

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2026

Application Package | Memo



To: Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Walter Nelson, 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 #2026-193-SEKRPC City of Parsons

Date: September 4, 2026

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

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 2 of 13 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 3-9. Page 10 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project narrative and map, pages 11-13.

Project Overview

The City of Parsons seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program for their U.S. Highway 59 Safety Development District project which includes implementing multimodal safety improvements along the US-59 corridor to reduce crashes, improve traffic flow, and enhance safety for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and freight traffic.

This opportunity is a discretionary IIJA program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$4,390,900.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local cash match of \$231,100.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$18,488,000.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$23,110,000.00.

The deadline for this opportunity was May 26, 2026, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on May 5, 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.

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Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2026-193-SEKRPC		
Applicant Name	City of Parsons		
Application Date Received	5/5/2026		
Project Name	U.S. Highway 59 Safety Development District		
Project Description	Implement multimodal safety improvements along the US-59 corridor to reduce crashes, improve traffic flow, and enhance safety for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and freight traffic.		
Entity Type	Local Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	Southeast KS Regional Planning Commission		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation		
IIJA Program	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)		
IIJA Program Type	Discretionary		
Application Type	Implementation		
IIJA Application Deadline	5/26/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$4,390,900.00		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes ☒	No ☐
	IIJA Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$4,390,900.00 will unlock \$18,488,000.00 in federal IIJA funding, with a local cash contribution of \$231,100.00, for a total project cost of \$23,110,000.00.		
Previously Awarded BKF Applications (If Applicable)	Program/FY	BKF Amount	BKF/Federal Status
	N/A	N/A	N/A
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	5/27/2026 Recommend ☒ Declined ☐		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	9/4/2026 Recommend ☐ Declined ☐		

Title	City of Parsons, KS	05/05/2026
	by Laura Moore in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 54042848
	112 S. 17th Street P.O. Box 1037 Parsons, Kansas 67357 United States 620-421-7030 lmoore@parsonsksk.com	

Original Submission	05/05/2026
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Score	n/a
Part 1: Applicant Information	
The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	City of Parsons, KS
Project Name:	U.S. Highway 59 Safety Development District
Entity type:	Local Government
Entity Population:	9,600
Applicant Contact Name:	Laura Moore
Applicant Contact Position/Title:	Community Development Director
Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+16204217030
Applicant Contact Email Address:	lmoore@parsonsksk.com
Applicant Contact Address:	112 S 17th Street
Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	PO Box 1037

Applicant Contact City: Parsons

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 67357

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

Project Contact Name: Darrell Moyer

Project Contact Position/Title: Engineering Director/Public Works Director

Project Contact Telephone Number: +16204217020

Project Contact Email Address: dmoyer@parsonsksk.com

Project Contact Address: 112 S 17th Street

Project Contact Address Line 2 (optional): PO Box 1037

Project Contact City: Parsons

Project Contact State: Kansas

Project Contact Zip Code: 67357

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?

Labette 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:

Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity, DOT-SS4A-FY26-01

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

U.S. Department of Transportation

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

20.939

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

5/26/2026

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:

\$18,488,000.00 for a total project cost of \$23,110,000.00

Enter the total project cost:

\$23,110,000.00

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:

\$4,390,900.00 for a total project cost of \$23,110,000.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$231,100.00 for a total project cost of \$23,110,000.00

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? \$0

Will any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies be used for the non-federal match? \$0

What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each. \$0

What other funding sources (local, federal, or non-federal) will be used for this match?	The City will provide a local match of 5% (\$231,100) of the non-federal match requirement from the City General Fund and Street Sales Tax Fund.
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	The City of Parsons previously submitted grant applications for the project through FY2019 and FY2020 BUILD program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation but were not selected. The city is applying for the FY2026 SS4A program to cover 80% of the project cost. The city will provide a local match of 5% (\$231,100) of the non-federal match requirement. The remaining funds are being requested from the Kansas Infrastructure Hub.

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:

[Executive_Summary_Draft.pdf](#)

Provide any additional information about this project not covered in previous sections of this application (optional):	N/A
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Part 7: Terms and Conditions

Understanding of Fund Release Requirements:	checked
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Understanding of Use of Funds:	checked
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Understanding of Reporting Requirements:	checked
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Authority to Make Grant Application:	checked
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Persons and Titles: Laura
The following Moore
persons are
responsible for
making this Build
Kansas Fund
application.

