

# 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 #2025-067-SCKEDD

Date: August 16, 2024

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

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 11 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 9-11.

## **Project Overview**

Arkansas City seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding available through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to develop a comprehensive safety action plan.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 20% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$57,000.00 from the Build Kansas Fund and contributing \$3,000.00 in local match. This request has the potential to unlock \$240,000.00 in federal funds.

The deadline is August 29, 2024, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on August 8, 2024.

## **Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation**

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on August 15, 2024, following a successful completeness check. The Steering Committee **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of Build Kansas Funding to the Build Kansas Advisory Committee for final advice.

# Build Kansas Fund | Fiscal Year 2024 Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2025-067-SCKEDD
Project Name	Safe Streets 4 All Arkansas City
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	SCKEDD- South Central Kansas Economic Development District
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Transportation
BIL Program	Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A)
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
BIL Application Deadline	8/29/2024
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$57,000.00
Technical Assistance Received	General No
	BIL Application No
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes
	Other (Brief Description): Provided application and budget support.
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$57,000.00 will unlock \$240,000.00 in federal BIL funding, with a local match of \$3,000.00.

**Steering Committee Funding Recommendation**      **8/15/2024 | Recommended**

**Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation**      **8/21/2024 | Recommend or Decline**

### Completeness Review Data

Date Build Kansas Application Received:	08/07/2024
Date Of Completeness Check:	08/12/2024
Date Forwarded to Steering Committee:	08/14/2024

Title **Arkansas City, Kansas** 08/07/2024  
 by **Nick Rizzio** in **Build Kansas Fund Application** id. 47182559  
 204/206 Summit St  
 Arkansas City, Kansas  
 67005  
 Kansas  
 United States  
 6204414413  
 nrizzio@arkansascityks.gov

**Original Submission** 08/12/2024

Score n/a

Part 1: Applicant Information

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

Project Name: Safe Streets 4 All Arkansas City

Entity type: Local Government

Applicant Contact Name: Nick Rizzio

Applicant Contact Position/Title: Municipal Project Manager

Applicant Contact Telephone Number: +16204414413

Applicant Contact Email Address: nrizzio@arkansascityks.gov

Applicant Contact Address: 118 W Central Ave

Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):

Applicant Contact City: Arkansas City

Applicant Contact State: Kansas

Applicant Contact Zip 67005  
Code:

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Is the Project Contact the same as the Applicant Contact? Yes

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Part 2: Build Kansas Fund - Eligibility Criteria

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Certify that you are pursuing a viable Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity for which your entity is eligible: Yes

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Certify that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) 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? Cowley 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](#)

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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.

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Please enter the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity title that the entity is applying for: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

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

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What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 20.939

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What is the application due date for this Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity? 8/29/2024

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

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Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding opportunity: \$240,000.00

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Enter the total project cost: \$300,000.00

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Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 20.0

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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

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Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$3,000.00

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Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$0

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Enter the non-federal cash match amount being requested from the Build Kansas Fund: \$57,000.00

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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](#)

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#### Part 5: Build Kansas Fund - Means Test and Eligible Applicant Match

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What other available funding sources that are currently planned to go unused by your entity will be leveraged for this project? \$0.00

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What other available American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) or Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies will be used for this match? \$0.00

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What other sources of in-kind match will be leveraged for this project? Please list and include the actual or estimated value of each. \$0.00

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What other funding sources (local, federal or non-federal) will be used for this match? \$0.00

Describe your efforts to find other available funding sources for this project: Local march for this project was not in the adopted budget, and as such are not available to the city.

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:

[Arkansas\\_City\\_Build\\_Grant\\_App\\_Executive\\_Summary\\_2.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: The following persons are responsible for making this Build Kansas Fund application. Nick Rizzio

Position/Title: Municipal Project Manager

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## Internal Form

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Pre-Award Information:

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Post-Award Information:

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Deviation Report:

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Source	Amount
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$ 240,000.00
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$ 57,000.00
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$ 3,000.00
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$ -
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$ 300,000.00</b>

Zip Code	% of project in zip code	State
67005	100	Kansas

## Arkansas City, Kansas

### *Safe Streets 4 All Arkansas City*

#### **Background**

Arkansas City (37° 04' 22" N 97° 02' 19" W) was founded in 1870 and is the most populous city in Cowley County with 34% of the county's population. Arkansas City is 9.34 square miles and has a population of 11,974 (2020 census) making the population density of 1,300 people per square mile. Arkansas City is about 60 miles southeast of Wichita, KS and is about 5 miles North of the Oklahoma border. Arkansas City is home to the leading employer (Creekstone Farms) for all of Cowley County as well as housing an additional 9 out of the top 25 leading employers. Cowley College is also located in Arkansas City, which is a public two-year community college with over 4,500 enrolled students.

