

**PRELIMINARY
MINUTES**

BUILD KANSAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 27, 2025
Room 142-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Representative Troy Waymaster, Chairperson
Senator Rick Billinger, Vice-chairperson
Senator Pat Pettey
Representative Shannon Francis
Representative Henry Helgerson
Representative Kyle Hoffman

Members Absent

Senator J. R. Claeys
Senator Tim Shallenburger
Representative Lindsay Vaughn

Staff Present

Chardae Caine, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Chris Waggoner, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Susan McClacherty, Committee Assistant

Conferees

Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub

Monday, January 27
Afternoon Session

Call to Order

Chairperson Waymaster called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Presentation on the Build Kansas Fund Structure

Chairperson Waymaster recognized Matthew Volz, Executive Director, Kansas Infrastructure Hub, on behalf of the Build Kansas Steering Committee, who provided an overview of the structure of the Build Kansas Fund to help local communities get awards through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and provide funding matches for competitive grant programs. A list of rescissions from President Trump's executive orders was provided as high-level impacts. ([Attachment 1](#)) ([Attachment 2](#))

Build Kansas Fund Federal Awards

Mr. Volz informed the Committee that several projects have been approved at the federal level.

Build Kansas Fund Performance

Mr. Volz provided an update on the performance of the Build Kansas Fund.

Presentation on Kansas Infrastructure Hub/Build Kansas Fund Update

Mr. Volz informed the Committee of the new Grant Application and Administration Assistance Program to address hurdles of many of the smaller communities. A new website went live in December 2024 at kshub.gov (versus .org). The monthly webinar series began January 22, 2025. The third Kansas Infrastructure Summit is scheduled for April 23, 2025, in Lindsborg, Kansas.

Presentation on Applications to the Build Kansas Matching Grant Fund

The following new applications were reviewed:

1. #2025-080-SCKEDD is from the City of Wichita for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, formerly the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant, for connecting Kansans through multimodal improvements at US-54/400 and Eisenhower Airport Parkway. The match requirement is 20.0 percent. The entity is requesting \$540,000 and is contributing \$60,000. This request has a potential to unlock \$2.4 million of federal funds. ([Attachment 3](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

2. #2025-081-NoEDD is from the City of Lawrence to support a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Infrastructure Grant to rehabilitate and reconstruct the existing apron and

Taxiway C at the Lawrence Regional Airport. The match requirement is 5.0 percent. The local contribution is \$1,422 and requesting \$28,457, potentially unlocking \$569,136 of federal funding. ([Attachment 4](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

3. #2025-084-SEKRPC is from Montgomery County for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to fund upgrades to County Road 4400 and support current and future economic and infrastructure needs, as well as projected growth-related needs. ([Attachment 5](#))

There was consensus to approve this application.

Committee Discussion, Advise, and Recommendations

Chairperson Waymaster opened the floor for discussion.

The Committee discussed federal water programs, there being more applications than the amount of available funding for those water programs, and the appropriateness for a matching program for water projects within the Kansas Build Fund program.

The Committee requested clarification on the match from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program grant recently awarded by the federal government.

Mr. Voltz informed Committee members that active grant programs are found on the kshub.gov website and many grant programs are circular.

The Committee raised concerns about the potential for small communities not being informed of grant opportunities. Mr. Voltz informed the Committee of the Kansas Infrastructure Hub frequent communication at conferences and encouragement to Kansas small towns and communities to apply for federal grants.

Approval of November 20, 2024, Minutes

Representative Francis moved, and Representative Helgerson seconded, approval of the minutes for November 20, 2024. The motion carried.

Senator Billinger requested it be recorded in the minutes that he abstained from the vote as he was not a member of the Committee at that time and did not attend the November 20, 2025, meeting.

Adjournment

Chairperson Waymaster adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Prepared by Susan McClacherty
Edited by Chardae Caine

Approved by the Committee on:

(Date)

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