

KANSAS STATE FAIR

Budget Committee Report

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Executive Summary

Summary of Total Expenditures, FY 2023 – FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2023 Actual	\$ 1,746,851	\$ 7,024,015	\$ 8,770,866	27.0	
FY 2024 Actual	9,425,755	8,825,459	18,251,214	27.0	
FY 2025 Actual	3,899,998	9,304,658	13,204,656	27.0	
FY 2026					
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 365,152	\$ 8,678,430	\$ 9,043,582	27.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	635,659	8,865,024	9,500,683	27.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	365,152	8,865,024	9,230,176	27.0	
House Appropriations	365,152	9,085,324	9,450,476	27.0	
Senate Ways and Means	365,152	9,085,324	9,450,476	27.0	
Conference Committee*	-	-	-	-	
Governor's Recommendation	365,152	8,865,024	9,230,176	27.0	
FY 2027					
FY 2026 Approved, without Reappropriations	\$ -	\$ 9,043,582	\$ 9,043,582	27.0	
Agency Request	750,000	8,842,817	9,592,817	27.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget	-	8,842,817	8,842,817	27.0	
House Appropriations	400,000	8,842,817	9,242,817	27.0	
Senate Ways and Means	350,000	8,842,817	9,192,817	27.0	
Conference Committee*	-	-	-	-	
Governor's Recommendation	-	8,842,817	8,842,817	27.0	

* Note : This committee has not taken action on this agency's budget yet.

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.

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FY 2026

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2026					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
Approved, with Reappropriations	\$ 365,152	\$ 8,678,430	\$ 9,043,582	27.0	
Agency Revised Estimate	635,659	8,865,024	9,500,683	27.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Revised Estimate</i>	\$ (270,507)	\$ -	\$ (270,507)	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ 365,152	\$ 8,865,024	\$ 9,230,176	27.0	
House Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget Appropriations	\$ -	\$ 220,300	\$ 220,300	-	
Committee of the Whole*	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 220,300	\$ 220,300	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 365,152	\$ 9,085,324	\$ 9,450,476	27.0	
Senate Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ -	\$ 220,300	\$ 220,300	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole*	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ 220,300	\$ 220,300	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 365,152	\$ 9,085,324	\$ 9,450,476	27.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 365,152	\$ 9,085,324	\$ 9,450,476	27.0	

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Agency

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$9.5 million, including \$635,659 SGF, and 27.0 FTE positions in FY 2026. This represents an increase of \$457,101, including \$270,507 SGF, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature.

The revised estimate includes the following adjustments:

- \$250,000 SGF for lighting on the grounds of the State Fair;
- \$20,507 SGF for shuttle and tent reimbursements from the 2025 Kansas State Fair event; and
- \$186,594, all from agency fee and federal funds, for other adjustments.

Other adjustments made by the agency are mostly attributable to increased estimates for salary and wages for temporary employees, employed during the annual State Fair event, and increased

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estimates for entertainers performing at the Kansas State Fair. These increases are partially offset by reduced estimated expenditures for capital improvements.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency's revised estimate in FY 2026, with the following adjustments:

1. Delete \$250,000 SGF for lighting on the grounds of the State Fair.
2. Delete \$20,507 SGF for shuttle and tent reimbursements from the 2025 Kansas State Fair event.

Joint Committee on State Building Construction

The **Joint Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026 with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$22,700 ARPA for an emergency command center in FY 2026.

House Committees

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$22,700 ARPA for an emergency command center in FY 2026.
2. Add \$243,000 ARPA, and language allowing previously approved ARPA expenditures for an emergency command center to be used for the lighting project in FY 2026.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

The **Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation in FY 2026, with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$22,700 ARPA for an emergency command center in FY 2026.
2. Add \$243,000 ARPA, and language allowing previously approved ARPA expenditures for an emergency command center to be used for the lighting project in FY 2026.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** concurs with the Committee's recommendation in FY 2026.

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FY 2027

Summary of Legislative Recommendations, FY 2027					
	SGF	All Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	
FY 2026 Approved, with Adjustments**	\$ -	\$ 9,043,582	\$ 9,043,582	27.0	
Agency Request	750,000	8,842,817	9,592,817	27.0	
Special Committee on the State Budget (SBC)					
<i>Change from Agency Request</i>	\$ (750,000)	\$ -	\$ (750,000)	-	
TOTAL – Special Committee	\$ -	\$ 8,842,817	\$ 8,842,817	27.0	
House Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	-	
Appropriations	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole*	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – House Change from SBC</i>	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 400,000	-	
TOTAL – Current House Position	\$ 400,000	\$ 8,842,817	\$ 9,242,817	27.0	
Senate Committees					
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 350,000	-	
Ways and Means	-	-	-	-	
Committee of the Whole*	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Senate Change from SBC</i>	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 350,000	-	
TOTAL – Current Senate Position	\$ 350,000	\$ 8,842,817	\$ 9,192,817	27.0	
Legislative Approved					
Conference Committee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
Governor's Vetoes	-	-	-	-	
Veto Overrides	-	-	-	-	
<i>Subtotal – Approved Change from SBC</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
GRAND TOTAL – Final Approved	\$ 350,000	\$ 8,842,817	\$ 9,192,817	27.0	

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** Note : The approved budget includes expenditures in FY 2026 that are not included in the agency allocation for FY 2027. These expenditures are not included for FY 2027 as to better provide a point of comparison. For this agency, these adjustments include \$365,152 SGF for the Expo Center debt payoff.

Agency

The **agency** requests \$9.6 million, including \$750,000 SGF, and 27.0 FTE positions for FY 2027. This represents an increase of \$549,235, including \$384,848 SGF, above the amount approved by the 2025 Legislature for FY 2026.

The revised estimate includes the following enhancement requests for FY 2027:

- \$750,000 SGF for livestock barn upgrades; and
- \$164,387, all from agency fee funds, for other adjustments.

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Other adjustments made by the agency are mostly attributable to increased estimates for salary and wages for temporary employees, employed during the annual State Fair event, and increased estimates for entertainers performing at the Kansas State Fair. These increases are partially offset by reduced estimated expenditures for capital improvements.

Special Committee on the State Budget

The **Special Committee** concurs with the agency request for FY 2027 with the following adjustment:

1. Delete \$750,000 SGF for livestock barn upgrades for FY 2027.

Joint Committee on State Building Construction

The **Joint Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

House Committees

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

The **House Budget Committee** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027 with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$400,000 SGF for livestock barn upgrades for FY 2027, and language to release the funds if the State Fair certifies on or before June 1, 2027 that the agency has secured a match of \$400,000 from private funds.

House Committee on Appropriations

The **House Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.

Senate Committees

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

The **Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources** concurs with the Special Committee's recommendation for FY 2027, with the following adjustment:

1. Add \$350,000 SGF for livestock barn upgrades for FY 2027, and language requiring a pledge of matching private funds for FY 2027.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The **Senate Committee on Ways and Means** concurs with the Committee's recommendation for FY 2027.