



Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2027

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 Applications #2027-214/219-MARC City of Spring Hill

Date: September 4, 2026

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

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 2 of 11 of the Build Kansas Fund Application Package.
- Build Kansas Fund Application – includes information submitted with the Build Kansas Fund Application, pages 3-8. Page 9 provides the table of funding sources and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – Project executive summary, pages 10-11.

Project Overview

The City of Spring Hill seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through both the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) program and the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program for their 191st Street Grade Separation project which includes constructing two grade-separated rail crossings to eliminate at-grade crossings, improve safety, reduce traffic delays, and enhance mobility in Spring Hill.

These opportunities are discretionary IIJA programs with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$4,500,000.00 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local cash match of \$994,020.00 and an additional BNSF project contribution of \$2,000,000.00. This request has the potential to unlock \$29,976,080.00 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$37,470,100.00.

The deadline for those opportunities was June 8, 2026 (RCE) and June 22, 2026 (CRISI) and these Build Kansas Fund applications were received on May 28, 2026.

Previously Awarded BKF

Program/Fiscal Year	BKF Amount	Federal Award Status	BKF Status
RCE/FY23-24	\$107,500.00	Awarded	Approved
SS4A/FY26	\$666,280.00	Pending	Approved

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on August 26, 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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Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2027-214-MARC / 2027-219-MARC		
Applicant Name	City of Spring Hill		
Application Date Received	5/28/2026		
Project Name	191st Street Grade Separation Project		
Project Description	Construct two grade-separated rail crossings to eliminate at-grade crossings, improve safety, reduce traffic delays, and enhance mobility in Spring Hill.		
Entity Type	Local Government		
Economic Development District (EDD)	MARC		
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation		
IIJA Program	Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program / Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)*		
IIJA Program Type	Discretionary		
Application Type	Implementation		
IIJA Application Deadline	6/8/2026		
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$4,500,000.00		
Technical Assistance Received	General	Yes ☒	No ☐
	IIJA Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
	Build Kansas Fund Application	Yes ☒	No ☐
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$4,500,000.00 will unlock \$29,976,080.00 in federal IIJA funding, with a local cash contribution of \$994,020.00, and a BNSF contribution of \$2,000,000.00, for a total project cost of \$37,470,100.00.		
Previously Awarded BKF Applications (If Applicable)	Program/FY	BKF Amount	BKF/Federal Status
	RCE/FY23-24	\$107,500.00	Approved/Awarded
	SS4A/FY26	\$666,280.00	Approved/Pending
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	8/26/2026 Recommend ☒ Declined ☐		
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	9/4/2026 Recommend ☐ Declined ☐		

*Applied for both RCE and CRISI grant programs, but if awarded, can only accept one or the other, not both.

Title	City of Spring Hill	05/28/2026
	by Kylee Gullion in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 54233206
	kylee.gullion@hdrinc.com	

Original Submission	05/28/2026
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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 Spring Hill
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Project Name:	191st Street Grade Separation Project
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Entity type:	Local Government
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Entity Population:	9,689
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Applicant Contact Name:	Alysen Abel
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Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Engineer
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Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+19133597404
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Applicant Contact Email Address:	Alysen.Abel@springhillks.gov
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Applicant Contact Address:	401 N Madison Street
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Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
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Applicant Contact City:	Spring Hill
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Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
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Applicant Contact Zip 66083
Code:

Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact?	Yes
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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
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Certify that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity you are pursuing has a required non-federal match component:	Yes
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What is the primary county that the project will occur in?	Johnson County
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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.
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Please enter the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for:	Rail Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program / Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program
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What is the funding agency for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	Other
Enter the name of the federal funding agency:	Federal Railroad Administration
What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	20.327 / 20.337
What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	6/8/2026 / 6/22/2026
Application Type:	Implementation
What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity?	FY 2025/2026
Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity:	\$29,976,080.00
Enter the total project cost:	\$37,470,100.00
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: \$4,500,000.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$994,020.00

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?	While the City is requesting funding through the Build Kansas Fund, the City and BNSF will be providing a portion of funding towards the match too. The City commits to providing \$994,020 in local City funds and BNSF commits to providing \$2,000,000.
Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project:	To ensure the long-term viability and successful implementation of this project, the City has actively tried to identify and secure matching funds for this project. But we have been unable to obtain the full match amount due to current budget constraints and limited availability of eligible funding sources. The City is grateful for BNSF's commitment of \$2,000,000 towards the match. Besides the help of BNSF, the City has explored potential match amounts through local funding; however, the required match amount exceeds our financial capacity. We are unable to allocate additional resources without jeopardizing other essential services and are respectfully requesting consideration from the Build Kansas Fund to help fund this important safety project for Spring Hill.

