

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: Jason Fizell, Interim Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

RE: Build Kansas Fund Application #2025-107-GP

Date: May 22, 2025

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

- Coversheet – provides a high-level overview of the application including a unique identification number, page 1 of 15 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 and zip codes served by the project.
- Attachments – 40101d application, pages 9-15.

Project Overview

The City of Jetmore seeks funding from the U.S. Department of Energy for funding available through the SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid program for their Red Tag Pole Change Out project which includes replacing failing utility poles to enhance reliability and strengthen resilience against severe weather throughout the community.

This opportunity is a discretionary BIL program with a local match requirement of 48.33% of the total project cost. The entity is requesting \$169,268.44 from the Build Kansas Fund, and is providing a local match of \$8,908.87. This request has the potential to unlock \$368,642.70 in federal funds, for a total project cost of \$546,820.00.

The deadline was January 9, 2025, and this Build Kansas Fund application was received on April 22, 2025.

Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee Recommendation

The Build Kansas Fund Steering Committee reviewed this application on May 14, 2025 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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Application Package | Coversheet



Build Kansas Fund Application Number	2025-107-GP
Applicant Name	City of Jetmore
Application Date Received	4/22/2025
Project Name	Red Tag Pole Change Out Project
Project Description	Replace failing utility poles to enhance reliability and strengthen resilience against severe weather throughout the community
Entity Type	Local Government
Economic Development District (EDD) Planning Commission	Great Plains Development, Inc.
Infrastructure Sector(s)	Energy
BIL Program	SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid
BIL Program Type	Discretionary
Application Type	Implementation
BIL Application Deadline	1/9/2025
Build Kansas Fund Request	\$169,268.44
Technical Assistance Received	General Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BIL Application Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Build Kansas Fund Application Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (Brief Description): Provided General TA and BKF Application Support.
Application Notes	Build Kansas Fund contribution of \$169,268.44 will unlock \$368,642.70 in federal BIL funding, with a local cash contribution of \$8,908.87 for a total project cost of \$546,820.00
Steering Committee Funding Recommendation	5/14/2025 Recommend <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>
Advisory Committee Funding Recommendation	5/22/2025 Recommend <input type="checkbox"/> Declined <input type="checkbox"/>

Title	City of Jetmore	04/22/2025
	by Michael Ort in Build Kansas Fund Application	id. 50334602
	jetmoreadmin@fairpoint.net	

Original Submission	04/29/2025
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Score	n/a
Part 1: Applicant Information	
The name of the entity applying for the Build Kansas Fund:	City of Jetmore
Project Name:	Red Tag Pole Change Out
Entity type:	Local Government
Entity Population:	770
Applicant Contact Name:	Michael Ort
Applicant Contact Position/Title:	City Administrator
Applicant Contact Telephone Number:	+16203578344
Applicant Contact Email Address:	jetmoreadmin@fairpoint.net
Applicant Contact Address:	PO Box 8
Applicant Contact Address Line 2 (optional):	109 E. Bramley St
Applicant Contact City:	Jetmore
Applicant Contact State:	Kansas
Applicant Contact Zip Code:	67854

Is the Project
Contact the same as
the Applicant
Contact?

Yes

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?

Hodgeman 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), commonly known as the
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), 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:

SECTION 40101(d): Preventing Outages & Enhancing the
Resilience of the Electric Grid

What is the funding agency for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? U.S. Department of Energy

What is the Assistance Listing Number (ALN) for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 81.254

What is the federal application due date for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 1/9/2025

Application Type: Implementation

What is the federal fiscal year for this Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity? 2024

Enter the amount of funding being applied for, from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding opportunity: \$368,642.70 for a total project cost of \$546,820.00

Enter the total project cost: \$546,820.00

Enter the required non-federal match percentage: 48.33%

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: \$169,268.44 for a total project cost of \$546,820.00

Enter the non-federal cash match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: \$8,908.87 for a total project cost of \$546,820.00

Enter the estimated value of the non-federal in-kind match amount being provided by the eligible applicant, if applicable: 00

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? None

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

No

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

None

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

None

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

N/A

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:

[49170683-replacement-of-critical-red-tag-poles_3.pdf](#)

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

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.	Michael Ort
Position/Title:	City Administrator
Additional:	
Position/Title:	
Additional:	
Position/Title:	
Additional:	
Position/Title:	

Source	Amount	% of Project
Build Kansas Funds (non-federal match)	\$169,268.43	30.96%
Eligible Applicant Cash Match	\$8,908.87	1.63%
Eligible Applicant In-Kind Match (estimated value)	\$0.00	0%
BIL Federal Funds (applied for)	\$368,642.70	67.42%
Additional Project Contribution (if applicable)	\$0.00	0%
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$546,820.00	100%

***Applicant satisfies recommended match contribution of 5% of the required match**

Zip Code	% of project in zip code
67854	100%
	100% In Kansas

Title	Replacement of critical (Red Tag) poles	12/26/2024
	by Michael Ort in SECTION 40101(d) Second Round: Preventing Outages & Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid	id. 49170683
	jetmoreadmin@fairpoint.net	

