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Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

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Program Agency-wide Overview

AGENCY MISSION:

SERVICE ~ COURTESY ~ PROTECTION

The Kansas Highway Patrol is devoted to improving quality of life through spirited and dedicated **SERVICE**. We pledge to be responsive to concerns of citizens and public safety partners. We will do this by providing professional law enforcement services and share resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

We believe in treating all persons with **COURTESY** and respect. The preservation of individual dignity and constitutional rights is paramount in performing duties. Protecting the rights of co-workers, and providing a safe, secure working environment are of equal importance.

We are committed to providing **PROTECTION** of life and property through active law enforcement of traffic, criminal, and other laws of the State of Kansas, and by supporting homeland security initiatives. We recognize our responsibility to uphold and enforce this authority in a competent, fair, and honest manner.

PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST WITH AGENCY MISSION:

On July 1, 2017, with the implementation of the performance-based budgeting system, the following coding structure by Program was established. Codes used in prior years are identified in parenthesis.

The Programs are identified under two subsections, 00-Highway Patrol and 01000 – Administration Summary:

01000 – Administration Summary

01030 – Administration

01030 (01350) – Information Technology

01050 – Operations Support

58700 (01050) – Aircraft Operations

58800 (01050) – Fleet

58900 – Vehicle Identification Number Inspection

59000 – Motorist Assistance

00-Highway Patrol

59100 – Capitol Police

59200 – Homeland Security

59300 – Motor Carrier Inspection

59400 – Turnpike Patrol

STATUTORY HISTORY

The Kansas Highway Patrol is established and authorized in K.S.A. 74-2113. The principal function of the Patrol is the "enforcement of traffic and other laws of the State relating to highways, vehicles and drivers of vehicles." In 1949, the agency was assigned responsibility of examination and licensing of drivers. This responsibility was redirected to the Department of Revenue in 1963. In 1972, the Superintendent was directed to perform limited security duties for public officials (K.S.A. 74-2105).

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The Capitol Area Security Patrol was established within the Department of Administrative Services in 1955 with the enactment of K.S.A. 75-4503. The 1976 Legislature enacted K.S.A. 75-4503a, which transferred the Capitol Area Security Patrol to the Kansas Highway Patrol, under the supervision of the Superintendent. Effective July 1, 1995, Capitol Police officers were granted full police powers. Prior to this date, they had limited police powers on or about state owned or leased property within Shawnee County. *Ch. 107, 2006 Session Laws of Kansas* changed the name from Capitol Area Security Patrol to Capitol Police.

K.S.A. 74-2108(b) provides for the Superintendent and members of the Kansas Highway Patrol to execute and enforce the laws of this state relating to public and private motor carriers of passengers or property. Eligibility for the federal grant requires the State to adopt and assume responsibility for enforcing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) (49CFR Parts 39 thru 399).

The 1955 Legislature enacted K.S.A. 68-2026 et. seq. creating the Kansas Highway Patrol Turnpike Patrol. All direct costs are borne by the Kansas Turnpike Authority.

K.S.A. 66-1318 provides that the Motor Carrier Inspection Program shall maintain motor carrier inspection stations. In addition, Motor Carrier Inspection personnel are responsible for the enforcement of certain laws referenced in K.S.A. 66-1318.

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FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE SUMMARY (Historical):

The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) received its primary source of funding from the State General Fund (SGF), prior to FY 2013. Effective July 1, 2013, the agency's primary source of funding is received from the State Highway Fund (KHP Operations Fund). Since FY 2009, economic and social conditions have the ability to significantly impact the KHP. Because the agency's mission is public service, in FY2026 personnel costs will comprise over 68.8 % of the agency's overall budget and 87.58% of the appropriated operating budget (2034). Thus, reductions have a direct impact on the agency's ability to provide critical public safety services. Historically, base budget depletion had required: (1) elimination of Trooper Recruit classes (the only mechanism to fill vacant Trooper positions); (2) elimination of pay for all holidays worked, requiring compensatory time be provided and resulting in a further reduction in road patrols; (3) a moratorium on all but emergency uniform orders; (4) a suspension on the replacement of vital information technology equipment; (5) the closure of the Caney scale house facility; (6) indefinite postponement of capital improvement projects at the KHP Training Academy; (7) extension of vehicle mileage thresholds for maintenance and the elimination of most vehicle body damage repairs; (8) elimination of most out-of-state travel; (9) holding positions vacant, resulting in a greater workload for existing employees; and (10) reductions in overtime to only those situations in which Troopers must continue working, such as accidents, DUI arrests, interdiction activities, natural disaster, and other unavoidable public safety conditions.

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FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE SUMMARY continued:

The KHP Staffing and Training Fund is a fee fund which was established in FY 2017 to assist with increasing trooper staffing levels, training both recruit and tenured staff, retaining personnel through the CPP, providing equipment to new recruits, as well as to continue to pay holiday and overtime pay instead of requiring compensatory time be provided. A \$2.00 surcharge on each motor vehicle registration sold in the state is transferred to this fund.

The KHP has been diligently proactive in its management of the impact of the current economy in order to preserve public safety services by making reduction choices that avoid the furlough or layoff of employees or the “parking” of Trooper vehicles. However, additional mid-year reductions or substantial increases in goods/services, should they occur, would threaten the agency’s ability to avoid employee cost reductions and/or parking Trooper vehicles. These management decisions include maximizing the available fee and federal fund resources, which include Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. However, many of these solutions offer one-time funding availability and force tougher future decisions if operating funds are not restored.

CURRENT YEAR:

The agency’s revised FY 2026 budget remains consistent with the 2025 Legislative approval with necessary adjustments occurring between special programs and fee funds.

As cash balances are reviewed, certain funds must not be used for general operations. This includes the motor vehicle fund, federal funds, the state funds used for federal matching purposes, and the federal and state forfeiture funds. The forfeiture funds are obtained from assets seized from illegal trafficking activities.

The federal guidelines are very stringent. These funds cannot be supplanted or be included in an operating budget; and must be spent only for the support or enhancement of law enforcement efforts. Any transfer or unallowable spending will jeopardize the KHP’s ability to participate in this worthwhile program. The KHP has utilized these funds in the past years to make purchases for which the state budget did not provide funding. These purchases include: (1) replacement equipment; (2) replacement weapons and initial ammunition for certification; (3) equipment to establish a backup computer “warm” site for critical law enforcement technology infrastructure; (4) specific law enforcement training; (5) maintenance of canines and special response team equipment; (6) replacement of the computer aided dispatch and records management system; (7) rental of space to store seized assets; (8) body armor and protective gear; (9) the construction of a new Troop F headquarters building in Sedgwick County and storage building at Troop D and, (10) construction of a new evidence facility in Salina, Kansas.

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CURRENT YEAR continued:

Historically, all Trooper ranks were funded from the KHP Operations fund, except for the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance and Turnpike Patrol programs. This funding strategy was maintained under the presumption that Troopers are trained and able to be reassigned to work the road, should their specialty assignment be discontinued, and replacement funding would not have to be sought if they remained in the KHP Operations fund. However, this philosophy was reconsidered because several functions in which Trooper's work have specific funding sources. By funding these positions from the KHP Operations Fund, these functions are being subsidized from Operations. Re-categorization of positions to specific functions helps the agency and leadership better identify the cost for these functions and match associated revenues and expenditures. This particularly applies to the Vehicle Identification Number Inspection (VIN) program. Legislation was adopted in the 2011 Session allowing the Superintendent to raise inspection fees which allowed the program to become self-supporting.

The funding for all auxiliary pay (overtime, holidays worked, shift differential and the uniform cleaning allowance) has historically been paid from the KHP Operations Fund or specific to the fund supporting the unit program (i.e. VIN). Beginning in FY 2020, as needed, overtime and CPP adjustments will be partially funded with the Staffing and Training Fund. The Staffing and Training Fund was established in FY 2017 and is funded by a \$2.00 surcharge on each motor vehicle registration sold by the Kansas Department of Revenue. Nearly all other operating expenditures, as well as civilian positions, are paid from the KHP Operations Fund and represent a portion of the agency's savings and reductions. Grant funds for special enforcements that pay for overtime will continue to be pursued and maximized and are included in the budget accordingly.

In 2023, the new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was ratified between the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas State Troopers Association. Notable enhancements included an increase in the shift differential which increased from \$.75/hour to \$1.00/hour. Also included in the agreement was a new Weekend and Grant Premium Pay which allowed for 1.5x a LEOs hourly wage to be paid for working qualifying hours/events. A \$250 boot allowance for all LEOs was also introduced and is paid annually in the 4th quarter in conjunction with the \$850 cleaning allowance which was increased in FY2024.

The 2015 Legislature approved a new pay plan for Troopers, Master/Technical Troopers, Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) I and II, effective January 2016. In FY 2021, in accordance with Executive Directive 20-525 and 20-513, the Agency's Career Progression Plan (CPP) was increased 2.5% and during the 2022 Legislature, and the CPP was again adjusted during the 2023 Legislature with Executive Directive 23-571, effectively providing an increase in pay for all classifications represented in this pay plan. The KHP pay plan ensures Troopers and LEO's will receive regular pay increases based on their length of service in their current position. In addition to funds appropriated by the Legislature, the agency will continue to utilize the Staffing and Training Fund to fund Trooper Trainee salaries and related costs pending availability of funds. In 2025, the Legislature with Executive Directive 24-584 approved an adjustment to the CPP which allowed for a reduction in the "top out" for each classification beginning with the Master/Technical Trooper classification. Historically an LEO would not reach top pay until year 16. With the passage of the new legislation, top out is reached in year 11. In addition, sworn personnel were awarded a 10% increase to the CPP. The KHP Staffing & Training funds will continue to be utilized to subsidize the costs of hiring recruit classes of up to 30 in FY 2026 and FY2027.

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Effective August 31, 2025, all full-time Law Enforcement Officer positions within the Capitol Police unit of the Kansas Highway Patrol were reclassified as Trooper positions. These positions will carry the full powers and authorities outlined in K.S.A. 74-2108, without regard to county jurisdiction. This directive was issued by the Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2106 governing duty assignments for members of the Highway Patrol and Capitol Police, with the consent of the Governor of Kansas and the Legislative Coordinating Council. For the first time since the agency's establishment in 1937, all sworn officers within the Kansas Highway Patrol will hold the title of State Trooper. This reclassification affects 25 officer positions previously assigned to Troop K – Capitol Police and Troop I – Motor Carrier Inspection Unit. Importantly, this transition does not result in any change to compensation, as pay parity was implemented in prior years.

