Kansas Historical Society
FY 2027 and 2028 Budget
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AGENCY MISSION:

The Kansas Historical Society actively preserves and shares Kansas history by providing citizens with the data and knowledge to set policies and make laws, as well as make personal decisions to enhance their lives and communities. By collecting, preserving, and interpreting state government, the state's cultural resources, and the stories of Kansas history, the agency provides the public with the tools to understand what is happening today and make decisions for tomorrow.

AGENCY PHILOSOPHY:

The Kansas Historical Society ethically collects and preserves historic documents and artifacts, acts with integrity by presenting information truthfully, is transparent in the way in which it provides services and incentives to the public, and strives for innovation and excellence when developing educational opportunities for all Kansans.

PROGRAMS AND STATUTES:

State Archives:

The purpose of the State Archives is to collect, preserve, and provide access to the state's records of enduring value to enhance government transparency, and educate the public about the state's history and government through the preservation and sharing of manuscripts, photographs, and newspapers that tell the stories of Kansas.

State Archives Statutes and Regulations:

- K.S.A. 45-401 through 45-414 creates the official state archives.
- K.S.A. 64-106 through 64-107 allows the agency to certify records for counties in the case of lost records.
- K.S.A. 75-3501 through 75-3520 establishes and defines the state's records board.
- K.S.A. 45-215 through 45-223 encompasses the open records act.
- K.S.A. 58-2005 through 58-2011 establishes the handling of land survey records.
- K.S.A. 75-2250 through 75-2251 authorizes the law enforcement memorial on the Capitol grounds is the responsibility of the Kansas Historical Society as the keeper of the records of fallen officers.
- K.S.A. 75-104 relates to the transfer of Governor's records to the Kansas Historical Society.
- K.A.R.118-3 procedures and fees for land survey program.
- K.A.R. 118-1 procedures for deaccessioning of collections.

Cultural Resources:

The purpose of the Cultural Resources program is to recognize and protect historic structures and sites that reflect local, state, or national importance with the purpose of strengthening local economies, stabilizing property values, creating civic pride, and advancing the education and welfare of the state's citizens.

Cultural Resources Statutes and Regulations:

- Federal National Historic Preservation Act, P.L. 89-665 directs the state to survey and recognize the state's cultural resources, support Certified Local Governments, review federal projects in the state to ensure the protection of significant cultural resources.
- K.S.A. 75-2715 through 75-2725 makes historic preservation an official policy of the state.
- K.S.A. 75-2729 and 79-3107b establishes the Heritage Trust fund directing the agency to provide grants to owners of historic properties.
- K.S.A. 79-32,211 creates the state preservation tax credit program.
- K.S.A. 74-5401 through 74-5408 establishes the Kansas Antiquities Act which prohibits the gathering of antiquities without a permit.
- K.S.A. 75-2741 through 75-2754 regulates the excavation, study, and display of human remains and goods from unmarked burial sites.

- KSA 75-2726 sets the process for a property becoming a State Historic Site. State Historic Sites are those properties owned by the State of Kansas.
- K.S.A. 75-2711 establishes Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2001 through 76-2002 establishes John Brown Museum State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2005 established Pawnee Rock State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2006 through 76-2007 establishes Fort Hays State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2002 through 76-2012 establishes Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2017 establishes Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2021 through 76-2022 establishes Marais des Cygnes Massacre State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2023 through 76-2024 establishes Kaw Mission State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2030 through 76-2031 establishes Grinter Place State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2034 through 76-2035 establishes Goodnow State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2040 through 76-2043 establishes Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2052 through 76-2054 establishes Constitution Hall State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2057 establishes Red Rocks State Historic Site.
- K.S.A. 76-2049 through 76-2050 establishes the Charles Curtis State Historic Site (funding to purchase approved by legislature in FY25).
- Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site, First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site, and the Last Chance Store State Historic Site were brought to the agency through the appropriations process.
- K.A.R. 118-1 procedures for deaccessioning of collections.
- K.A.R. 118-2 procedures for deaccessioning of human remains.
- K.A.R.118-4 procedures for historic preservation review.
- K.A.R.118-5 rules for state preservation tax credits.

Education

The purpose of the Education program is to ensure excellence in education in teaching Kansas history and government to students across the state and ensuring that all Kansas students have the materials to successfully meet this requirement; to collect, preserve, and

interpret significant artifacts from Kansas history and to operate the state history museum providing educational opportunities for students, their families, and the public.