Position/Title: Community Development Director

Additional: Darrell
Moyer

Position/Title: Engineering Director/Public Works Director

Additional: Jamie
Janssen

Position/Title: City Clerk/Finance Director

Additional:

Position/Title:

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$4,390,900.00	19.00%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$231,100.00	1.00%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
IIJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$18,488,000.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$23,110,000.00	100.00%

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

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67357	100%
	100% In Kansas

U.S. Route 59 Safety Development District

City of Parsons, Kansas

The City of Parsons is submitting a FY2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) application to assist in funding the U.S. Route 59 Safety Development District project to improve safety and create a more livable community for all transportation users.

Background

In 2024, the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) was awarded an SS4A Planning grant to study roadway safety in the 12-county region. The effort culminated in the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for each county to address the most significant transportation safety risks in the community with an emphasis on fatal and serious crashes. Through this effort, the *Labette County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan* was completed in 2025 and included recommendations for safety improvements along US-59 in the City of Parsons.

Project Need

With approximately 9,600 residents, the City of Parsons is a rural community and the most populous city in Labette County. Businesses, facilities, and events in the City of Parsons serve residents well beyond the city limits. US-59 is the major north-south thoroughfare through the community and is currently a two-lane roadway for the approximately two-mile segment from Flynn Drive to Gabriel Avenue, including the area around the US-400 interchange.

The US-59 corridor was identified as a crash hotspot in the *Comprehensive Safety Action Plan* with the most predominant crash types being head-on collisions, rear end crashes, and left-angle crashes at unsignalized intersections. At least three serious injuries have occurred on this segment in the past five years. In addition to vehicular traffic, commercial truck traffic is prevalent due to several freight businesses located in the area and a truck stop and convenience store near the US-59 and US-400 interchange. Vulnerable Road User crashes are also concentrated within the City of Parsons. There are currently no dedicated non-motorized facilities along this segment of US-59 for pedestrians, bicyclists, or Amish residents with horse-drawn carriages. The proposed project would improve safety for all users accessing key destinations along the US-59 corridor including the Parsons Conference Center, Tolen Creek Trails Park, Walmart, Pete's Truck Stop, and a planned city sports complex.

Project Description

The U.S. Route 59 Safety Development District project focuses on the two-mile segment generally from Flynn Drive to Gabriel Avenue, which was identified in the *Comprehensive Safety Action Plan* (2025) and the *US-59 Access Management Plan* (2015). Project components include:

- A. Conversion of the **two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway** with a raised center median and left-turn pockets from Flynn Drive to Labette Creek. The additional travel lanes will decrease congestion and reduce the risk of rear-end crashes. The raised center median with dedicated left-turn pockets where appropriate will provide a physical barrier between opposing traffic lanes to reduce the risk of head-on crashes.
- B. A new 14-foot wide **multi-use trail** from the northern city limits to Gabriel Avenue for use by pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized vehicles, including horse-drawn carriages.

- C. **Bridge widening** on US-59 at Labette Creek to accommodate the proposed four-lane roadway and multi-use trail.
- D. Intersection re-configuration with a **new traffic signal** at Union Road. The new signalized intersection will replace the current two-way stop-controlled intersection to reduce the risk of left-angle crashes.

See the attached Project Map for the proposed project components.

Project Collaborators

The City of Parsons collaborated with the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) and Labette County to develop the *Labette County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (2025)*. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) led the development of the *US-59 Access Management Plan (2015)* and has been supportive of the City of Parsons's efforts to pursue additional funding to implement projects outlined in both plans.

Project Goals and Anticipated Outcomes

The City of Parsons is adopting a Vision Zero resolution to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes in the city by 2040. The project would assist the City of Parsons in pursuing the Vision Zero goal by implementing the following proven safety countermeasures:

- Corridor access management on US-59 with a raised center median and left-turn pockets provides a physical barrier between opposing traffic lanes to reduce the risk of head-on crashes.
- Additional travel lanes on US-59 to reduce the risk of rear-end crashes, provide additional space for commercial truck traffic, and decrease congestion.
- The multi-use trail provides a dedicated facility separate from vehicular traffic for Vulnerable Road Users. Street lighting is also included to increase visibility at night.
- The new traffic signal and dedicated turn lanes at the US-59 and Union Road intersection reduce left-turn angle crashes by providing dedicated time for turning movements.

The project advances initiatives with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) to implement improvements outlined in state, regional, and local plans. It is also anticipated that improved, safe access on US-59 will help facilitate new development within this growth area in the city.

Budget

The anticipated total cost for the U.S. Route 59 Safety Development District project is approximately \$23,110,000. The City of Parsons is requesting 80% of the project cost from the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program.