AGENCY-WIDE OVERVIEW continued:

The ARRA fund for the rural law enforcement initiative allowed one Trooper Recruit class of 20 to be held, with Recruits graduating in August 2010, to assist in the replacement of Trooper departures from retirements and resignations. The combination of federal forfeiture funds and a one-time Byrne Justice Assistance Grant awarded through the Governor's Office funded a Trooper Recruit class of approximately 16 in FY 2012. The 2012 Legislature approved funding for a Trooper Recruit class of 30 candidates in FY 2013. The first recruit class of 12 recruits began in July 2012. A second class was held in March 2013 with 11 recruits. A one-time Byrne Justice Assistance Grant was awarded in FY 2014 to fund the salaries and benefits of 20 recruits; this class began in January 2014 with 13 recruits graduating. In 2013, the Legislature amended K.S.A. 74-2134 by eliminating an annual \$500,000 transfer from the Highway Patrol Training Center fund to the SGF; all monies credited to the KHP Training Center Fund now remain in the fund.

Even with very careful management of funds and the agency working together to reduce spending across the board, the price of fuel and the necessity to increase the size of the Trooper workforce remain significant concerns. Under usual operations, the agency purchases about 2.8 million gallons of fuel annually, plus aviation fuel. Thus, price fluctuations can quickly impact the budget.

BUDGET YEARS:

Auxiliary pay (overtime, holiday pay, shift differential and cleaning allowance) for officers is funded and not provided as compensatory time, and is primarily paid for by the KHP Operations Fund, Federal programs (as permissible), and the Staffing and Training Fund. However, as the other one-time solutions are depleted, operational overtime must be funded from the balance available in KHP Federal Funds. If these funds are depleted, (originally accumulated from the reimbursement of FEMA funds for disaster assistance), the KHP loses the security of a balance to pay unbudgeted costs for a natural disaster or other emergency. The KHP Federal Fund is requested to maintain a balance sufficient enough to provide a source of funding for additional costs for emergency response to events similar to the Greensburg tornado and for snow and ice storms, flooding, terrorism and other unforeseen events. Fortunately, the occurrence of these disasters was minimal in FY 2025 and the budgeted ending balance in FY 2025 is \$679,916. Although the agency often receives partial cost reimbursement for disasters, the timing may be such that the costs and the reimbursements cross fiscal years. Having a balance to draw upon allows less disruption to the agency's operating budget and, more importantly, allows the agency to respond and assist local, state and federal officials. Grant funds for special enforcements that pay for overtime will continue to be pursued and maximized and are included in the budget accordingly. However, when future funding from some of these programs becomes too uncertain to project, the funds will not be included in the FY budgets.

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Shrinkage was eliminated from the KHP budget effectively with FY 2018 budget. The KHP created incentives to increase employment and retain existing uniform staff by implementing a new compensation plan and a deferred retirement option program (DROP). Budgeting shrinkage is contradictory to the agency's goal of increasing staffing levels and is not included in FY26 or FY27. The 2015 Legislature approved a new KHP pay plan that allows Troopers, Master/Technical Troopers, LEO I and II's to receive a pay increase in FY 2016 (January 2016) and Lieutenants, Captains, Majors and LEO III's to join the new pay plan in FY 2017 (July 2016). The new KHP pay plan ensures Troopers and LEO's will receive regular pay increases based on their length of service in their current position. The Staffing and Training Fund is utilized to offset a portion of the increase in payroll costs due to the new pay plan.

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BUDGET YEARS continued:

This grant was the only way the KHP was able to hold a Trooper Recruit class in FY 2011. Prior to this, there was one class in FY 2009, graduating in December 2008. A one-time Byrne Justice Assistance grant was awarded from the Governor's Grants Office to fund a portion of the expenses for a class of 16 recruits in FY 2012. The grant amount of \$398,160 was not adequate to fund the class for the entire training period. Federal forfeiture funds were used to fund the remaining training costs. The 2012 Legislature approved \$1,760,791 to fund a Trooper Recruit class of 30 candidates in FY 2013. A one-time Byrne Justice Assistance was awarded for \$564,280 from the Governor's Grants Office to fund the salary and benefits for a class of 20 recruits in FY 2014; only 13 recruits graduated in FY 2014. Beginning in FY 2015, the KHP utilized the Academy Fee Fund monies to hire and train recruits; 6 recruits graduated from the July 2014 class, 24 graduated from the July 2015 class, 20 graduated in FY 2017, and 44 recruits graduated in FY2018. Despite the hazards and safety restrictions necessary to prevent COVID-19, Recruit Class #60 began their training in June and graduated on time in November of 2020.

The addition of a condensed academy was introduced in 2022. The goal was to recruit LEOs with previous law enforcement experience, recognizing a full academy was not needed to prepare these recruits for the road. The condensed class is 14 weeks vs. the traditional basic class which runs 24 weeks. The current administration has authorized two condensed classes and two basic classes a year, pending there are enough candidates applying to the academy. A combination of Academy Fee Funds and Staffing and Training Funds has been used for recruit salaries beginning in FY 2018. Adequate human resources are the most important component of KHP's budget, statistics below display the alarming impact retirements will have on the Trooper ranks in the next five years, with 177 eligible, of which 99 are eligible from now through FY2026. Troopers can only be replaced through the 14/24-week Recruit training program, and only for those select candidates who meet the KHP's stringent eligibility. It was anticipated the implementation of the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) in January 2016 and the new KHP pay plan will assist the Patrol with retention and attracting more Trooper applicants.

KHP Retirement Eligibility in the Next Five Years – All Trooper Ranks

Year of Retirement Eligibility	Master/ Technical Troopers	Leadership Ranks	Total by FY
Currently Eligible (End of FY 2025)	39	42	81
FY 2026	9	9	18
FY 2027	6	8	14
FY 2028	15	9	24
FY 2029	12	9	21
FY 2030	9	10	19
Totals	90	87	177
Total All	177		

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BUDGET YEARS continued:

The KHP Motor Vehicle Fund, from which law enforcement vehicles are purchased, is expected to maintain its balance. The annual transfer was increased in FY 2013 to \$600,000 from \$400,000, from the KHP Motor Vehicle Fund to the Aircraft Fund – On-Budget. However, during the 2022 Legislative session, legislators provided the KHP Air Support Unit with a dedicated funding source and eliminated the \$600,000 transfer from the Fleet fund. The expenditures from this fund are very limited, as governed by K.S.A. 74-2136. Thus, its use for agency operations is prohibited.

The Homeland Security grant funds are not certain from year but are projected through FY 2027. The amount of the expected grant funds and/or potential matching share in FY 2026 through FY 2027 is unknown; projections are based on FY 2025 actual award amount. A budgetary amendment may be necessary during the 2025 Legislative Session if the federal government acts to require a state matching share.

Position Data:

The KHP had an FTE limitation of 851.0 for FY 2012, with 35.0 non-FTE unclassified permanent positions authorized. The Governor's Recommendation for the FY 2012 budget required the elimination of 8.00 FTE. An additional 10.0 FTE were eliminated in FY 2012 as a result of the State's Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (VRIP). The FY 2015 Governor's Budget Recommendation included another reduction of 7.0 FTE, 5.0 FTE in FY 2016. In FY2019, the CIO position was reallocated to OITS and the agency reimburses the salary expense through an interfund to that Agency. The actual allocated FTE data for FY 2026 is as follows:

PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FTE
01030	Administration	80
01050	Operations Support	580
58700	Aircraft Operations	17
58800	Fleet	13
58900	Vehicle Identification Number	40
59000	Motorist Assistance	19
59100	Capitol Police	25
59200	Homeland Security	9
59300	Motor Carrier Inspection	31
59400	Turnpike Patrol	60
97000	Off Budget	6
Grand Total		880

Note: Not all 880 positions are funded.

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The Kansas Highway Patrol respectfully submits the following requests for supplemental transfers from the State Highway Fund/State General Fund:

Fiscal Year 2026 – Supplemental Annual Transfer (SHF)

- Relocation of KHP General Headquarters
- Information Technology Infrastructure

Fiscal Year 2027 – Enhancement Requests (SHF/SGF)

- Replacement of the South Olathe Scale House (SHF)
- Relocation of Troop C and Troop S to the KHP Salina Campus (SGF)
- Relocation of KHP General Headquarters (SHF)
- Equipment and Technology Modernization Package (SHF)
- Comprehensive Wellness Program (SHF)
- Replacement Aircraft (1998 Cessna) for ASU

Further details are provided in the *Enhancement Section*.

Additional Provisos in the Appropriation Bill

At the time of budget submission, the agency has no proposed additions or modifications to existing provisos.

Third-Party Contracts

At the time of budget submission, the agency has no third-party financing contracts.

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Supplemental Packages – FY 2026

The agency requests two supplemental packages for consideration by the Governor and the Legislature during the 2026 Legislative session. A brief description follows:

Change Package #1 – Relocation of KHP General Headquarters (\$2.0M/SHF)

Program Summary:

The Kansas Highway Patrol's (KHP) General Headquarters (GHQ) and Administrative Support units are located in Topeka, KS, occupying approximately 40,000 sq. ft. of leased space, divided between two buildings (Elks Building @ 122 SW 7th and Jayhawk Tower @700 SW Jackson). The Elks building serves as the main headquarters and houses Executive Command, Professional and Governmental Affairs, Legal Counsel, and Information Technology. Adjacent to the Elks building is Jayhawk Towers where the following administrative support units are located: Records, Fiscal, Human Resources, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), Troop O – Investigations, Homeland Security, Troop I, Troop M – CJIS, and the Professional Standards Unit.

The agency's staff of 120 employees is distributed across seven floors of the Jayhawk Tower with varying occupancy levels and configurations, creating challenges for operational efficiency. The current space no longer meets the agency's needs, and relocation has been identified as the most effective solution to support its workforce and enhance service delivery to the citizens of Kansas.

In the 2024 Legislative Session, the agency requested \$48.3 million from the State Highway Fund (SHF) to construct a new General Headquarters (GHQ) facility, as the current lease for offices at 7th and SW Jackson in Topeka expires in June 2028. That request was later withdrawn when space became available in the Curtis State Office Building (CSOB), which offers the opportunity to consolidate all GHQ operations on a single floor with secure adjacent parking for law enforcement vehicles.