Arkansas City is a growing population that is not stopping anytime soon. In fact, the city is working on a project to develop a 101-acre property that will add anywhere from 250-500 dwelling units. Another large development project occurring in the city is the development of a new travel center/truck stop planned at the NW corner of US-77 highway and Kansas Ave. This new truck stop is breaking ground this year and is estimated to bring in around 50,000 tourists. These tourists coming off of the highway may also be looking for additional amenities like lodging and food and will be travelling throughout the city. These two huge development projects will be increasing the population and the traffic volumes within the city; therefore, we believe it pertinent to take into account the potential for vehicle incidents near these locations.

While evaluating the different factors for Arkansas City and Cowley County it was found that the County Current Index (evaluating economy) for Kansas, stated that Cowley County went from 108.2 in May 2022 to 105 in Nov 2022. Based on 2021 numbers from the USDA, 13.9% of all Cowley County residents are in poverty; this is 80% higher than the lowest Kansas county. The unemployment rate for Cowley County in 2022 was 3%, which is 66% higher than the lowest county percentage. Additionally, looking at USDOT Equitable Transportation Community (ETC) Explorer indicated that 50% of Arkansas City is considered disadvantaged and the Climate and Economic Justice screening Tool indicated that 80% of Arkansas City is considered disadvantaged.

#### **Project Description**

Arkansas City is planning on applying for the U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant for fiscal year 2024. We are specifically looking to apply for an action plan. This grant presents an opportunity for Arkansas City to develop its first Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). Cowley County was awarded SS4A funds for an CSAP in FY22 funding round for the unincorporated roads within the county. This means Arkansas City was not included in this plan and is what initiated this desire to complete a plan of our own. Cowley County's plan has not been completed at this time. However, we do plan on collaborating with the county during our planning process to ensure that our plan lines up with the county's plan, providing a seamless integration where possible and effectively closing this gap.

From 2017-2022, the city had recorded 1,205 total crashes, 6 being fatal and 286 being serious injuries. This means that 25% of all crashes are fatal or serious injury and also gives the city an average annual fatality rate of 10.02.

The goal of the *Safe Streets 4 All Arkansas City* grant application is to identify locations where vehicle accidents are occurring, evaluating why crashes are occurring in these locations and coming up with ways to address these issues to help eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes all together. A list of crash locations will be prioritized based on need and feasibility to address the present issues. Another big component of this project will be based on the new development that is coming into the city and we will be looking for potential locations to preemptively address any safety concerns that may result in fatal or serious injury crashes. This process will determine the best course of action to help determine potential crash sites, these could possibly include the use of traffic studies and traffic demand modeling.

We anticipate our engagement process for the development of the CSAP to involve the formation of an Action Plan Steering Committee that would consist of city staff and other involved community organizations. This steering committee will regularly meet with staff and consultants for updates and feedback concerning the status of the CSAP. Additional tools include the use of City Social media accounts, printed materials in English and Spanish, public presentations, local television/radio PSA's and direct outreach in schools/churches.

### **Project Schedule and Expected Outcomes**

This project is planned to be completed no more than 18 months after the DOT awards funds. The expected outcome of grant activities is to align our efforts with the County's Plan in order to bridge the divide and ensure that all roads within our community receive targeted improvements to enhance road safety and address the needs of all users. When completed, the CSAP will have a well-developed priority list of projects, policy and infrastructure recommendations and high-level designs of locations selected through analysis and task force/stakeholder/public recommendations. We will then use the high-level designs to move forward and apply for further funding for implementation.

### **Budget**

A total project budget of \$300,000 has been established in our grant application for project development activities. The Safe Streets and Roads for All program requires a minimum 20 percent local match. The City of Arkansas City is requesting Build Kansas funds in the amount of \$57,000.