Education Statutes and Regulations:

- K.S.A. 72-1117 requires a course in Kansas history and government in all public schools.
- State curricular standards mandated by the State Board of Education require the teaching of state history.
- K.S.A. 58-4001 through 58-4013 govern the museum collections.
- K.S.A. 75-2728 allows the museum to maintain insurance for loss or damage to the collections.
- The building of the Kansas Museum of History and the operations at the Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center were designated through the appropriations process.
- K.A.R. 118-1 procedures for deaccessioning of collections.

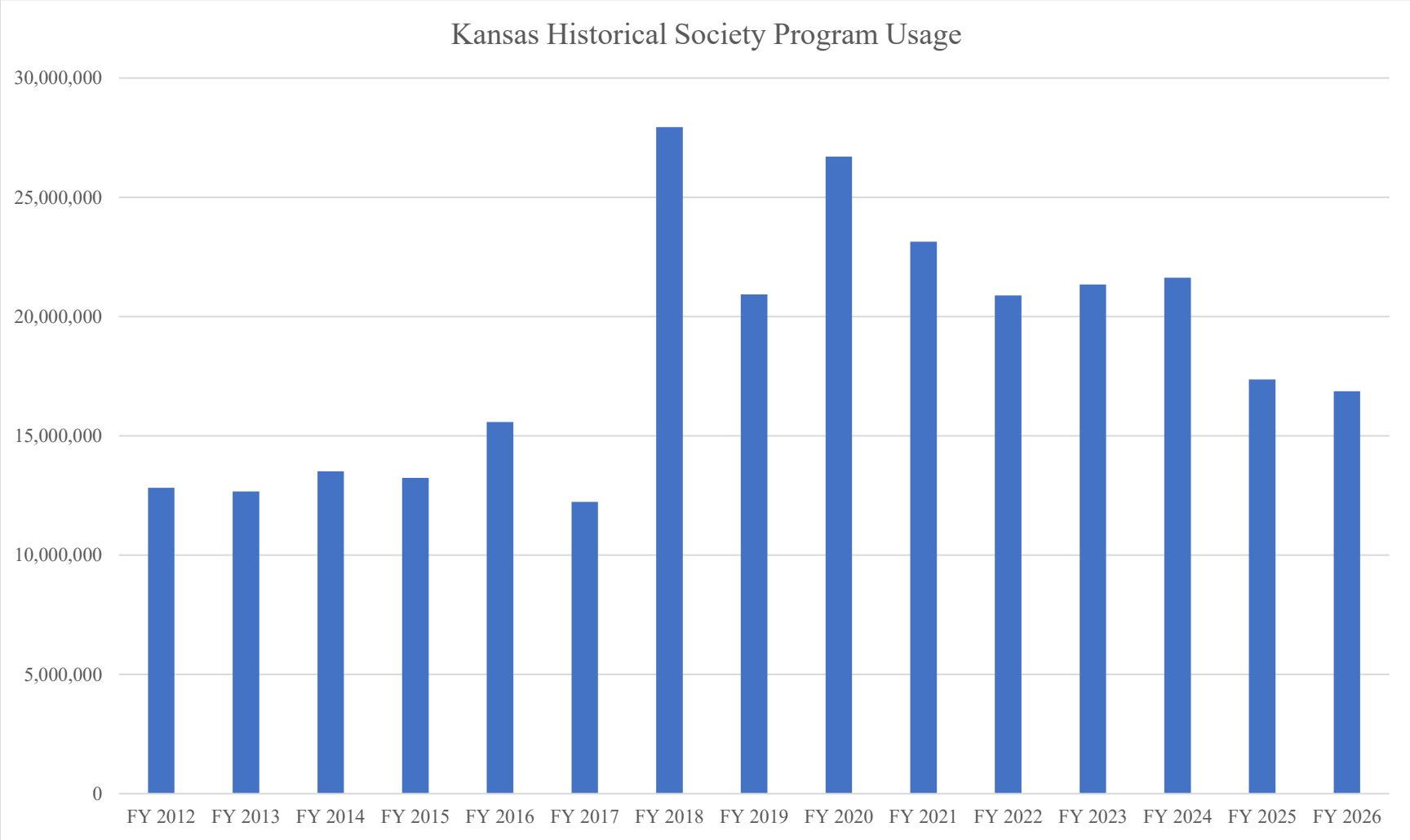
Administration

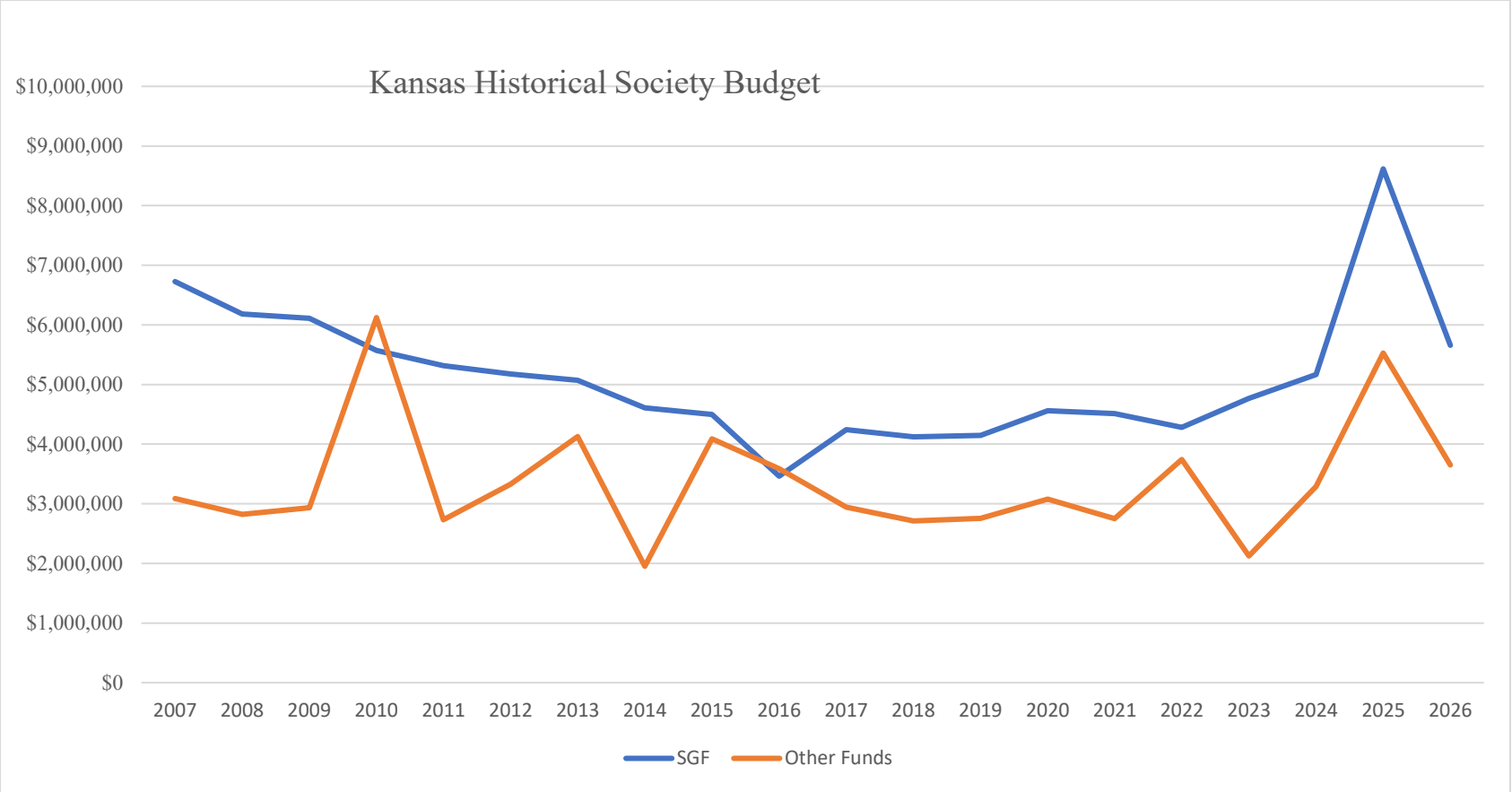
The purpose of Administration is to ensure the Kansas Historical Society is a well-run organization and that all program users are safe and informed. All indirect costs are addressed through the administration budget.