The agency is now submitting a revised request for consideration in the 2026 Legislative Session. The relocation is estimated to total \$4.0 million in cost to KHP. This request will provide \$2.0 million in FY 2026 to support programming, design, bidding, and initial construction costs necessary to transition into the CSOB with an additional \$2.0 million in FY2027.

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2026 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES
1	Relocation of KHP General Headquarters	1115	KHPOF-SC REP& REHAB/REP BLDGS	\$ 2,000,000
1	Relocation of KHP General Headquarters	527100	ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS	\$ 144,298
1	Relocation of KHP General Headquarters	542020	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,855,702

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Change Package #2 – IT Infrastructure (\$234,990 SHF)

Program Summary:

F5 Application delivery & Security Services (\$173,990)

F5 products are essential to the modern digital infrastructure that powers the internet allowing application delivery control, load balancing, security, and multi-cloud networking. KHP currently has two of these devices that will reach the end of software support in FY 2026. These devices provide network security by allowing outside agencies to authenticate to our custom applications, such as the Kansas Law Enforcement Report (KLER) system. KHP also currently authenticates O365 accounts for KDOC. It also handles traffic management and server load balancing. Replacement cost is estimated at \$133,990, with an annual maintenance/service contract following that at roughly \$40,000/year.

Dispatch PCs (\$61,000)

Computers in Troop M dispatch in Salina will reach the end of life in the fall of 2026. Replacement of the twenty-two computers and monitors would be \$61,000 (\$14,800 for monitors and \$46,200 for the PCs.)

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2026 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES
2	IT Infrastructure	1100	KS HIGHWAY PATROL OP FD	\$ 234,990
2	IT Infrastructure	541610	INFO PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	\$ 234,990

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Enhancement Packages – FY 2027

The agency requests five Enhancement packages for consideration by the Governor and the Legislature during the 2026 Legislative session. A brief description follows:

Change Package #1– South Olathe Scale House Replacement (\$4.7M SHF)

Program Summary:

In compliance with federal and state safety regulations, trucks are required to undergo inspections at weigh stations or other designated inspection sites, ensuring that the more than 13 million large trucks registered nationwide operate safely. In Kansas, there are eight weighing station facilities located at six different sites along major highway across the state. Weigh stations in Kansas suffer from chronic underinvestment, with maintenance problems (deteriorating structures, concrete, flooring, and technology), limited truck parking on-site, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) issues. Some Kansas weigh stations also have short ramps, insufficient barrier walls, and pest problems. These issues create safety concerns for drivers and KHP inspectors dealing with large moving motor vehicles often hauling dangerous materials.

Scales are generally used 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The constant stress of cycling from zero to 80,000 pounds causes the pads, load cells, and foundations to deteriorate, as does the exposure to the elements. The scales must be constantly certified. Like all mechanical devices, the scales must eventually be replaced. The State's contract with the federal government for weight enforcement requires that these scales remain operational and that efforts not be decreased.

The large scales better accommodate the weighing process by allowing a full dual axle to be weighed at one stop. For the less active locations, smaller scales capable of weighing only one set of axles at a time are being used. This process of weighing one axle as a time is more cumbersome for both the truck drivers and the scale personnel, so portable scales are often used.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) in partnership with the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) initiated a review and inventory of existing truck inspection station facilities throughout the state of Kansas in 2008. Via Project No. 106 KA-1293-01, WSP USA, formerly Parsons Brinckerhoff, an engineering and design firm, issued a recommendation to replace, relocate, or construct two new fully staffed inspection stations per year over the following eight years. However, due to the availability of funding, the recommendation was not implemented.

In 2025, KHP engaged an on-call architectural firm to design a modernized weigh station at the Southbound Olathe Scale House. The project includes replacing the existing scale house, constructing a new inspection building, and making general site improvements. KDOT was actively involved in the planning process, endorsed the proposed recommendations, and identified the Southbound Olathe location as the top priority for replacement. The upgrade of the existing scale house operations will improve the efficiency of commercial vehicle processing, minimizing delays to commerce on Kansas highways. Additionally, the improvements will establish a safe and healthy work environment for both staff and end-users.

Moving forward, KDOT concurs with a plan from KHP to modernize one scale house facility per year. Each site will be assessed to determine if full modernization equivalent to the Southbound Olathe Scale House is necessary. For some sites, less work may be appropriate.

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2027 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES2
1	South Olathe Scale House Replacement	1115	KHPOF-SC REP & REHAB/REP BLDGS	\$ 4,725,589
1	South Olathe Scale House Replacement	527100	ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS	\$ 1,629,684
1	South Olathe Scale House Replacement	542010	BUILDINGS	\$ 3,095,905

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Change Package #2 – KHP – Salina Campus – Relocation of Troop C & S (\$28.8M SGF)

Program Summary:

Over the years, KHP's presence in Salina evolved to include multiple locations. An assessment of agency assets in Salina was recently completed pursuant to HB 2551 (2024).

Assessment Findings

The assessment identified the following challenges with existing KHP facilities in Salina:

- Most structures require replacement and lack severe weather hardening and redundant systems to maintain operations in the event of a disaster.
- Some buildings on Marymount College campus are over 100 years old, and future use would require renovation to extend their useful life. Renovation would be extensive and disruptive to current operations.
- Security and safety challenges that are concerning for a law enforcement agency.
- Assets are spread across Salina, creating operational inefficiency; and
- Current facilities are insufficiently sized to meet KHP's long-term needs.

The agency concurred with the assessment's recommendation and requested up to \$51.7 million SGF in FY 2026 for the initial steps in reconfiguration. The funding would support relocating the following law enforcement assets, which are a priority for the agency:

- Dispatch Center (\$24.9 million); and
- Troop C Headquarters and Troop S facilities (\$26.8 million).

During the 2025 Legislative Session, the agency was awarded \$24.0 million in ARPA funding to construct a new statewide Dispatch Center in Salina, Kansas. The facility is currently under development on property owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) in West Salina.

To fully realize the operational benefits of this investment, the agency now seeks the remaining \$26.8 million from the State General Fund (SGF) to complete the relocation of Troop C and Troop S to the same KDOT site. Co-locating these operations with the new Dispatch Center will modernize facilities, improve interoperability, and provide a centralized, secure campus designed to accommodate the law enforcement mission in Salina. The use of SGF for this request complies with an informal agreement between the KHP Superintendent, Secretary of Administration, and Secretary of Transportation on November 5, 2024, to request SGF for major capital projects at KHP.

This request represents the balance of the agency's original \$51.7 million project plan and ensures full consolidation of communications, patrol, and support functions into a single purpose-built complex.

Proposed KBI Space within KHP Salina Project

As part of this enhancement request, the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) proposes to construct additional space within the planned Salina facility to accommodate the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Regional Office. Currently, KBI has seven agents assigned to the Salina region, none of whom have dedicated office space. To meet both current and future needs, KBI is requesting a suite of approximately 3,000 square feet to include:

- Ten offices (to allow for growth and hoteling capacity)
- Restrooms
- Supply/evidence processing room with temporary evidence lockers
- Interview room
- Conference room
- Small storage area for office supplies
- Ten parking spaces

To ensure the facility remains under a single ownership and management structure, KHP would retain ownership of the building and enter into a formal lease agreement with KBI for the dedicated space. This approach will simplify long-term operations, avoid complications associated with multiple owners in a single facility, and provide a clear framework for cost allocation, facility maintenance, and shared services.

The estimated additional cost for construction of the KBI space is approximately \$2 million SGF. Should SHF money be identified as a source for the KHP Salina Project, this portion of the KBI Regional Office should likely remain as an SGF expenditure.

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2027 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES
2	KHP - Salina Campus - Relocation of Troop C & S	1115	KHPOF-SC REP& REHAB/REP BLDGS	\$ 28,800,000
2	KHP - Salina Campus - Relocation of Troop C & S	527100	ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS	\$ 4,020,000
2	KHP - Salina Campus - Relocation of Troop C & S	542010	BUILDINGS	\$ 24,780,000

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Change Package #3 – Relocation of KHP GHQ Headquarters – (\$2.0M/SHF)

Program Summary:

In the 2024 Legislative Session, the agency requested \$48.3 million in SHF to construct a new General Headquarters (GHQ) facility, as the current lease for offices at 7th and SW Jackson in Topeka expires in June 2028. That request was subsequently withdrawn when space became available in the Curtis State Office Building (CSOB), providing an opportunity to consolidate all GHQ operations on a single floor with secure, adjacent parking for law enforcement vehicles.

To support this transition, the agency requested \$2.0 million in FY 2026 to initiate the first phase of relocation to the CSOB. This request for FY 2027 represents funding for the final phase of the relocation effort. Accordingly, the agency is preparing a revised request for consideration in the 2026 Legislative Session, seeking an additional \$2.0 million in FY 2027 to cover the final stages of construction, lease transition expenses, and the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FFE) necessary to complete the relocation.

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2027 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES2
3	Relocation of KHP General Headquarters	1115	KHPOF-SC REP& REHAB/REP BLDGS	\$ 2,000,000
3	Relocation of KHP General Headquarters	523200	BUILDING SPACE RENTAL	\$ 166,124
3	Relocation of KHP General Headquarters	540900	OTHER FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	\$ 660,000
3	Relocation of KHP General Headquarters	542020	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,173,876

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Change Package #4 – KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization Package (\$2.42M SHF)

Program Summary:

Transition to TASER 10 and Axon Virtual Reality Training (\$2.42M SHF)

- One-time payment of \$3.160M for FY 2027; or
- One payment of \$694,597 for FY 2027 and four payments of \$616,241 in subsequent years)

The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) seeks funding to modernize its use-of-force and training platforms through the transition from the TASER X2 to the TASER 10 and from Virta to Virtual Reality (VR). These upgrades address operational, safety, and fiscal challenges while positioning the agency at the forefront of law enforcement technology.

TASER 10 Transition:

The current TASER X2 platform is nearing obsolescence, with limited capacity, shorter range, and rising sustainment costs. The TASER 10 significantly enhances officer and public safety by:

- Increasing cartridge capacity from two to ten, reducing the need to escalate to firearms or physical confrontation.
- Doubling effective engagement distance to 45 feet while also allowing close-range deployment, improving safety and tactical flexibility.
- Achieving national success rates of 75–90% compared to the X2’s 58%, due to improved accuracy and optimized probe spread.
- Ensuring lifecycle support through Axon’s actively maintained CEW platform.