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:

[Spring_Hill_FRA_Executive_Summary_Draft.docx](#)

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 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: The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application.	Alysen Abel
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Position/Title:	City Engineer
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Additional:	Kylee Gullion
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Position/Title:	Infrastructure Grant Writer
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Project Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$4,500,000.00	12.01%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$994,020.00	2.65%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0.00%
IIJA Federal Funds (applied for)	\$29,976,080.00	80.00%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$2,000,000.00	5.34%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$37,470,100.00	100.00%

Project Match	Amount	% of Match
Build Kansas Funds	\$4,500,000.00	81.91%
Applicant Contribution	\$994,020.00	18.09%
TOTAL MATCH	\$5,494,020.00	100.00%

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
66083	100%
	100% In Kansas

Executive Summary

RCE/CRISI Project – 191st & Woodland and 207th & Woodland

Project Overview

The City of Spring Hill, Kansas, is seeking funding through FRA's FY2025-2026 Grant Funding Opportunities to advance critical grade separation projects at two key locations: 191st Street & Woodland Road and 207th Street & Woodland Road.

These corridors intersect with a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway line that runs through the heart of the community. Currently, both crossings operate at grade, creating significant safety risks, traffic delays, and barriers to mobility for residents, businesses, and emergency responders.

The proposed project will eliminate at-grade rail crossings and replace them with grade-separated structures, like recent successful improvements at 199th Street and 223rd Street in the same corridor. These improvements will provide uninterrupted traffic flow and eliminate conflicts between trains and roadway users.

Need for the Project

Spring Hill is one of the fastest-growing communities in the Kansas City metropolitan region, experiencing rapid residential and commercial development. This growth has placed increasing pressure on the existing transportation network, particularly at rail crossings.

Key challenges include:

- **Safety Risks:** At-grade crossings pose ongoing risks of collisions between trains and vehicles or pedestrians.
- **Emergency Response Delays:** Trains frequently block crossings, delaying emergency vehicles and impacting public safety.
- **Traffic Congestion:** Long train blockages create queues and unreliable travel times for commuters and freight movement.
- **Limited Connectivity:** The rail line acts as a barrier that restricts north-south mobility within the city.
- **Economic Impacts:** Delays and inefficiencies affect local businesses and regional supply chains.

The federal government has identified the elimination of at-grade rail crossings as a national priority, recognizing the importance of improving safety and mobility in growing communities like Spring Hill.

Project Description

The proposed project includes:

- Construction of grade-separated crossings (overpass or underpass structures) at:

- 191st Street & Woodland Road
- 207th Street & Woodland Road
- Removal of existing at-grade crossings
- Roadway realignments and associated infrastructure improvements
- Drainage, utility, and safety enhancements
- Coordination with BNSF Railway for rail operations and construction

A comprehensive feasibility study is currently underway to evaluate design alternatives at multiple crossings (175th, 183rd, 191st, 207th, and 215th Streets). This study, expected to be completed in 2026, is funded at \$2.15 million with a \$67,500 local match from the City.

Project Benefits

Safety Improvements

- Eliminates vehicle-train conflict points
- Reduces risk of crashes, injuries, and fatalities
- Enhances pedestrian and cyclist safety

Mobility & Reliability

- Removes rail-related delays and congestion
- Improves travel time reliability
- Enhances emergency response times

Economic Competitiveness

- Improves freight movement efficiency
- Supports business access and regional connectivity
- Positions Spring Hill for continued growth and development

Quality of Life

- Reduces noise from train horns
- Decreases idling and emissions from stopped traffic
- Improves daily travel experience for residents

Conclusion

The elimination of at-grade rail crossings at 191st Street and 207th Street represents a transformative investment in the safety, mobility, and economic future of Spring Hill. With strong local support, committed partnerships, and alignment with federal priorities, this project is well-positioned for successful implementation.