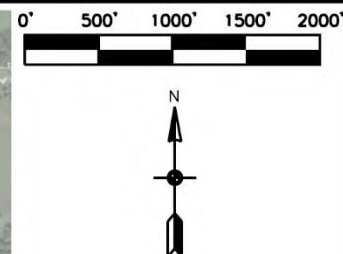
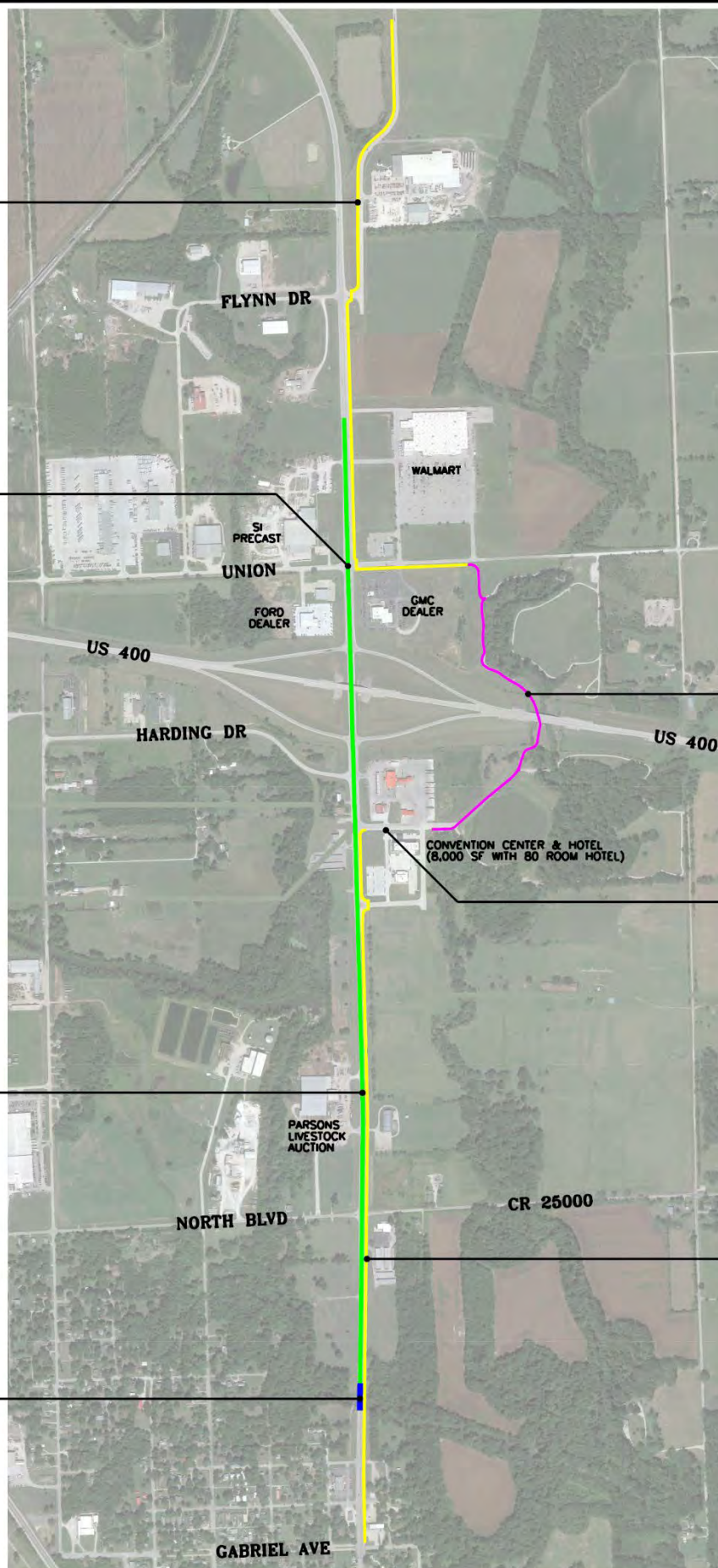
Project Component		Estimated Cost
A	Conversion to Four-Lane Roadway	\$13,063,000
B	Multi-Use Trail	\$2,097,000
C	Bridge Widening at Labette Creek	\$6,682,000
D	New Traffic Signal at Union Road	\$1,268,000
Total		\$23,110,000

TRAIL PHASE 3:
NEW 14' CONCRETE
MULTI-USE TRAIL

INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL
AT US 59 & UNION

WIDEN EXISTING TWO LANE
ROADWAY TO A FOUR LANE
ROADWAY WITH CENTER
MEDIAN/TURN LANE

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
AT LABETTE CREEK



TRAIL PHASE 1:
10' CONCRETE
MULTI-USE TRAIL
COMPLETED

EXISTING 10' WIDE PATH

TRAIL PHASE 2:
NEW 14' CONCRETE
MULTI-USE TRAIL
FROM CATTLE DR TO
GABRIEL AVE

U.S. ROUTE 59 SAFETY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CITY OF PARSONS, KANSAS