Axon Virtual Reality Transition

To meet evolving training demands, KHP must also replace the Virta platform with Axon VR, which provides:

- Immersive, high-fidelity training environments that replicate real-world conditions and improve decision-making under stress.
- A continually expanding library of scenarios—including de-escalation, crisis intervention, and Kansas-specific operations.
- Seamless integration with Axon’s ecosystem, aligning training with field-deployed tools such as CEWs and digital evidence systems.
- Scalable and portable deployment across Kansas, reducing travel costs and ensuring consistent statewide training access.
- Long-term fiscal efficiency by reducing reliance on role-players and staged exercises while expanding training hours.

Adopting the TASER 10 and VR will enhance trooper readiness, reduce risks to officers and the public, and align KHP with modern law enforcement standards. This investment advances operational effectiveness, strengthens public trust, and ensures KHP remains prepared for emerging challenges.

The agency estimates a total expenditure of \$3.2 million, including \$2.4 million SHF, for TASER modernization. The funding for this enhancement will be allocated across the following special revenue funds:

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2027 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES2
4	KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization	1100	KS HIGHWAY PATROL OP FD	\$ 2,420,221
4	KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization	2211	KHP Staffing and Training Fund	\$ 189,573
4	KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization	2300	MTR CARRIER SAFETY ASST PRG FD	\$ 9,482
4	KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization	2400	VEHICLE ID NUMBER FF	\$ 69,510
4	KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization	2500	FOR PATROL OF KS TURNPIKE FD	\$ 290,679
4	KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization	3200	MTR CARRIER SFTY ASST PRG FDF	\$ 180,094
4	KHP Equipment and Technology Modernization	540400	PRO AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIP	\$ 3,159,559

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Change Package #5 – KHP Comprehensive Wellness Program – (\$250K SHF)

KHP is requesting funding to implement a comprehensive, four-pillar wellness program designed to safeguard employee health and resilience, while strengthening the agency's mission effectiveness. This request is to match agency-identified funding already dedicated to support this program, ensuring that resources are aligned to address Mental Health & Suicide Prevention, Physical Fitness & Injury Prevention, Relational Wellness, and Financial Stability. Further, this enhanced state funding could serve as match for future federal grants, such as those provided through the federal Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness act.

Readiness, judgment, and retention are directly tied to the wellness of every Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) employee, and civilian alike. When wellness declines, agencies experience more injuries, more sick leave, higher turnover, and weaker public safety outcomes. The research is clear: (1) the risks are measurable, and (2) targeted wellness investments are increasing nationwide.

- Mental Health & Suicide Prevention: Confidential counseling, peer support, and clinician access are essential to address trauma, stress, and the persistent risk of suicide. *Program Need for KHP:* Funding would support confidential counseling, peer support programs, 24/7 clinician access, critical-incident response, and sleep/shift interventions. These measures will directly reduce risks of suicide, burnout, and compromised readiness.
 - Mental health challenges affect both sworn and civilian employees, from troopers carrying trauma from violent encounters to dispatchers experiencing vicarious trauma through distress calls and body-worn video review.
 - National studies show over half of sworn officers screen positive for PTSD or depression symptoms, and dispatchers face PTSD rates nearly equal to those of field officers. On average, a law enforcement officer will be exposed to more than 700 traumatic incidents over the course of a 20-year career, compared to the 1–2 such events an average civilian may experience in their lifetime.
 - Officer suicides remain a persistent threat, averaging 151 per year nationwide.
- Physical Fitness & Injury Prevention: Structured conditioning and injury-prevention measures reduce time away from duty and long-term health costs, while ensuring employees remain physically capable of meeting mission demands. *Program Need for KHP:* Funding would provide structured fitness coaching, duty-specific conditioning, ergonomics training, and injury-prevention screenings. These services will strengthen resilience across the Patrol and reduce costly medical leave and long-term health risks.
 - Troopers require strength and conditioning to withstand assaults and long vehicle shifts.
 - Civilians face health risks from sedentary 8–12-hour shifts, including obesity, hypertension, and repetitive-strain injuries.
 - Federal data shows one in every 200 officers is assaulted each year, with most injuries requiring at least a week away from duty.
- Relational Wellness: Family education, spouse/partner support, and social wellness initiatives help mitigate the work–family strain of shift work, trauma exposure, and unpredictable schedules. *Program Need for KHP:* Funding would provide spouse/partner education nights, family clinician access, peer-couples support groups, and policy adjustments to improve predictability and mitigate fatigue spillover. These services will reduce family strain, improve retention, and sustain morale.
 - Public safety is a shared burden for both employees and their families.
 - Shift rotations, traumatic exposures, and unpredictable schedules increase stress and conflict within families.
 - Spouses of emergency responders face elevated rates of mental health challenges, which, if left unaddressed, ripple back into employee performance and retention.

- Financial Stability: Confidential financial coaching and planning reduce the stressors that drive fatigue, overtime, and secondary employment, strengthening long-term retention. *Program Need for KHP:* Funding would establish confidential financial coaching, debt management, and retirement planning services accessible to every employee. These supports will reduce fatigue, improve financial confidence, and strengthen retention.
 - Financial stress is a top driver of fatigue and turnover among first responders.
 - National data shows 61% of first responders rank financial stress as a top concern, and more than half report working secondary jobs, compounding fatigue and stress.
 - Civilian staff face particular strain with lower base pay and limited supplemental employment options.

Investing in the wellness of our employees is mission critical. The cost of untreated stress, preventable injuries, and avoidable turnover far exceeds the investment required to proactively support employee well-being. By funding this program, the Kansas Highway Patrol will:

- Strengthen employee readiness and judgment.
- Reduce injuries, sick leave, and medical costs.
- Improve retention of both sworn and civilian staff.
- Deliver stronger, more consistent public safety outcomes for Kansas communities.

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2027 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES2
5	KHP Comprehensive Wellness Program	2200	GENERAL FF	\$ 250,000
5	KHP Comprehensive Wellness Program	527990	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 250,000

Change Package #6 – KHP ASU (\$4.0M SHF)

Consistent with the Air Support Unit (ASU) five-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Air Support Unit, the agency is requesting an enhancement to support the replacement of law enforcement aircraft.

The agency requests \$4.0 million SHF in FY 2027 to purchase a new Cessna 206 Stationair law enforcement airplane to replace the existing 1998 Cessna 206. The request includes \$1.5 million for the base aircraft and \$2.5 million to outfit it with mission-critical law enforcement equipment, including a Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera, video recorder, and radios.

The Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) is the only law enforcement agency in the state with law enforcement aviation assets, and reliable aircraft are essential to supporting local agencies in missing person searches, vehicle pursuits, and manhunts. The current aircraft has accumulated more than 7,300 flight hours, increasing the likelihood of costly component replacement to maintain airworthiness. Additionally, it lacks a FLIR camera, limiting its effectiveness in law enforcement operations.

Funding / Expenditure Source:

CHGPKG_NUMBER	CHGPKG_DESCRIPTION	REV / ACCOUNT CODE	REV / ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION	FY2027 AGENCY CHANGE PACKAGES
6	KHP Air Support Unit	2360	AIRCRAFT FUND - ON BUDGET	\$ 4,000,000
6	KHP Air Support Unit	524231	SELF PROPELLED EQUIP INSTALL	\$ 2,500,000
6	KHP Air Support Unit	540610	SELF PROPELLED EQUIP INSTALL	\$ 1,500,000

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The Operations Summary Program covers the majority of the agency's staffing and operating costs. Expenditures in this program reflect the costs of performing the agency's main statutory purpose; to enforce traffic, criminal and other laws. Due to the implementation of the new financial management system (SMART) in FY 2010 and performance-based budgeting (PBB) in FY 2018, new program codes were added and the structure within the KHP budget was modified. Many of the smaller functions no longer have a separate budget, but instead are part of Operations Support. The consolidation to 01000 is designed to reflect the former 70000 that was reported in the Governor's Budget Report and will be comprised of the programs listed below. The remaining programs previously separately reported in the Governor's Budget Report will continue. These are Capitol Police, Homeland Security, Motor Carrier Inspection, Turnpike Patrol, Debt Service and Capital Improvements. These have their own program codes and budgets, even in the new coding structure.

01030 - Administration

This is a generic program code established in SMART to be used by many agencies. It is to represent universal administrative costs for common functions existing in most agencies. For the KHP this includes the office of the Superintendent, Fiscal, Human Resources, Legal, Records, Public and Governmental Affairs, and Recruit & Community Engagement. Information Technology had its own generic program code (01350) until the implementation of PBB but is now included in the Administration program code of 01030. The KHP has other administrative functions more unique to the agency, including central dispatch, CJIS, Professional Standards Unit, and the Training Academy. However, since these functions relate directly to the specific agency mission, rather than more standard administrative functions within most agencies, these units are considered program 01050, Operations Support. This subprogram is primarily funded by the KHP Operations Fund, with some specialty fund financing for certain positions and activities.

01050 – Operations Support

With the program changes effective July 1, 2010, due to the implementation of the new financial management system (SMART) and new program codes, the following former programs will now be included under "Operations Support" 01050 and will no longer have their own budget submission: Breath Alcohol Unit; Training Center; Civil Assessment; and Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program. New program codes were created for the Fleet and Aircraft programs because of the implementation of performance-based budgeting (PBB), however; were included in the 01050 program prior to FY 2018.

