING

36.01440%	FAA AIP Grant - 048 (95%)	\$ 2,438,409.00
	Local Matching Funds for Grant - 048 (5%)	\$ 128,337.00
	Total AIP Grant - 048	\$ 2,566,746.00
38.05912%	FAA IIJA Grant - 049 (95%)	\$ 2,576,850.00
	Local Matching Funds for Grant - 049 (5%)	\$ 135,624.00
	Total IIJA Grant - 049	\$ 2,712,474.00
6.63669%	FY26 FAA AIP Grant - 048 Amend. (95%)	\$ 449,347.00
	Local Matching Funds for Antic. FY26 Grant - 048 Amend. (5%)	\$ 23,650.00
	Total FY26 AIP Grant - 048 Amend.	\$ 472,997.00
19.28979%	FY26 FAA IIJA Grant - 050 (95%)	\$ 1,306,044.00
	Local Matching Funds for Antic. FY26 Grant - 050 (5%)	\$ 68,739.00
	Total FY26 IIJA Grant - 050	\$ 1,374,783.00
	TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING (EST.)	\$ 7,127,000

PROJECT COSTS

(Phase 2 Construction)	Local Cost (5%)	FAA Cost (95%)	Total Cost
<u>Administrative</u>			
Independent Fee Analysis Services (CEI) & Admin Costs (Est.)	\$ 250.95	\$ 4,768.05	\$ 5,019.00
Subtotal	\$ 250.95	\$ 4,768.05	\$ 5,019.00
<u>Engineering</u>			
Construction Services	\$ 22,290.00	\$ 423,510.00	\$ 445,800.00
Subtotal	\$ 22,290.00	\$ 423,510.00	\$ 445,800.00
<u>Construction</u>			
Construction Costs (Smoky Hill, LLC)	\$ 333,809.05	\$ 6,342,371.95	\$ 6,676,181.00
Subtotal	\$ 333,809.05	\$ 6,342,371.95	\$ 6,676,181.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (EST.)	\$ 356,350	\$ 6,770,650	\$ 7,127,000