Administration Statutes and Regulations:

- K.S.A. 75-2701 through 75-2705 establishes the Kansas Historical Society as a state agency.
- K.S.A. 75-3148 gives the executive director the authority to hire staff. The enabling legislation also outlines specific duties such as collecting.
- K.S.A. 76-2056 allows for the Kansas Historical Society to rent space to outside groups for events and meetings and charge for the use of the space.
- The executive director is assigned by statute to sit on a variety of committees including the Capitol Preservation Committee (KSA 75-2268 through 75-2269), Council on Travel and Tourism (K.S.A. 32-1410 through 1411), and the Governor's Residency Advisory Commission (K.S.A. 75-129 through 131).

EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY and CURRENT AGENCY ISSUES





Budget Issues and Concern:
The State General Fund Revenue chart above helps depict our agency's overall decline in funding since FY 2007 ($6,724,689 then, today's equivalent would be $10,829,908). Our staffing has also declined extensively over the years. We had 136.5 FTEs allocated in FY2004 with 111 positions filled. For FY27, we have 80 FTEs. The relative lack of funding and staffing reduces our agency's ability to meet our agency's mission and statutory requirements.

From 1875 through approximately 2000 most agency programs and services were offered to the public without fees. Beginning around 2008, the Kansas Historical Society began to see a significant drop in SGF funding, and the agency was encouraged to charge fees for public services. Today we continue to balance our budget using fees for services, federal funds, and private donations and grants. Donations and grants are donor-restricted for specific projects and cannot be used for general operating expenses. We have had many successes diversifying agency funding. However, this strategy only works if there is a continued base of state support for costs such as utilities, maintenance, information technology, capital improvements, and staffing. The public and private supporters see these functions as the state's responsibility.

Since State General Fund is utilized primarily in staff salaries and contractual services, it has proved difficult to meet the 1.5% cut the past two fiscal years due primarily to the elimination of being able to use savings from delaying the filling of open FTEs that are funded with SGF. To ensure our ability to meet budget, we have re-assessed our fee schedule and have had to increase our fees in select areas.

The recent opening of our newly renovated Kansas Museum of History gallery, which was funded primarily through a $6 million private capital campaign, prompted our agency to re-evaluate our strategic plan, which dated from 2016 (though regularly updated). Utilizing an outside, professional facilitator, our agency recently completed a 5-month comprehensive review and overhaul of our strategic plan. While we tweaked the wording on our mission and vision statements, at the core they fundamentally remain the same as when we were first founded in 1875: the Kansas Historical Society collects, preserves, and interprets our state's history to share the past, engage the present, and inspire the future.

Kansas Historical Society STRATEGIC PLAN FY 2027-2032

Goals and Objectives:

1. **Goal: The Kansas Historical Society is recognized as the trusted asset that preserves and promotes Kansas history.**

   Objective A: The Kansas Historical Society successfully connects its message of public value to the people of Kansas.

   Strategy 1: Develop and communicate a comprehensive KSHS brand identity.
   Strategy 2: Continue an agency newsletter to better inform Kansans of their history and our agency's efforts to preserve it.
   Strategy 3: Improve internet presence that employs contemporary standards and best practices for usability, accessibility, design, and content management.

Strategy 4: Continue to provide access to authentic primary sources about Kansas history.

Objective B: Increase audience engagement and visitation.

Strategy 1: Regularly update exhibits and tours at all Kansas Historical Society locations.

Action Item: Open Charles Curtis House State Historic Site in FY2027 and develop all new privately-funded exhibits.

Action Item: Open Fort Dodge Junior Officers Quarters State Historic Site

Action Item: Complete rehabilitation to reopen the historic Potawatomi Mission (Topeka, Shawnee County) on the KSHS campus for public use.

Strategy 2: Utilize Potawatomi Mission as a staffed visitors center for after-hours access.

Strategy 3: Update outdoor interpretation and trail system at the KSHS Topeka campus.

Strategy 4*:* Return all staffed state historic sites to full-time, year-round hours.

Strategy 5: Develop public programming to encourage both in person and online visitation to all Kansas Historical Society locations.

Objective C: Communities in Kansas recognize the economic and cultural impact of their local cultural resources and know how to preserve them.

Strategy 1: Provide annual training, funding, and advice to communities with local preservation ordinances and programs which serve as partners to the state and federal government in promoting historic preservation.

Strategy 2: Educate and connect the public, students, and the trades industries about the increasing need for professionals and craftspeople to assist with skilled trades such as repair of historic windows, masonry and plaster repair, and stonework.