This subprogram includes the operating costs for the sworn officers. The subprogram has historically been financed mainly from the State General Fund and the KHP Operations Fund, whose source is transfers from the State Highway Fund. The Legislature approved the elimination of SGF from the KHP's budget, and has replaced the funding with State Highway Fund, effective July 1, 2013. This subprogram also includes the following units/functions for which a separate budget is not submitted:

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Breath Alcohol Unit - The Breath Alcohol Unit was created on March 1, 1989, under a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The primary purpose for the creation of the program was to enhance driving under the influence (DUI) detection and apprehension by law enforcement officers in Kansas through education and enforcement. Not all positions are paid by the federal grant and the KHP Operations Fund subsidizes the program. The Unit teaches various NHTSA programs, as well as those they have developed in response to requests by law enforcement entities and the public. In addition, they provide support to KDOT contract agencies, law enforcement agencies and the KHP for checkpoints. Part of the functions of this unit include serving as the State Coordinators for federally funded programs, including DWI Detection / Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, the Drug Recognition Expert Program, and the Ignition Interlock Device (IID) program. Federal grant funds will be used to pay overtime for Troopers operating check lanes, as well as some class overtime and expenses. This budget is negotiated for a 3-year term with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

Training Center - The 1992 Session of the Legislature approved the purchase and bonding of the Highway Patrol Training Academy in Salina. In 1991, SB 326(a), the \$5 million project was approved. The Academy's debt service was paid in entirety in FY 2008. The Academy focuses on the statutorily required continuing education and the recruit training for Troopers. Funding sources include the KHP Training Center Fund and the KHP Staffing and Training Fund. The Training Center rents the facility's meeting rooms, auditoriums, dorm lodging rooms and cafeteria to state and local agencies when not in use by the KHP. Thus, it serves as a centralized training/meeting location for the benefit of a variety of governmental organizations.

Per K.S.A. 74-2134, \$500,000 was transferred from the Highway Patrol Training Center Fund to the SGF each June 30th. Per the statute, this was to reimburse the SGF for Trooper training costs and central administrative costs. In 2013, the Legislature eliminated the transfer and all monies credited to the Highway Patrol Training Center Fund remain in the fund. The KHP utilizes this funding to support operations and fund capital improvement projects directly related to the Training Center.

Civil Assessment - Created in FY 2006 as a joint effort between the Kansas Corporation Commission and the KHP, the goal of the program is to reduce the number of injury and fatality accidents involving commercial motor vehicles. This program concentrates on "out-of-service" violations established through the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Beginning April 1, 2006, the Corporation Commission began assessing civil penalties for motor carriers for out-of-service violations with issuance of misdemeanor citations by KHP Troopers. A biennial transfer of civil assessment penalties is provided to the KHP from the Corporation Commission. A portion of these revenues are to fund expenditures in the KHP Operations and Information Technology subprogram as well. Beginning in FY2022, the annual transfer from the KCC increased from \$1.3M to \$2.0M, transferred in \$1.0M increments, twice a year. The 2025 Legislative through HB2551 approved language to reflect four quarterly transfer each fiscal year of not more than \$500,000 to equate to the \$2.0 million. The proviso language was also removed restricting the transfer dependent on the ending balance in the motor carrier license fee fund of the KCC.

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Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) – The Highway Patrol is statutorily charged, and as one of the agency's primary functions, with the regulation of commercial traffic upon the highways of Kansas. This is accomplished through enforcement of the uniform traffic code and the statutes which regulate motor carriers and property, as well as the related rules and regulations adopted by the Kansas Corporation Commission. In FY18, the funding percentage was modified to allow 85% funding from a federal grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which is determined by a formula set by federal law. The 15% state matching share is obtained from quarterly transfers of fine and assessment revenues from the Kansas Corporation Commission. Beginning with Federal Fiscal Year 2022, the funding percentage was modified to reflect 95% federal grant and 5% state match. In FY 2017, grants for High-Priority Media and Troopers on Patrol for Safety (TOPS) are also managed by this unit and provide federal funding for these specific functions.

58700 – Aircraft Operations - This unit provides aircraft fleet management, including the state's non-enforcement aircraft. The KHP is the only statewide law enforcement agency that provides airborne services. Aircraft operations are located in Topeka (Billard Airport), Wichita, and Hays, with the headquarters and largest operation in Topeka. Previously, the Wichita site had been located in Salina until FY 2016. Beginning in FY 2006, an annual transfer of \$400,000 was made from the Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Fund (Fleet) to the Aircraft-On-Budget Fund to subsidize the costs of the various aircraft. In FY 2013, the annual transfer was increased to \$600,000. The 2022 Legislature authorized through Bill H Sub for Sub SB267 the transfer of \$1,300,000 to the on-budget aircraft fund (2368) as well as \$1,500,000 to the executive aircraft fund (6144) from the State Highway Fund to support the maintenance and operations of the agency's aircraft operations.

58800 - Fleet Operations - This unit provides vehicle fleet management including the building of KHP patrol vehicles (decals, lights, wiring, in-car cameras, mobile data units, etc.), the service on vehicles for Topeka-area employees and the sale of retired vehicles to local law enforcement agencies. Vehicle purchases are funded from the KHP Motor Vehicle Fund, with personnel and operational costs funded from the KHP Operations Fund. Beginning in FY19, Trooper recruit expenses related to vehicles were made from the Training & Staffing fund. The 2022 Legislature approved separate funding for the KHP aircraft operations and therefore the annual transfer of \$600,000 from the Fleet fund was eliminated.

58900 - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection

This unit is responsible for inspecting titles and VINs on all non-new and reconstructed vehicles being titled for the first time in Kansas. Since FY 2012, all positions supporting this function have been assigned to program 58900. Legislation passed in 2011 authorized the superintendent to increase the VIN inspection fee from \$15 to \$20, effective in FY 2013—the first adjustment since 1984—which enabled the program to be fully fee-funded. The Kansas Highway Patrol now proposes legislation to amend K.S.A. 8-116a, raising the minimum inspection fee from \$20 to \$30. The last fee increase occurred in 2012, and program operating costs have grown significantly since that time. This adjustment would provide the necessary revenue to sustain the program; however, the proposed fee increase is not reflected in the agency's current budget submission.

59000 - Motorist Assistance Program

This unit provides service to stranded motorists on urban interstate highways. This is a joint effort between the KDOT and the KHP to assist stranded motorists and remove disabled vehicles from highways to decrease traffic congestion, thereby avoiding the possibility of additional accidents. The subprogram is funded 80% from a federal grant provided through the KDOT. The 20% state match is from an annual fund transfer from KDOT into the KHP Highway Safety Fund.

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ADMINISTRATION – 01030

PROGRAM GOAL:

To provide leadership and support for the successful operation of KHP law enforcement, to include the Superintendent's Office, Fiscal, Legal, Records, Information Technology, Public and Governmental Affairs, Recruit and Community Engagement, and Human Resource services. The Information Technology program (formally 01350) was combined with the Administration program code in FY 2018 as a result of the implementation of performance-based budgeting (PBB).

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Codes 100: Salaries and Wages

Current Year FY 2026: \$7,254,447 represents available funding for current positions.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$8,564,622 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in this category include: (1) postage, telecommunication and long distance, cellular phones, pagers, and data lines, computer access, cybersecurity; (2) moving of employees' personal effects for staffing relocations to fill positions across the State; (3) rent for space in buildings across the State, including space in two downtown Topeka buildings for General Headquarters, and for copiers; (4) repairs and maintenance for vehicles, and buildings, including pest control, lawn care, snow removal, janitorial and linen, and refuse services; (6) travel; (7) temporary staffing; (8) utilities; and (9) specialty outside legal services.

Current Year FY 2026: \$2,975,547 is requested. This is based on the application of the Budget Indices to the FY 2026 projection.

Budget Year FY 2027: \$3,161,329 is requested. This is based on the application of the Budget Indices to the FY 2027 projection.

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Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is typically for vehicle gasoline. Fuel expense is increased 2.5% (based on DoB indices) in FY 2027. The budgeted estimated average price per gallon rates is consistent with the estimated rates published by the U.S. Energy Department. Annual ammunition orders are generated by the Fiscal Dept. and are accounted for in the Administration Program. Ammunition costs are included in the Professional/Scientific Supplies account code.

Current Year FY 2026: \$243,200 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 projection.

Budget Year FY 2027: \$290,016 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 projection.

Object Codes 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: Expenditures in this category are comprised of various computer equipment and equipment for the media production department. Vehicles and related equipment are managed and paid under the Fleet Program.

Current Year FY 2026: \$124,055 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 projection.

Budget Year FY 2027: \$159,148 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 projection.

Object Code 500: Other Assistance

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

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PROGRAM GOAL:

To uphold the mission of the Kansas Highway Patrol by providing service, courtesy and protection to citizens and public safety partners through active enforcement of traffic, criminal and other laws of the State of Kansas and the federal government.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The salaries and wages budgeted in this subprogram for FY2026 and FY2027 include the following:

2800100026 Records	16 2801000003 Troop I - MCSAP	21
2800100027 Professional Standards	7 2801000009 Troop I - MCSAP	14
2800200001 Troop A - Olathe	22 2801100001 Troop J - Training Academy	7
2800200002 Troop A - Olathe	5 2801100002 Troop J - Training Academy	4
2800200008 Troop A - Olathe	6 2801100006 Troop J - Training Academy	55
2800200009 Troop A - Olathe	2 2801100009 Troop J - Training Academy	9
2800300001 Troop B - Topeka	15 2801200009 Troop K - Capitol Police	3
2800300002 Troop B - Topeka	6 2801200010 Troop K - Capitol Police	32
2800300008 Troop B - Topeka	1 2801200011 Troop K - Capitol Police	15
2800300009 Troop B - Topeka	5 2801200012 Troop K - Capitol Police	5
2800400001 Troop C - Salina	22 2801300001 Troop L - Protective Services	5
2800400002 Troop C - Salina	7 2801300002 Troop L - Protective Services	1
2800400008 Troop C - Salina	2 2801400001 Troop F - Wichita	18
2800400009 Troop C - Salina	6 2801400002 Troop F - Wichita	5
2800500001 Troop D - Hays	28 2801400008 Troop F - Wichita	7
2800500002 Troop D - Hays	5 2801400009 Troop F - Wichita	5
2800500009 Troop D - Hays	3 2801600001 Troop S - Special Response Tm	14
2800600001 Troop E - Garden City	17 2801600002 Troop S - Special Response Tm	6
2800600002 Troop E - Garden City	6 2801600009 Civilian Non-Supervisory	1
2800600009 Troop E - Garden City	3 2801700002 Troop M - CIS & Dispatch	3
2800700001 Troop F1 - Outside Wichita	22 2801700012 Troop M - CIS & Dispatch	43
2800700002 Troop F1 - Outside Wichita	4 2801700013 Troop M - CIS & Dispatch	9
2800700009 Troop F1 - Outside Wichita	1 2801900001 Domestic Hwy Enforcement Teams	15
2800900001 Troop H - Chanute	16 2801900002 Domestic Hwy Enforcement Teams	6
2800900002 Troop H - Chanute	5 2801900009 Domestic Hwy Enforcement Teams	6
2800900009 Troop H - Chanute	2 2802300001 Troop O - Troop Investigations	11
2801000001 Troop I - MCSAP	22 2802300002 Troop O - Troop Investigations	3
2801000002 Troop I - MCSAP	7 2802300009 Troop O - Troop Investigations	4

Due to budget constraints in FY2016 & FY2017 as well as FY2021 & FY2022, 37 positions agency wide were not funded. The unfunded positions are mainly administrative in nature. However, in FY 2026 and FY 2027 those vacant positions have been funded in the budget submission.