Original Submission

12/26/2024

Score	n/a
Section 1: Applicant Information	
Entity name:	City of Jetmore
Are you submitting a new application, or will you be resubmitting the application you submitted last round?	New Application
Entity Type:	Distribution Provider
Entity address:	PO Box 8 109 E. Bramley St. Jetmore Kansas 67854 US 38.084132 -99.900389
Employer Identification Number (EIN):	48-6009224
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	LHKNGNLYXWN5

Please upload verification of eligible entity size and documentation of annual sales per year:

[2023_EIA-861S_Submission_UID9732.pdf](#)

[Small_Utility_Set_Aside_Letter-Jetmore_KS.pdf](#)

EIA Table

[2023 Utility Bundled Sales to Ultimate Customers List.xlsx](#)

Project Manager name:	Michael Ort
Project Manager phone number:	+16203578344
Project Manager e-mail address:	jetmoreadmin@fairpoint.net
IRS Form W-9: Jetmore_W-9_Form.pdf	
Latest financial statement and financial statement audit: Jetmore_2023_Audit.pdf	
Please acknowledge whether your entity has ever submitted an application, similar in nature, to the DOE under BIL Section 40101c, DE-FOA-002740, Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP): <div>No</div>	
Section 2: Project Description and Scope	
Project Name:	Replacement of critical (Red Tag) poles
Project type:	Utility pole management

Project description and scope: The City of Jetmore is a community in southwest Kansas of just under 800 population, about 25 miles north of Dodge City. Jetmore is the county seat of Hodgeman County. The city owns and operates an electric utility distribution system that includes five circuits and approximately 1100 utility poles serving approximately 620 meters. Jetmore also owns and operates a power plant with one 2500 kW Fairbanks Morse engine. This power plant has been operated continuously by the city for 110 years and is used today to provide reliability and redundancy for our electrical customers. The city continues to strive to serve the community with reliable power as the demand and need for electricity grows in today's technology driven environment.

The city of Jetmore is applying for funding to help replace approximately 90 poles which were shown in the most recent audit to be failing. All of these poles are in excess of 50 years old, some over 70 years old, and were found to have various structural failings from interior rot to cracks in the tops of the poles and are no longer fit to help provide stable and reliable support for our electric system. These red tagged poles are distributed throughout the five circuits operated by the city, to include the circuit that feeds the county hospital. This project aims to replace all 90 poles that were identified as red tag (failing) in the audit of the distribution system with brand new 35' and 40' southern pine poles. Replacing these poles will assist the city in its continued efforts to provide safe, reliable, and consistent energy to the residents and businesses of the community and to several agricultural users within the three mile perimeter of the city who receive electricity from the city.

The cost for this project is projected to be \$611,820.

Section 3: Need for Funding

Project funding need: The city of Jetmore continues to be a fiscally responsible community that is governed by the the mayor and a five member city council. The city has, over the years, diligently saved monies to help fund projects that improve the quality of the electric distribution system. The city does this while remaining cognizant of the residents', business owners', and area farmers' ability to pay the cost of their monthly bills. The city accomplishes this through careful planning and forecasting. Although the city does have plans in place, the cost of materials and labor has outpaced the ability of the city to plan for all the necessary upgrades the system needs. These projects and the continued escalation in cost continue to put a strain on the residents and businesses of Jetmore. Funding through this program will be an incredible help to our community.

Provide historical and post project estimated interruption frequency and duration data, if known.	<p>This city of Jetmore has experienced several outages over the last decade, many of them being on the transmission line coming into town, and all of those a result of severe storms common to the region. Other outages have occurred due to maintenance on the transmission line or in the city owned substation. A handful of outages have been resolved within an hour, but most have lasted a matter of a day or longer. The longest lasted an entire week as 90 mile per hour straight line winds toppled 24 transmission poles in a row, some of these landing on the adjacent K-156 highway, which caused traffic issues for several days.</p> <p>Where Jetmore exists, the threat of severe storms, to include tornadoes and straight line winds in the 70-100 mile per hour range, remain an ever present concern. For this reason, maintaining the integrity of our in town infrastructure, and thereby the health and reliability of our distribution system, is a paramount concern.</p>
Provide pro rata customer impact of total project cost.	With an expected cost of \$611,820 the per meter service share would amount to just short of \$987, or \$82.25 per month if the cost was divided into 12 equal monthly payments. This cost would be in addition to all other monthly obligations each customer has, and their already normal bills for electrical service.
Provide number of customers to be impacted by the project and percentage of impacted customers to total customers in the disadvantaged or underserved community.	The entire city of Jetmore community will be impacted by the project either financially or by the pole replacement project. As stated in an earlier section, the poles that make up the project are scattered among the five circuits in the city's distribution system, thus the impact will be system wide. The city, as a result of it being a small, rural community is designated as a disadvantaged community.