Strategy 3: Work with other state agencies to develop and establish guidelines for a state and local historical markers program that is self-sustaining and meets the needs of the state's various communities.

Strategy 4: Develop toolkits for local communities to preserve their records and local history resources.

Due date: December 2029

Strategy 5: Provide clear, factual guidance for the owners of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places about grants, tax incentives, and other financial benefits available to them.

Action Item: Develop quarterly webinars

Action Item: Update handouts and webpages

Objective D: Educators view the Kansas Historical Society as the best source for resources and materials on Kansas history and government.

Strategy 1: Annually provide original student readings, textbooks, and resource trunks to highlight Kansas history and government.

Strategy 2: Support Kansas educators by providing them with access to training and knowledge on primary sources that can be used to teach Kansas history and government.

Strategy 3: Adapt to changing student needs and classroom activities by engaging students with creative curriculum materials.

Objective E: The Kansas Historical Society assists local citizens, tribes, and communities in protecting archeological sites of cultural importance.

Strategy 1: Assess implementation of the Kansas Antiquities Commission Act across the state and develop a permit application review system.

Strategy 2: The Kansas Unmarked Burial Sites Protection Act Board will address gaps in regulations and identify a method to notify landowners of potential UBS concerns on their properties.

Strategy 3: Complete the return of human remains and associated funerary objects in compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Continue conducting Tribal consultation on potential cultural items in our care and in the development of new exhibits.

Strategy 4: Continuing the Kansas Historical Society's cooperative agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) by providing qualified archeological contract services for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Objective F: All state historic sites are properly preserved using the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* and made available to the public to the best of our resources.

Strategy 1: Complete regular inspections of each state historic site to assess the condition of structures and grounds then schedule routine repairs and prioritize the agency's five-year capital improvements plan.

Strategy 2: Annually review strategies for updating interpretation at state historic sites using state funds, supplemented by private donations and grants.

2. **Goal: The Kansas Historical Society is a well-run, statewide organization.**

Objective A: The annual operations of the Kansas Historical Society are securely funded through a sound financial plan.

Strategy 1: Hire a new FTE grants manager who will apply for grants to supplement state appropriations.

Strategy 2: Assess viability of current state historic site friends' groups model for financial support to site programs and explore other ways to collaborate with local partners.

Strategy 3: Regular review of fees to underwrite operating costs by percentage of project or set fee

Strategy 4: Coordinate with the Kansas Historical Foundation (KHF) to raise money annually through grants and private donations to assist the state agency in meeting its mission.

Strategy 5: Agency will seek out funding opportunities to support public programming.

Objective B: Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy for recruiting and retaining top talent.

Strategy 1: Highlight non-monetary benefits of the job.

Strategy 2: Utilize performance management system to maximize resources.

Strategy 3: Develop and implement an agency wide onboarding program with specific consideration of each division's needs.

Strategy 4: Identify gaps in staffing across the agency.

Objective C: The Kansas Historical Society uses current technology to enhance productivity, efficiency, and customer service to better maximize and leverage resources.

Strategy 1: Review and update online resources and services.

Strategy 2: Review and update policies and procedures related to information technology (IT).

Strategy 3: Update collections management systems for all divisions to reflect their specialized needs, with a long-term goal of improving efficiency for data management across divisions.

Objective D: Use future focused decision making for facilities.

Strategy 1: Assess and develop long-term plan for physical storage needs.

Action Item: Plan for additional collections storage bay.

Action Item: Update reference room mobile shelving.

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Strategy 2: Collections are preserved in secure, climate-controlled spaces.

Strategy 3: Create and update an agency-wide preservation plan for permanent collections.

Action Item: Update equipment replacement strategy for digital and analog format transfer.

Due date: March 2028

Strategy 4: Update and maintain the comprehensive use plan for the Kansas Historical Society and maintain the natural landscapes outside our facilities.

Objective E: Leverage utilization of our facilities and programs to increase economic impact.

Strategy 1: Administer the Kansas state historic tax credit program consistently and effectively to encourage private investment in the rehabilitation of historic buildings.

Strategy 2: Research other partners and state agencies that have economic development data for the Kansas Museum of History and the State Historic Sites.

Strategy 3: Offer an efficient way for third-parties/outside entities to reserve access to our facilities, with clear policies and fees for usage.