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Grant funding is based on historical precedence, but in the current economy the funds are not certain and specific expenditures that are funded from these grants will have to be cut if the funds are reduced or become unavailable. When future funding from some of these programs is too uncertain, projections will not be included in the FY 2026 or FY 2027 budgets.

Overtime is still required in many on-the-job situations and, when vacancies occur, overtime becomes even more critical. Offering compensatory time could be an option but giving staff time one and one-half time off seriously compounds the problem of insufficient staffing for services and emergencies since it causes even fewer staff to be available.

By agency policy, several position categories in the KHP have automatic reclassifications to higher level positions, provided performance is satisfactory, years of service, and advance training requirements are met. These include Trooper Trainee to Trooper (upon graduation from the Training Academy), Trooper to Master/Technical Trooper (5 years and training), Vehicle Identification Number Inspector to Lead (1 year and training), Communications Specialist I to II (2 years and training) and Law Enforcement Officer I to II (5 years and training). These automatic reallocations have been budgeted to achieve realistic salaries and wages budget. FTE counts change by classification, as well as pay, accordingly.

Current Year Request FY 2026: \$63,238,583 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$64,305,992 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in this category include: (1) postage, telecommunication and long distance, cellular phones, pagers, and data lines and computer access, including the dispatching system; (2) moving of employees' personal effects for staffing relocations to fill positions across the State; (3) copiers; (4) repairs and maintenance for vehicles and a variety of equipment and buildings, including pest control, lawn care, snow removal, janitorial and linen, and refuse services; (5) travel; (6) temporary staffing; (7) utilities; and (8) vehicle insurance, and surety bonds. This category also includes expenditures from grant funds, including the purchase of air cards for the mobile data units, and media advertising for the commercial motor carrier high-priority media grant. One-time FY 2025 grant expenditures are removed from the FY 2026 and FY 2027 projections.

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Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services continued

Current Year Request FY 2026: \$7,952,877 is requested. This is based on FY 2026 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2026.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$8,369,548 is requested. This is based on FY 2027 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2027.

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is for vehicle gasoline. Fuel expense increased 2.5% in FY 2026 & FY2027 for the anticipated increased based on DoB indices. The budgeted estimated average price per gallon rates is consistent with the estimated rates published by the U.S. Energy Department in August 2025. The need for vehicle repairs can vary from year to year. Uniforms are included in the FY 2026 budget based of historic needs to replace these commodities.

Current Year Request FY 2026: \$4,957,210 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 projection.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$5,156,962 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 projection.

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: Capital outlay requests vary greatly and not only support the road Troopers, but the specialty units such as Mobile Field Force, SRT, and Investigation. Adjustments are made to account for one-time funds and purchases. In FY2026 the agency will continue to replace life/safety equipment for the Troopers that is reaching end of life. Most of the revenue for these expenditures will come from special fee funds or grants where available.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$6,546,542 is requested. The costs have been adjusted per the increases per the *Budget Indices* and prior year one-time purchases.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$6,625,454 is requested. The costs have been adjusted per the increases per the *Budget Indices* and prior year one-time purchases.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Operations Support 01050

Object Code 500: Other Assistance

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Aircraft Operations 58700

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS – 58700

This program was created in FY 2018 for the management of the agency's aircraft fleet, including the executive aircraft, as a result of the performance-based budgeting requirement. The Highway Patrol is the only statewide law enforcement agency that provides airborne services. Local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies rely heavily on the Patrol's air assets. This program includes maintenance, fuel and parts costs, and aircraft acquisitions. In FY 2007, a hangar was constructed at Billard Airport in Topeka to house the aircraft. There are also aircraft support bases in Wichita and Hays. Historically, an annual transfer of \$600,000 was made from the Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Fund (Fleet) to the Aircraft On-Budget Fund to subsidize the costs of the various aircraft programs. The 2022 Legislature authorized, through Bill H Sub for Sub SB267, the transfer of \$1,300,000 from the state highway fund to the KHP aircraft fund (2368), and an additional transfer in the amount of \$1,500,000 into the Executive Aircraft Fund (6144) for the maintenance and operations of any aircraft of the agency.

The 2022 and 2023 Legislative sessions also awarded the agency funding for the replacement of several assets in the unit.

- CJ3+ Citation (Executive Aircraft) is scheduled to be delivered in December 2023
- Law Enforcement Caravan – scheduled inspection and deliver from Cessna is scheduled for September 2023, however law enforcement equipment must be installed at a vendor in California. Estimated delivery to the agency will be January 2025 to be fully operational.
- 1st helicopter – Airbus H125 – scheduled delivery from the factory is estimated to be 4Q of 2023, law enforcement equipment must be installed at a vendor in California. Estimated delivery to the agency will be April 2025 to be fully operational.
- 2nd helicopter – Airbus H125 – scheduled delivery from the factory is estimated to be 3Q 2025, law enforcement equipment must be installed at a vendor in California. Estimated delivery to the agency will be December 2025 to be fully operational.

The 2025 Legislature approved the construction of a new Aircraft hangar in Hays, KS. The facility was funded from the Aircraft funds (2368/6144) and was completed in FY2025. This is a KHP owned asset, however since airport land cannot be owned by outside entities, KHP will enter into a long-term lease agreement with the Hays Regional Airport. KHP secured funding for a hangar in Wichita, KS in the 2025 Legislature. The Agency is still in negotiations with a developer to finalize those details.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The program includes 17.0 positions.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$2,534,568 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$2,660,811 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Aircraft Operations 58700

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in this category include: (1) telecommunication, data lines and computer access and cellular phones; (2) maintenance, services, and utilities for the hangar facilities; (3) travel; and (4) insurance for aircraft and for vehicles assigned to the aircraft program.

The Air Unit assets will be expending funds for job related training as the pilots are required to meet FAA hours to remain certified. Expenditures related to the purchase of a new hangar are reflected in the contractual services in FY2026.

Current Year FY 2026: \$841,282 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 actual expenditures.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$943,065 is requested. This is based on FY 2027 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2027.

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is for aircraft fuel, supplies and parts. Other costs include tools for the mechanics, uniforms, and building and cleaning supplies for the hangar facilities.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$619,191 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 budget projection, noting the exceptions above.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$619,492 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 budget projection.

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: Associated equipment is reflected in this category.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$369,574 is requested. This is based on FY 2026 projections, adjusted for known acquisitions for new aircraft, and applying the Budget Indices for FY 2026.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$403,545 is requested. This is based on FY 2027 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2027.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Aircraft Operations 58700

Object Code 500: Other Assistance

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Fleet 58800

FLEET – 58800

The Fleet program was established in FY 1997 to capture all costs related to vehicle fleet operations. Prior to FY 2018, Fleet program expenditures were included in the Operations program (01050). The program costs include all expenses associated with the agency Fleet operations in Topeka, KS., including personnel and vehicle acquisition and related equipment for new vehicles, such as decals, lights, etc. Vehicle acquisitions are funded from the Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Fund (2317). Beginning in FY2019, the Trooper Recruit vehicles and related equipment are funded by the Staffing and Training fund (2211). Historically, an annual transfer of \$600,000 was made from the Highway Patrol Motor Vehicle Fund (Fleet) to the Aircraft On-Budget Fund to subsidize the costs of the various aircraft programs. However, the 2022 Legislature approved a dedicated funding source for the KHP aircraft operations and eliminated the transfer.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The program includes 13.0 positions. Beginning in FY19, the Fleet unit was segregated from the Aircraft Unit (Troop T) and now operates independently under the command of the unit Captain.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$1,259,156 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$1,281,762 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in this category include: (1) telecommunication, data lines and computer access and cellular phones; (2) maintenance, services and utilities for the fleet building; (3) travel; (4) copier rent; and (5) vehicle insurance for vehicles assigned to the fleet program.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$225,954 is requested. This is based on FY 2026 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2026.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$262,895 is requested. This is based on FY 2027 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2027.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Fleet 58800

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is on vehicle supplies and parts. Other costs include tools for the building and cleaning supplies for the fleet building and garage.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$790,294 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 budget projection.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$801,500 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 budget projection.

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: Vehicles and related equipment are managed and paid for under the Highway Patrol Fleet Program. The requests are for the purchase of replacement cars and trucks used in law enforcement. The budget varies depending on the age of the fleet, as well as the number of recruits that graduate into service. Beginning in FY19, vehicles purchased for Trooper Recruits are charged to the Staffing & Training fund.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$7,704,697 is requested. This is based on FY2026 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2026.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$7,775,586 is requested. This is based on FY 2027 projections, adjusted for known changes, and applying the *Budget Indices* for FY 2027.

Object Code 500: Other Assistance

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Vehicle Identification Number

Inspection 58900

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER INSPECTION - 58900

The KHP is responsible for inspecting the vehicle identification number (VIN) of every car being titled for the first time in Kansas (with the exception of cars being titled from the point of origin), as well as certain rebuilt salvage and assembled vehicles. The inspection process essentially verifies that the VIN on the vehicle title matches the VIN on the car and that neither has been altered.

The inspection process is performed one of three ways: (1) KHP staff perform inspections of many out-of-state-titled vehicles and rebuilt salvage vehicles; (2) local law enforcement agencies, to which the KHP has designated the responsibility, perform out-of-state-titled vehicle inspections; and (3) new car dealers who have been trained can inspect used program vehicles that have out-of-state titles. Beginning July 1, 2011, the fee increased from \$10 to \$15 for each inspection performed, although some specialized inspections may cost more. The fee was increased to \$20 per inspection on July 1, 2012. When performed by Patrol staff, the entire fee is deposited into the VIN Fee Fund. Beginning in FY2020, designees began purchasing the forms up-front from the KHP VIN Office and retain the entire fee (this equates to a fiscal split of 10% KHP/90% is retained by the designee). The monies deposited to the VIN Fee Fund finance expenses of this subprogram. Beginning in FY19, the process of collecting the fees changed to eliminate KHP Troopers/VIN locations from holding large amounts of cash. The vehicle owner receives a receipt with a VIN inspection indicator. When registration is completed at KDOR, the fee is transferred to KHP. Transfers are initiated monthly.