Section 4: Complete Budget and Narrative

Award amount requested:	546820
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Matching funds to be provided:	178169
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Budget (Total Costs):

[Budget Template DRAFT.xlsx](#)

Project budget upload (optional):

Project budget narrative:	The city of Jetmore has received a cost estimate from KMEA Mid-States Engineering. KMEA Mid-States has given a probable cost of construction of \$546,820.00. This is comprised of four separate components. The first is a total material cost of \$285,120. The materials are a mixture of poles, transformers, conductors, and associated items. The second is the total cost of labor of \$218,700.00. The third is equipment of \$13,000. The final component is expenses of \$30,000.
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Cost match commitment letter:

[Jetmore_KS_Cost_Match_Commitment_Letter.pdf](#)

Section 5: Project Timeline

Project timeline:	The expected project timeline for this project is eighteen months, per KMEA Mid-States personnel.
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Section 6: Bids and Estimates

Bids and estimates:

[Jetmore_-_Estimate_for_pole_replacement.pdf](#)

Section 7: Community Benefit

Community benefit narrative:	This will benefit the entire community of Jetmore as the net effect will be to further solidify the reliability and sustainability of the overall electric distribution system.
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Provide historical measurements of resilience and reliability for the targeted areas of each proposed project.	Because of this project, the city of Jetmore will be able to maintain the reliability of our electric distribution system. The poles in question are at the end of their useful life and replacing them will only serve to ensure the resilience and reliability of the system. In the most extreme circumstances, a very real consequence of the project will be that insurance claims due to catastrophic losses will be able to be avoided at area businesses and community residents will have added assurance that the city will be able to keep the lights on when storms occur.
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Provide expected changes to the historical data as a result of each proposed project.	It is expected that the replacement of these utility poles will undoubtedly enhance the reliability and overall health/resilience of the entire system. The confidence in the current equipment grows less each year as the assets age past their useful life and weaken, especially in light of the real danger of sever storms and wind that are an ever present part of life in southwest Kansas.
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Provide historical measurements of resilience and reliability for the entire system to determine whether the project is in an area that has, on average, more frequent or longer duration outages.	Jetmore's location in southwest Kansas historically has been faced with consistent violent storm events including extreme wind events, hail, tornadoes, etc. When these events occur, Jetmore is often affected. Because of this, the resilience and reliability of our internal distribution system becomes of added significance to our residents, businesses, and agricultural consumers.
Provide age of system or line segments to be replaced or repaired, type of equipment that failed, and the number of annual outages for the project area.	The poles identified as part of this project are between 50 and 70 years old and are all in various states of decay or structural failure. If left in their present state, and not replaced, instances of outages could increase dramatically. This reality is made all the more meaningful when it is considered that our is small community with limited staff, resources, and expertise. In a larger, more well staffed and trained community, an outage that might require a matter of an hour to resolve may take the city of Jetmore multiple hours and/or costs hundreds or thousands more in engaging mutual aid assistance from other communities. Maintenance of the reliability of the system, then, becomes all the more critical.
Provide a number of protective devices (fuses or breakers) that have operated more than once in a rolling 12-month period.	An exact number of protective devices that have operated more than once in the distribution system in the last year is truthfully not known. To the best of our recollection we have perhaps three fuses that have tripped more than once in the last year. The breaker in the substation east of Jetmore has tripped primarily due to weather events a total of 5 or 6 times in a given year.
Provide a number of customers impacted by project and the percentage to total customers served in Kansas.	The city of Jetmore electric utility serves just over 800 customers, all in rural southwest Kansas, which is .05% of the total number of customers in the state of Kansas.
Description of efforts to attract, train, and retrain a skilled workforce for this project.	Although there are no planned training programs for this project it is expected that the contractor selected to construct the project will have apprentices as part of the construction crew that will be learning and training on the job site. These hours are invaluable experience and are imperative to the completion of the employee's apprenticeship program. Ultimately a highly skilled individual that can provide long lasting benefits to the individual and future projects. The project described in this grant application is very technical in scope and requires highly skilled and a very specific skill set to ensure a successful and long-term positive outcome.

Provide an estimate of job creation due to this project.	This project has an estimated 1,400-man hours. The project will create several opportunities for companies to provide high quality and good paying jobs that meet the expectations of their employees. Furthermore, these positions are located, specifically in Jetmore, in rural and underserved parts of the state. In areas like the city of Jetmore the creation of short term and long-term job opportunities can vastly improve the economic well-being of the community.
Identify any plans to partner with training providers to support workforce development.	The city of Jetmore does not have any plans to formally partner with an agency specific to this project. The city of Jetmore does, however, partner with agencies such as Kansas Municipal Utilities, the League of Kansas Municipalities, and Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, as well as Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust for continued training and apprenticeship programs when applicable and appropriate. It is the city's mission to provide all necessary educational opportunities for its employees to provide a safe workplace.
Provide any other metric(s) that indicates potential community benefit.	There are no other metrics or indicators that we are aware of that will demonstrate the benefit of this project to our community. That said, for the reasons stated above the importance of this project is immense. This project is very necessary to the maintenance and longevity of the electrical distribution system of the city of Jetmore.
Confirmation that the applicant will comply with all Davis-Bacon Act requirements.	Yes
Confirmation that the applicant will comply with all Buy America Requirements.	Yes
Confirmation that the applicant will submit an environmental questionnaire (NETL Form 451.1-1-3), if required, for each work area proposed in the application.	Yes