3. **Goal: The Kansas Historical Society expands access to historical resources.**

Objective A: A strategic approach is taken to identify gaps in all areas of collecting to build collections in those areas.

Strategy 1: Implement new and existing collection development policies across all divisions to proactively collect items of Kansas and plains history, including artifacts, public records, and the private papers and publications of individuals, organizations, and businesses. Examples include agriculture, music and communities of the state not well represented.

Strategy 2: Annually collect and preserve selected digitally born materials pertinent to Kansas history, including websites, social media, and digital publications.

Strategy 3: Evaluate staffing needs to address critical collecting issues.

Strategy 4: Complete inventory of archival, museum, and archeological collections at state historic sites.

Objective B: All Kansas Historical Society collections are transparent to the public.

Strategy 1: Provide the public with 24-hour access to online collection catalogs and finding aids that allow researchers to discover information about records, documents, and artifacts that are available for research.

Strategy 2: Increase the number of primary source materials available to the public online by creating digital surrogates and providing direct 24-hour access to individual collection items.

Strategy 3: All collecting areas of the agency will answer inquiries from the public and track data for future focused planning.

Objective C: Review and improve accessibility agency wide and identify reasonable accommodations.

Strategy 1: Evaluate areas of the State Archives Research Room as needed to increase accessibility.

Due date: December 2027

Strategy 2: Develop a plan for replacement of the current mechanical lift system in the Kansas Museum of History.

Strategy 3: Review physical accessibility needs for each State Historic Site.

Strategy 4: Review all agency resources to ensure accessibility to content.

Strategy 5: Develop a plan to comply with accessibility requirements for all web-based resources.

Objective D: The Kansas Historical Society identifies gaps in our engagement and outreach efforts.

Strategy 1: Focus efforts in geographic regions that are underrepresented.

Strategy 2: Provide easy access to information on state government through the Kansas State Capitol Visitor Center (Topeka, Shawnee County) by updating all informational formats, including tours, electronic kiosks, and brochures at the beginning of each legislative session.

Strategy 3: Partner with a variety of organizations across the state

Action Item: Expand partnerships of KAA to include other institutions and entities.

Action Item: Work to hold future KATPs in counties that have not hosted KATPs in the past.

Action Item: Partner with Kansas State University to develop and promote the records management micro credentials program.

Due date: December 2027

Strategy 4: Develop an agency wide marketing plan to ensure promotion of programming.

Objective E: All state records of enduring value are properly preserved and accessible to the public unless restricted by statute.

Strategy 1: Assess restrictions on records and identify gaps in the notification of landowners under UBS.

Strategy 2: Activate the Kansas State Records Board to be more proactive in matters related to the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA).

Strategy 3: Annually work with state agencies and local governments to ensure that records of enduring value are properly identified and preserved permanently.

Strategy 4: Maintain records related to the National Register of Historic Places and the Register of Historic Kansas Places, and work toward updating online databases that provide accurate access to Register-related records.

ACTUAL POSITION DATA:

The Kansas Historical Society is authorized for 71 FTE and 9 non-FTE. The following chart reflects the actual positions filled at the end of FY 2026.

FY 2026 Positions				
Program	**Classified FTE**	**Unclassified FTE**	**Full-time, Permanent Unclassified Non-FTE**	**Temporary, Part-Time & Intermittent**
State Archives	16	0	1	1
Cultural Resources	16.5	2	5	34
Education	10	3	2	13
Administration	16	4	1	11
AGENCY TOTAL	58.5	9	9	59

FY 2027 & FY 2028 Positions				
Program	**Classified FTE***	**Unclassified FTE**	**Full-time, Permanent Unclassified Non-FTE**	**Temporary, Part-Time & Intermittent****
State Archives	16	0	1	2
Cultural Resources	18	2	5	40
Education	11	3	2	16
Administration	17	4	1	7
AGENCY TOTAL	62	9	9	65

*The increase in FTEs between the end of FY 2026 and FY2027 is the result of the lapse in time between retirements/resignation and filling positions.
**Temporary, part-time and intermittent employees are mostly seasonal and can vary from year to year depending on agency needs and workforce availability.