The KHP was awarded a one-time Byrne grant for auto theft prevention that funded 2.0 positions previously budgeted in the SGF. In FY 2013, the grant ended, and the positions are now funded with VIN fees. The positions funded with SGF were also moved to the VIN fee fund in FY 2013. The VIN program became self-sufficient in FY 2013 due to the dedicated funding source and fee increase. This plan is subject to change based on future budget reductions, fees, etc.

In 2025 VIN implemented an appointment scheduler program. VIN inspections were handled on a first come first served basis causing inefficiencies in operations; long wait times, congestion in parking areas, and excessive overtime for employees. Through a partnership with Information Network of Kansas (INK) the on-line scheduler was implemented and has reduced waiting times and addressed safety concerns with overcrowding in the parking areas.

The Kansas Highway Patrol is requesting legislation in the 2026 session to amend K.S.A. 8-116a, raising the minimum inspection fee from \$20 to \$30. The last fee increase occurred in 2012, and program operating costs have grown significantly since that time. This adjustment would provide the necessary revenue to sustain the program; however, the proposed fee increase is not reflected in the agency's current budget submission.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Vehicle Identification Number
Inspection 58900

PROGRAM GOAL:

To preserve the integrity of Kansas motor vehicle titles and to provide prompt and courteous service to our customers.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The program includes 41.0 positions. By agency policy, several position categories in the KHP have automatic reclassifications to higher level positions, provided performance is satisfactory, years of service and advance training requirements are met. These include Vehicle Identification Number Inspector I to II (1 year and training). These automatic reallocations have been budgeted, beginning in FY 2011, to achieve a realistic salaries and wages budget. FTE counts change by classification, as well as pay, accordingly.

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages continued

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$4,038,200 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$4,133,718 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: There are facilities located across the State for which expenditures are incurred for: (1) rent for facilities and copiers; (2) janitorial, uniform allowances, refuse, pest control, lawn care and snow removal services; (3) utilities; and (4) phone and data lines and service. The use of state contracts for non-employee temporary workers in the higher traffic areas comprises most expenditures in this category. Postage, travel, vehicle insurance and building insurance for buildings still indebted are also incurred by this program. All other operating costs associated with the Trooper positions have been moved to this program and are funded with VIN fee funds. Adjustments have been made for one-time purchases in FY23.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$307,373 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 projection.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$313,801 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 projection.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Vehicle Identification Number
Inspection 58900

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: Stationery and office supplies are mostly for the printing of the MVE1 forms and rebuilt stickers. The form is used for every inspection. The largest expenditure in this category is for vehicle fuel and parts. All other operating costs associated with the Trooper positions moved to this program and are funded with VIN fee funds. Adjustments have been made for one-time purchases in FY23.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$131,434 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 projection, including fuel.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$208,515 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 projection, including fuel.

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: The significant expenditures for capital outlay are on shop and maintenance equipment. Historically, vehicles and related equipment were managed and paid under the Fleet Program in the Operations Support Program. However, due to increasing needs in other operating expenses and funding deficiencies to pay for these request, additional capital outlay requests are being funded by the Vehicle fund. The VIN fund has also been used in the past for purchase of equipment when there are insufficient funds in Operations.

In FY2025 VIN Operations invested in 14 civilian cars to be used by inspectors. Historically civilians utilized retired law enforcement vehicles.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$2,396 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2026 projection.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$32,642 is requested. This is based on the application of the *Budget Indices* to the FY 2027 projection.

Object Code 500: Other Assistance

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Motorist Assistance 59000

MOTORIST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - 59000

The KHP, in conjunction with the KDOT, established the Motorist Assistance Program (MAP) in which non-FTE unclassified employees patrol the major interstates in urban areas to assist stranded motorists. The cost of the specially equipped vehicles, salaries and wages, and other operating expenditures is shared with the KDOT (80%) using federal funds, with the remaining (20%) from the Highway Safety Fund. The Highway Safety Fund receives a transfer from the KDOT to provide the state funding. This is a successful program and both agencies as well as the public are pleased with its performance. However, because federal highway plan funding is uncertain, a clause was added beginning in FY 2010 to the agreement with KDOT that allows the program to be terminated within 90-days from notice should funding be unavailable. In FY19, KDOT granted a salary increase for the Motor Assistant Technicians, in FY2025 an additional increase was approved and awarded based on competitive salaries for similar positions in Kansas. During the 2025 Legislative session, increases were awarded to state employees, and the MATs salaries were also adjusted for FY2026.

In addition, the FY 2026 budget for MAP includes funding for two additional Motor Assistance Technicians and the necessary equipment, as approved by KDOT, to support traffic management during the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Kansas. This addition is reflected in the MAP program budget.

PROGRAM GOAL:

To assist disabled motorists in urban and metropolitan areas, increasing the safety to all travelers, and to ease traffic congestion.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The program includes 21.0 positions. Funding is subject to approval by KDOT each year. Amounts are budgeted for shift differential, holiday pay and minimal overtime to provide service during holiday and high-traffic times.

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages continued

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$1,583,103 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$1,583,103 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Motorist Assistance 59000

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in this category include cellular phones, vehicle registration, and insurance and vehicle repairs. This budget is submitted to KDOT in April and approved by before the new year's actual expenditures are known. Thus, actual expenditures to budgeted expenditures may not be comparable.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$85,633 is requested. This is based on the budget and program direction agreed upon with the KDOT.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$85,633 is requested. This is based on the budget and program direction agreed upon with the KDOT.

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is fuel for motorist assistance vehicles. Funding for replacement uniforms required to be worn by staff is also included. This budget is submitted to KDOT in April and approved by them before the new year's actual expenditures are known. Thus, actual expenditures to budgeted expenditures may not be comparable, particularly for fuel.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$264,222 is requested. This is based on the budget and program direction agreed upon with the KDOT.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$264,222 is requested. This is based on the budget and program direction agreed upon with the KDOT.

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: Vehicles are now budgeted directly in this program. The budget includes funding to purchase Knapheide utility truck beds, light bars, push bumpers, alarm systems, in-car cameras and variable message boards that can be raised, lowered and prompted to display different messages in emergency traffic situations and to defer traffic to other routes. Other budgeted equipment includes miscellaneous tools of \$225 for each truck.

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$471,463 is requested. This is based on the budget and program direction agreed upon with the KDOT and includes one variable message sign boards and one F-350 gas crew cab pickups, utility bed and push bumper.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$471,463 is requested. This is based on the budget and program direction agreed upon with the KDOT and includes one variable message sign boards and one F-350 gas crew cab pickups, utility bed and push bumper.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Motorist Assistance 59000

Object Code 500: Other Assistance

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Capitol Police 59100

CAPITOL POLICE – 59100

PROGRAM GOAL:

To provide for the pro-active safety of persons and the protection of property within the Capitol Complex and on other state-owned or state-leased property within Shawnee County.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: Beginning in FY 2018, all Law Enforcement Officer positions with the primary responsibility of patrolling and Capitol Complex Communications Specialist (Dispatch) positions were moved to the Operations – 01050 program. The duties of these positions are considered part of the agency operations and are not specific to the Capitol. The positions remaining in the Capitol Police program are tasked with providing security in the Capitol Complex buildings. The program includes 21 positions. 6.0 FTE Law Enforcement Office positions were added to the program in FY 2014 as a result of the opening of the State Capitol Visitors Center. Amounts are budgeted for overtime and holiday pay. By agency policy, several position categories in the KHP have automatic reclassifications to higher level positions, provided performance is satisfactory, years of service and advance training requirements are met. This includes Law Enforcement Officer I to II (5 years and training). These automatic reallocations have been budgeted, beginning in FY 2011, to achieve a realistic salaries and wages budget. FTE counts change by classification, as well as pay, accordingly.

During the 2022 Legislature, the LEO positions were awarded pay parity with the Patrol's CPP Plan. Adjustments in step movements were made in July 2022 and will be maintained going forward. The 2025 Legislature awarded a 10% increase in pay as well as a 5-year reduction in the length of time an LEO would reach the max pay within the CPP. These adjustments are reflected in the budget.

Effective August 31, 2025, all full-time Law Enforcement Officer positions within the Capitol Police unit of the Kansas Highway Patrol were reclassified as Trooper positions. These positions will carry the full powers and authorities outlined in K.S.A. 74-2108, without regard to county jurisdiction. This directive is issued by the Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2106 governing duty assignments for members of the Highway Patrol and Capitol Police, with the consent of the Governor of Kansas and the Legislative Coordinating Council. This reclassification affects 25 officer positions previously assigned to Troop K – Capitol Police and Troop I – Motor Carrier Inspection Unit. Importantly, this transition does not result in any change to compensation, as pay parity was implemented in prior years.

Current Year FY 2026: \$2,222,305 represents available funding for current positions. Several part-time, temporary positions are funded from an internal service fund (program 97000) and are paid by fees per Memorandums of Understanding with certain state agencies in the Capitol Complex for additional on-site security services. Only Salaries are budgeted in the Capitol Police Program.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$2,333,354 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Capitol Police 59100

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in this category include: (1) cellular phones, data lines and computer access; (2) repairs and maintenance for the variety of monitoring and security equipment at various locations in the Capitol Complex; and (3) contracted security monitoring at Cedar Crest.

The Capitol Security - 59100 contractual services budgeted costs have been included in the operations fund – 01050 expenditure projections for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is for security and monitoring parts and supplies for Cedar Crest and the Capitol Complex.

The Capitol Security - 59100 commodities budgeted costs have been included in the operations fund – 01050 expenditure projections for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Capitol Police 59100

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: A base capital outlay budget has historically been requested for replacement of security cameras and equipment that cannot be billed to agencies, such as those in the Statehouse and surrounding area, Cedar Crest, and Judicial Center.

The Capitol Security - 59100 capital outlay budgeted costs have been included in the operations fund – 01050 expenditure projections for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Object Code 500: Other Assistance

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency

Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program

Homeland Security 59200

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) -- 59200

The Homeland Security Grant Program provides funds to Kansas and its political subdivisions for improving the State's capability to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. Funds from the Homeland Security Grant Program are provided to the State of Kansas from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The enabling federal legislation for FFY 2010 HSGP is *The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public 111-83); the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53) (hereafter "9/11 Act"); and the *Homeland Security Act of 2002* (6 U.S.C. §101 et seq.)

