

Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2024 Application Package | Memo



To: Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, Build Kansas Advisory Committee
Murl Riedel, 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 #2024-065-FHRC

Date: July 11, 2024

Attached, please find an application made to the Build Kansas Fund by the City of McFarland. 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.
- Attachments – executive summary, pages 9-10.

Project Overview

The City of McFarland seeks funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding available through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program for the installation of a new warning siren.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 25% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$7,587.50 from the Build Kansas Fund. This request has the potential to unlock \$22,762.50 in federal funds.

The deadline was June 30, 2024, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on June 26, 2024.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on July 10, 2024, 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	2024-065- FHRC (McFarland)
Project Name	McFarland Warning / Tornado Signal
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	Flint Hills Regional Council
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Resilience
BIL Program	Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
BIL Program Type	Discretionary (State Pass-through)
BIL Application Deadline	6/30/2024
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$7,587.50
Technical Assistance Received	General No
	BIL Application No
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes
	Other (Brief Description): Support on application and budget submission
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$7,587.50 will unlock \$22,762.50 in federal BIL funding.

Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	July 10, 2024 Recommend
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Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	DATE Recommend or Decline
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Completeness Review Data

Date Build Kansas Application Received:	6/26/2024
Date Of Completeness Check:	6/28/2024, 6/30/2024
Date Forwarded to Steering Committee:	7/8/2024

Title **City of McFarland** 06/26/2024
by **Mike Couch** in **Build Kansas Fund Fiscal Year 2024 Application** id. 46859161
mcouch@flinthehillsregion.org

Original Submission 06/30/2024

Score n/a

Part 1: Applicant Information

The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund: City of McFarland

Project Name: McFarland Warning/Tornado Signal

Entity type: Local Government

Applicant Contact Name: Ron Nehring

Applicant Contact Position/Title: Mayor

Applicant Contact Telephone Number: +17854563017

Applicant Contact Email Address: nehringronald@gmail.com

Applicant Contact Address: 518 Rock Island Rd.

Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional): PO Box 183

Applicant Contact City: McFarland

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip Code: 66501

Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact?	No
Project Contact Name:	Michael Couch
Project Contact Position/Title:	Executive Director
Project Contact Telephone Number:	+17859550950
Project Contact Email Address:	mcouch@flinthillsregion.org
Project Contact Address:	7113 Redbud Drive
Project Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	
Project Contact City:	Manhattan
Project Contact State:	Kansas
Project Contact Zip Code:	66503

Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

Certify that you are pursuing a viable 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?	Wabaunsee 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: BRIC: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

What is the funding agency for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

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

What is the application due date for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 6/30/2024

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: \$22,762.50

Enter the total project cost: \$30,350.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 25.0

Part 4: Build Kansas Fund - Match Application Information

Enter the non-federal match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$7,587.50

Is the project able to move forward with a lesser match amount than requested? No

If you are awarded less match than the amount requested, at what amount would your project NOT be able to move forward? \$7,587.50

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.xlsx](#)

Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test

Confirm that there are no available funding sources currently planned to go unused by your entity that could be leveraged for this project: Yes

Confirm there are no available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies that could be used for this match:

Yes

Confirm that you have explored other readily available funding sources (federal or non-federal) to be used for this match:

Yes

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

The City of McFarland has no funds budgeted to be able to match this grant. They have explored various grant opportunities and this is the only option for them. They have used their ARPA funds in other essential ways leaving this match unable to be covered. Without the Build Kansas Funds citizens of Chapman will be unable to be warned of impending severe weather threats, as well as, other warnings and lives could be lost. The Build Kansas Funds are critical to the city's application as there is no other match available.

Part 6: Additional Information

Please upload a copy of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) program application associated with this request OR a 2-page executive summary providing an overview of the project:

[McFarland_KS_Warning_PDF._Submit.pdf](#)

Provide any additional information about this project (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: Ron
The following Nehring
persons are
responsible for
making this Build
Kansas Fund
application.

Position/Title: Mayor of McFarland, KS

Additional: Michael
Couch

Position/Title: Executive Director Flint Hills Regional Council

Additional:

Position/Title:

Additional:

Position/Title:

Internal Form

Score n/a

Pre-Award Information:

Post-Award Information:

Deviation Report:

Source	Amount	Zip Code	% of project in zip code
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$ 22,762.50	66501	100
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$ 7,587.50		in Kansas
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)			
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 30,350.00		

McFarland KS Warning/Tornado Siren BRIC application: Executive Summary

Project Description, Needs Addressed, and Goals:

This project would install storm sirens on property owned by the city of McFarland, Kansas. There is full support for this proposed installation of warning sirens as this has been requested by citizens. This project would allow for the procurement of one new warning/tornado siren. Proper procurement practices will be followed to obtain quotes for 1 Sentry Siren Model 14V-B; 1 SiraTrol SCB-1 VHF/UHF, 6 Function, One-Way, DTMF/2TS Siren Controller. Installation would be turn-key.

The city's electrical utility would provide in-kind services to plan, arrange, and complete the electrical installation needed to power the new sirens to be installed. In recent years, McFarland has been impacted by a tornado very near the city. Although no tornado has directly hit the city of McFarland, the community desires a reliable tornado and other warning signal to protect their community. While McFarland has a tornado siren, the siren has been proven to be unreliable, is at the end of its useful life and is too costly to repair. The goal of this project is to help protect the citizens of McFarland from impending severe weather or other dangers.

Although warning systems are thought to be designed as "Tornado" signals, there are many hazards for which they could be used. These sirens are only used when there is an eminent danger to the community or for testing. These dangers range from weather related concerns like high winds, large hail, or tornadoes to nonweather emergencies such as: terrorism, hazmat, or nuclear threats that could cause harm to citizens.

This warning system allows community members to take cover indoors prior to the threat. Not having the ability for city residents to receive the protection provided by a warning siren must be remedied. McFarland's desire is to ensure all citizens have a reliable level of protection. The area where the siren is to be located is owned by the citizens of McFarland. The siren would support the city's existing plans and equipment in order to bring protection to its citizens. There is no alternative to resolve this lack of audible warning of an imposing danger.

The risk is high that citizens could be hurt or die without such a warning if a tornado were to hit McFarland. Since this community has been nearly hit by a tornado, there is an increased level of trauma and post-traumatic stress that does not occur in other communities that have not faced the near damages of a tornado. Having a working siren lessens the fear of those who have been impacted long term by the crisis they once nearly lived through.

On March 14, 2024, a tornado hit and destroyed or damaged structures in the McFarland area. Following this close hit, citizens feared that they would have no warning if such a major tornado hit their town.

Budget:

The Budget of the project is \$30,350 of which \$7,587.50 is the 25% match being requested from Build Kansas Funds. The City of McFarland has no resources to be able to purchase this siren as the city budget is extremely limited. The city will provide in-kind installation of the siren toward the project. The total project cost covers the purchase and installation of a new tornado/warning siren at the cost of approximately \$30,350.

Expected Outcomes:

This project will accomplish essential safety assurances for the citizens of McFarland. Once the project is complete there ALL citizens will be able to receive prior warning of tornadoes or other hazards that might impact the city.