AGENCY OVERVIEW OF FY 2026 and FY 2027:

The **FY 2027 and FY 2028** budgets submitted here are closely aligned to previous agency budgets especially regarding State General Fund (SGF) except for the FY 2027 supplemental and FY 2028 enhancement. The current budget includes some small internal adjustments that reflect current needs. The agency is focusing its State General Fund (SGF) request on statutory requirements only. Additional activities that enhance the agency's programs are as always funded from private individuals and foundations or agency-earned fee funds.

Current Year FY 2027

Estimated expenditures for the current year total **$11,862,194** from all funds. Of this amount **$6,555,280** is SGF.

In addition to SGF, the budget is comprised of federal funds, fees for services, designated revenue sources, grants, and gifts. Federal funds come from the National Park Service and are restricted to historic preservation activities. The federal funds require a 40% match. Some of the operating budget for the State Archives is also fee-based. Copying fees, photographic use fees, and research fees help sustain this division. The agency normally rents its facilities to third parties to earn money for the maintenance of the properties.

Much of the agency's base budget is used for salaries. To meet agencies priorities, vacant positions are studied and sometimes reallocated to those functions that are most critical to the agency mission and current initiatives. The other major expenses for the agency are fixed costs such as utilities, SMART and OITS fees, communications, and security costs.

FY 2028 Budget Year

The agency's budget request is **$14,462,820** from all funds for FY 2027. Of this amount **$10,967,618** is SGF. State General Funds represent 76 percent of the agency's requested funding. The budget represents a similar budget to FY 2027 without the supplementals and enhancement mentioned below.

FY 2027-FY 2028 Change Packages

The agency is submitting five change packages. The first is for matching funds for the Save America's Treasure federal grant is **supplement package(A/C/1)** for the rehabilitation of the Shawnee Indian Mission west building. The second **supplement package(A/C/2)** is to update and replace the electronic controls of the mobile high-density shelving unit within Archives division. Third is an **enhancement package(A/E/1)** to increase the Capital Improvement Emergency Repair and Services amount. Fourth is an

enhancement package(A/E/2) for the creation of a John Brown Visitor Center and Pavilion Repairs. Fifth is an **enhancement package(A/E/3)** for phase II of the HVAC modernization of the Kansas Museum of History.

1. Change Package (A/C/1) Shawnee Indian Mission – West Building Rehabilitation

Supplement Summary:

This supplement is to restore the historic West Building at Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site. The request was moved up in priority due to receiving a $412,500 matching grant from the National Park Service.

This project has three goals. The first is to restore damaged and altered interior features, materials, and finishes. The second is to repair, replace, or update as needed the heating, ventilation, air conditioning systems; upgrade the electrical wiring; and install new compatible lighting while repairing historic plaster walls, ceilings, and flooring. The third goal is to provide ADA accessibility to the first floor of the building. The following work items will accomplish those goals and enable the building to be utilized for public functions. Once this work is complete, planning can be started to implement exhibits and programming in the building.

- The interior will be restored with refinished plaster walls and ceilings. Wood flooring and trim will be repaired with replacement only as necessary.
- Electrical wiring will be updated, and compatible lighting installed.
- A non-historic second-floor restroom will be removed, returning the hallway to its original plan and restoring the original second floor door that leads onto the porch roof balcony.
- Non-historic kitchen cabinetry will be removed.
- Mechanical systems and plumbing will be updated to prevent water leaks and provide a stable, controlled climate.
- ADA improvements, largely consisting of a new path and ramp to the west elevation entrance to the ell, will provide for regular use by the public on both levels of the first floor.

2. Change Package (A/C/2) Mobile Shelving Unit Repair **Enhancement**

Supplement Summary:

The Center for Historical Research opened in 1995 using a high-density mobile library records shelving system to maximize

archival records storage, optimize security of documents, ease of locating files and meet archival standards. The over 4,500 square feet space shelving system has helped maximize use of the staff and available conditioned space.
The proprietary shelving drive system and controls are at the end of life and failing frequently. When this occurs, the shelves are stuck closed and patron requests cannot be accommodated. Currently, two thirds of the unit is stuck closed and we are unable to utilize the temporary override battery pack to restore movement, but a full system overhaul with new motors and controls is required to ensure regular and continued operation. The process will involve disassembly and removal of non-upgradeable mechanical/electrical systems while retaining shelving and conversion to a new system for continued use as high-density shelving system. The agency is requesting a capital improvement enhancement of $358,000 in FY 2027.