There are no applicable Kansas statutes. DHS requires each state's governor to appoint an administrative agency, responsible for pass-through and oversight for this program. The KHP has served in that capacity since Federal Fiscal Year 1999.

PROGRAM GOAL:

Support state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events, and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

OBJECTIVE #1:

To enhance the capabilities of first responders to effectively respond to an act of terrorism or other catastrophic event within and across homeland security regional boundaries through the efficient use of funds for preparedness planning, organization, specialized training, tactical exercises, and equipment.

STRATEGIES for OBJECTIVE #1:

1. To legally obligate homeland security funds, via contract, to each of the state's homeland security regions within 45 days of the award date from the federal government.
2. To provide feedback to grant sub-recipients within 30 days of receiving their proposed use of funds, thereby expediting the sub-recipient's ability to obligate funds pursuant to grant guidelines.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Homeland Security 59200

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The Homeland Security Operations section is currently staffed by 5.0 positions (1 Program Consultant, 3 Lieutenants and 1 Captain). All FTE positions are KHP Operations funded.

Current Year FY 2026: \$802,683 represents available funding for current positions.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$961,175 represents the cost for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Included in this category are only limited expenditures on phone service, travel, and consulting services. Most costs are paid by KHP Operations funding

Current Year FY 2026 \$70,493 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$76,117 is requested.

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditures in this category are for vehicle gasoline and office/data supplies. Costs in this category are funded by KHP Operations funding.

Current Year FY 2026: \$32,085 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$35,500 is requested.

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: Equipment purchases requested, as allowed by the federal grant. The Agency was awarded a CESF Grant for FY2021 for the replacement of the Communications System to allow for redundancy and remote working for the KHP Dispatch Operations. This was a one-time expenditure.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Homeland Security 59200

Object Code 500: Aid to Local Governments

Summary: This is the pass-through of federal and state funds to local units of government for qualifying Homeland Security expenditures and protection projects. Homeland Security has seen an increase in funding levels for the overall Security Homeland Grant as well as Non-Profit Organizations. The estimates are based off the award notifications received in the HS unit. Actual expenditures against the funding awards are not known at the time of preparation of the state budget and may fluctuate from budget figure.

Current Year FY 2026: \$3,758,813 is projected.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$3,900,000 is projected.

Object Code 700: Non-Expense Items

Summary: This is the pass-through transfer of federal funds to other state agencies qualifying for Homeland Security expenditures and protection projects. The reportable expenditures are recorded within the recipient state agency's funds. Fund awards are not known at the time of preparation of the state budget.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 are budgeted.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 are budgeted.

Narrative Information – DA 400	
Division of the Budget	Agency Kansas Highway Patrol
State of Kansas	Program Motor Carrier Inspection 59300

MOTOR CARRIER INSPECTION - 59300

The Motor Carrier Inspection Program was transferred from the Department of Revenue to the KHP in FY 1989. The program was established to comply with federal highway funding requirements to reduce the number of oversize, overweight and/or unsafe commercial carriers traveling Kansas highways.

A Public Information Unit within the Motor Carrier Inspection Program was established to proactively visit various groups and stress the importance of obeying weight and safety laws. The goal of the Unit is to establish voluntary compliance with the weight laws and motor carrier safety rules and regulations. The basic safety and road-wear arguments for operating a vehicle within the legal weight limits are presented to raise public awareness that overweight vehicles damage the highway infrastructure and prematurely wear highways, creating the need for early replacement.

PROGRAM GOAL:

To protect the infrastructure of highways in Kansas and to enhance the safety of motorists on Kansas roads by eliminating overweight and unsafe commercial motor vehicles from operating in Kansas.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The program includes 53 positions and utilizes temporary part-time employees (999 hour). By agency policy, several position categories in the KHP have automatic reclassifications to higher level positions, provided performance is satisfactory, years of service and advance training requirements are met. These include Law Enforcement Officer I to II (5 years and training). These automatic reallocations have been budgeted, beginning in FY 2011, to achieve a realistic salaries and wages budget. FTE counts change by classification, as well as pay, accordingly. In FY2021, the MCI positions were allocated into a career progression plan, like the uniform matrix. The Budget for this program is based off the Agency's submission and approval of the State Weight Enforcement Plan with the Federal Highway Administration. KHP is a subrecipient of federal funds.

Current Year FY 2026: \$3,927,187 represents available funding for current positions.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$3,927,187 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Narrative Information – DA 400

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State of Kansas	Program	Motor Carrier Inspection 59300

Object Codes 200-299: Contractual Services

Summary: There are nine facilities diversely located across the State for which expenditures are incurred for rent for facilities and copiers, janitorial and linen service, refuse removal service, pest control service, lawn care and snow removal service, utilities, phone, computer and data lines and service, and pager and cellular phones. Vehicle repairs, maintenance and insurance are also included in this category. The program also incurs expenditures to maintain the scale calibrations, perform load tests and minor scale equipment repairs.

Current Year FY 2026: \$311,077 is requested. This number varies from the weight enforcement plan due to addition of uniforms in Commodities.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$311,077 is requested.

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is for vehicle fuel and parts. Expenditures for food are incurred during continuing education training at the Highway Patrol Training Academy. Several of the port facilities use propane for heating which is included in this category.

Current Year FY 2026: \$139,921 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$139,921 is requested.

Object Code 400: Capital Outlay

Summary: Capital outlay is budgeted for replacement vehicles for law enforcement purposes.

Current Year FY 2026: \$557,574 is requested to replace five vehicles.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$557,574 is requested to replace five vehicles.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Turnpike 59400

KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY - 59400

The Patrol began policing the Kansas Turnpike in October 1956, with 13 officers and Troopers. Increasing traffic and mounting responsibilities necessitated an increase in the strength of the Turnpike Patrol to the present 52.5 Troopers, which is set and must be retained by agreement between the KHP and the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA). Additional Troopers were added to this program in FY 1998 (2), FY 1999 (1), FY 2000 (2), and FY 2012 (4) by transferring Troopers from the Highway Patrol Operations Program. Troopers assigned to the KTA unit receive the same stringent training as all KHP Troopers. Assignment is like the other units in that a Trooper may bid the position; or be assigned out of necessity by leadership.

The KHP Turnpike Troop provides law enforcement and security to the Kansas Turnpike. This major artery is an exception to the general patrol operations in that it provides twenty-four-hour patrol coverage. Radio communications are continuously maintained, the same as all field Troop headquarters. The radio communications are staffed, operated by, and maintained by the Kansas Turnpike Authority. Troopers enforce traffic laws, render services to the motoring public, investigate accidents, provide emergency aid to injured persons, and develop cases pertaining to all criminal activity occurring on the Kansas Turnpike Authority property. By agreement, the Turnpike reimburses the Patrol for all expenditures.

PROGRAM GOALS:

1. To reduce fatality and serious injury accidents occurring on the Kansas Turnpike.
2. To enhance the safety of persons traveling on Kansas roads by removing the criminal element from the Kansas Turnpike.
3. To service motorists needing assistance on the Kansas Turnpike.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: The program includes 51 law enforcement positions and funding for 1 FTE KHP administrative positions that provide services to the Turnpike. Amounts are budgeted for overtime, shift differential and holiday pay. The Turnpike patrol is a 24-hour per day operation. Group health insurance is provided by the Turnpike.

Current Year FY 2026: \$5,160,302 represents available funding for current positions.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$5,326,794 represents available funding for current positions and has been adjusted for fringe benefit changes.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Turnpike 59400

Object Codes 200-290: Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in this category primarily are for repairing and servicing vehicles. Expenditures are not budgeted in this program.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Object Codes 300-390: Commodities

Summary: The largest expenditure in this category is usually for supplies purchased from the KHP Central Supply, food expenses incurred during continuing education training at the Highway Patrol Training Academy. The Turnpike purchases its own fuel, ammunition, etc. These are pass through expenditures and not budgeted.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Object Codes 500-590: Other Assistance

Summary: The Turnpike participates in special overtime enforcement activities such as impaired or aggressive driving, seat belt compliance, etc. The KHP reimburses them after initially receiving the reimbursement from the KDOT. This is based on the availability of the funds, so none is projected.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

Division of the Budget

Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

State of Kansas

Program Debt Service 98000

DEBT SERVICE – 98000

This subprogram was created in FY 1993 to reflect the debt service payments on the \$5.0 million used to acquire and renovate the KHP Training Academy. This debt was paid in full in FY 2008. An addition to this subprogram was made when the Patrol's Fleet Operations Center was constructed and acquired for \$4.0 million in FY 2003 and will be paid in full in FY 2018. The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Facility was purchased in June 2004 for \$510,800 and was paid in full in FY 2014.

The purchase and bonding of the KHP Training Academy was approved by the 1992 Legislature in 1993, SB 326, Section 6. The purchase and bonding of the KHP Fleet Operations Center was approved by the 2001 Legislature, Section 49 (c) of Chapter 216 Session Laws. The purchase and bonding of the VIN Inspection Facility was approved by 2003 Session Laws Subsection (d) of Section 15 of Chapter 160.

There are no anticipated debt service initiatives included in the budget.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Object Code 600: Debt Service

These are the amounts for principal and interest required by the debt service schedules.

Current Year FY 2026: \$0 is requested.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$0 is requested.

Narrative Information – DA 400

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Agency Kansas Highway Patrol

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Program Capital Improvements 99000

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – 99000

Refer to the Agency's 5-year capital improvement plan in addition to this brief narrative.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Capital Improvements

Summary: Beginning in FY2020, projects identified within the 5-year CIP are categorized into 6 primary strategies; Troop J (Training Academy) Major Projects, Troop J – maintenance/Repair, Troop Facility Major Projects, Troop Facility Maintenance/Repair, Troop I Scale House Repair & Replacement, and New Construction.

Current Year FY 2026: \$27.4 million is requested. The 2025 Legislature approved capital improvement expenditures in the amount of \$26.79 million.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$22 million is requested.

ENHANCEMENT REQUEST

Current Year Budget Request FY 2026: \$2.236 million is requested. Details are provided in the enhancement section of this summary.

Budget Request FY 2027: \$38.935 million is requested. Details are provided in the enhancement section of this summary.