

KANSAS STATE FAIR

Appropriations Report

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The Kansas State Fair's mission is to promote and showcase Kansas agriculture, industry, and culture; create opportunity for commercial activity; and provide an educational and entertaining experience that is the pride of all Kansans. The State Fair is the state's largest single event, attracting more than 350,000 people, plus an estimated 200,000 people to the nearly 500 non-State Fair events held throughout the year on the fairgrounds.

BUDGET ITEMS

	Agency		LBC (HB 2007, as Introduced)		Final Approved (SB 125)	
	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds	SGF	All Funds
FY 2025						
Approved						
Approved Budget	\$235,000	\$8,203,957	\$235,000	\$8,203,957	\$235,000	\$8,203,957
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	<i>\$235,000</i>	<i>\$8,203,957</i>	<i>\$ 235,000</i>	<i>\$8,203,957</i>	<i>\$235,000</i>	<i>\$8,203,957</i>
Reappropriation						
1. SGF Reappropriation - Bison Arena	\$3,582,570	\$3,582,570	\$3,582,570	\$3,582,570	\$3,582,570	\$3,582,570
2. SGF Reappropriation - Grounds Improvement	\$855	\$855	\$855	\$855	\$855	\$855
3. SGF Reappropriation - Kansas State Fairgrounds	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
<i>Subtotal – Reappropriation</i>	<i>\$3,883,425</i>	<i>\$3,883,425</i>	<i>\$ 3,883,425</i>	<i>\$3,883,425</i>	<i>\$3,883,425</i>	<i>\$3,883,425</i>
Other Changes						
4. Capital Improvements	-	\$645,170	-	\$645,170	-	\$645,170
5. Emergency Command Center	-	\$247,680	-	\$247,680	-	\$247,680
All Other Adjustments	-	(\$123,737)	-	(\$123,737)	-	(\$123,737)
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$769,113</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$769,113</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$769,113</i>
TOTAL	\$4,118,425	\$12,856,495	\$4,118,425	\$12,856,495	\$4,118,425	\$12,856,495
FY 2026						
Approved						
Approved Budget	\$235,000	\$8,203,957	\$235,000	\$8,203,957	\$235,000	\$8,203,957
<i>Subtotal – Approved</i>	<i>\$235,000</i>	<i>\$8,203,957</i>	<i>\$ 235,000</i>	<i>\$8,203,957</i>	<i>\$235,000</i>	<i>\$8,203,957</i>
Enhancement						
6. Expo Center Rehabilitation	-	-	-	-	\$365,152	\$365,152
7. State Fair Operating Expenditures	-	-	-	-	(\$135,000)	(\$135,000)
8. 2025 Pay Plan	-	-	-	-	-	\$54,075
<i>Subtotal – Enhancement</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$230,152</i>	<i>\$284,227</i>
Other Changes						
4. Capital Improvements	-	\$680,621	-	\$680,621	-	\$680,621
9. Administration Building Upgrades	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)	(\$100,000)
All Other Adjustments	-	(\$25,223)	-	(\$25,223)	-	(\$25,223)
<i>Subtotal – Other Changes</i>	<i>(\$100,000)</i>	<i>\$555,398</i>	<i>(\$ 100,000)</i>	<i>\$555,398</i>	<i>(\$100,000)</i>	<i>\$555,398</i>
TOTAL	\$135,000	\$8,759,355	\$135,000	\$8,759,355	\$365,152	\$9,043,582

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1. SGF Reappropriation - Bison Arena

FY 2025

Agency: The agency carried over \$3.6 million in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. These funds were appropriated for the continued renovation of the Bison Arena.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: The agency carried over \$3.6 million in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. These funds were appropriated for the continued renovation of the Bison Arena.

2. SGF Reappropriation - Grounds Improvement

FY 2025

Agency: The agency carried over \$855 in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. These funds were unspent because of timing on certain encumbrances.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: The agency carried over \$855 in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. These funds were unspent because of timing on certain encumbrances.

3. SGF Reappropriation - Kansas State Fairgrounds

FY 2025

Agency: The agency carried over \$300,000 in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. These funds were appropriated for additional lighting on Kansas State Fairgrounds.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: The agency carried over \$300,000 in unspent SGF moneys from FY 2024 into FY 2025. These funds were appropriated for additional lighting on Kansas State Fairgrounds.

4. Capital Improvements

FY 2025

Agency: Add \$645,170, all from special revenue funds, for capital improvements on the state fairgrounds in FY 2025.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$645,170, all from special revenue funds, for capital improvements on the state fairgrounds in FY 2025.

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FY 2026

Agency: Add \$680,621, all from special revenue funds, for capital improvements on the state fairgrounds for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$680,621, all from special revenue funds, for capital improvements on the state fairgrounds for FY 2026.

5. Emergency Command Center

FY 2025

Agency: Add \$247,680, all from ARPA funds, for an emergency command center at the State Fair in FY 2025.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Add language directing the State Fair to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget during the 2026 Legislative Session on securing \$750,000 in nonstate moneys for the construction of an emergency command center in FY 2025. (Floor amendment)

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add language directing the State Fair to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget during the 2026 Legislative Session on securing \$750,000 in nonstate moneys for the construction of an emergency command center in FY 2025. (Floor amendment)

6. Expo Center Rehabilitation

FY 2026

Agency: N/A

LBC: N/A

House: N/A

Senate: Add \$365,152 SGF to pay off debt service obligations on the Expo Center Rehabilitation and add language directing the agency to make such payment only if the debt is eligible for prepayment for FY 2026.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Add \$365,152 SGF to pay off debt service obligations on the Expo Center Rehabilitation and add language directing the agency to make such payment only if the debt is eligible for prepayment for FY 2026.

7. State Fair Operating Expenditures

FY 2026

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Agency: N/A

LBC: N/A

House: N/A

Senate: Delete \$135,000 SGF from the State Fair operating expenditures account for FY 2026.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Delete \$135,000 SGF from the State Fair operating expenditures account for FY 2026.

8. 2025 Pay Plan

FY 2026

Agency: N/A

LBC: N/A

House: N/A

Senate: N/A

Conference: Add \$54,075 to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

Final Approved*: Add \$54,075 to provide salary increases for most state employees based on the Department of Administration's market survey for FY 2026.

9. Administration Building Upgrades

FY 2026

Agency: Delete \$100,000, all SGF, for administration building upgrades on the state fairgrounds for FY 2026.

LBC: Concur with the Agency.

House: Concur with the LBC.

Senate: Concur with the House.

Conference: Concur with the Senate.

Final Approved*: Delete \$100,000, all SGF, for administration building upgrades on the state fairgrounds for FY 2026.

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