FY 2027 Supplements		
Purpose	FY 2027 Expenditure	Proposed Funding Source
Shawnee Indian Mission – West Building Rehabilitation	FY 2027-$825,000	Federal funds/State General Funds(SGF)/Private
Mobile Shelving Unit Repair	$358,000	State General Fund (SGF)

3. Change Package (A/E/1) Capital Improvement Emergency Repair **Enhancement**

Enhancement Summary:

The Kansas Historical Society owns 57 buildings, 5 monuments, 6 structures and 2 cemeteries throughout the state, many of them historic. In addition, we are responsible for a combined 600 acres of land. This year the agency receives $375,000 in SGF for repairs to address cyclical maintenance issues and emergency repairs due to age, accidents, or weather-related causes. The annual request for emergency repair monies is always our top priority for capital improvements.

The agency is requesting an increase of the emergency repairs and service fund of $250,000 annually. Between FY 2013 and FY 2022 the appropriation was $250,000. In FY 2023 the allocation was increased to $375,000. Due to continued high inflationary costs for

materials and services. Many of our sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and all repairs must meet the United States Secretary of Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.

4. Change Package (A/E/2) John Brown Visitor Center and Pavilion Repairs

Enhancement Summary:

The John Brown Museum State Historic Site in Osawatomie had its beginnings in 1910 when the State of Kansas accepted the gift from the Woman's Relief Corps of 22.5 acres of land that was the site of the Battle of Osawatomie on August 30, 1856. Renamed John Brown Memorial Park, the new park was dedicated by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1910 on the anniversary of the battle. In 1912, the original Adair Family Cabin where John Brown called home during his Kansas abolitionist activities in the pivotal Bleeding Kansas years of 1855-56, was disassembled and relocated to the park. By 1928, the cabin was deteriorating, and the Kansas legislature appropriated funds to erect the current stone pavilion around the cabin to protect it from the elements. In 1996, we signed an agreement with the City of Osawatomie to operate the site in partnership. The city is responsible for the day-to-day operational costs, and the Kansas Historical Society remains responsible for capital improvements and exhibit and artifact care.

A 2008 study of the site identified several drawbacks including the intrusion of the office, restroom, and gift shop within the pavilion housing the cabin. The report recommended working with the city to obtain a visitor center for the site, and our recent discussions with the city led to the same conclusion. To that end, KSHS contracted with an outside architectural firm to provide an initial plan and conceptual renderings. The current proposal to construct a new 3,000 square foot visitor center to the west of the stone pavilion and cabin will address the issues noted above and greatly enhance the visitor experience. Full circulation around the Adair Cabin will once again be possible in the original pavilion, and the visitor center will provide ample space for the office, restrooms, and gift shop as well as expanded exhibits, film/video screenings, and a staging area for school and tour groups. In April, KSHS was notified by HUD that we were awarded a $2 million dollar grant towards the construction of a new visitor center. KSHS is currently working with the City of Osawatomie and the John Brown Foundation to raise the balance of the funds needed, and we are requesting a 1:1 match of the federal dollars from SGF over a two-year period. All work will follow the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and NPS preservation brief #18: Rehabilitating Interiors in Historic Buildings—Identifying Character-Defining Elements. Miscellaneous costs are estimated DCC fees that will be calculated at time of 935 submittal.

5. Change Package (A/E/3) Kansas Museum of History: Phase II AHU, chiller and humidifier

Enhancement Summary:

The Kansas Museum of History (KMH) opened in 1984 as the state history museum and the Center for Historical Research (CHR) opened in 1995 both using air handling units (AHU) to distribute conditioned air. The Museum of History, lobby and collections storage air handlers were recently replaced prior to the Museum re-opening in November of 2025. Phase II replaces the over 40-year-old AHU's, 32-year-old chiller and humidifier that are outside the museum, lobby and collections storage areas The typical unit has a 20 year life with proper maintenance based on ASHRAE's guidelines for major HVAC equipment.

Replace the 15 air handling units, chiller and humidifier that covers the Conservation Laboratories and Curatorial Research spaces (high priority requiring humidity control), public and administrative office spaces and Exhibit, Photography workshops including maintenance and building storage areas. Miscellaneous costs are estimated DCC fees that will be calculated at time of 935 submittal. This chiller is part of the redundancy operations and maintenance requirements.

FY 2028 Enhancements		
Purpose	FY 2028 Expenditure	Proposed Funding Source
Capital Improvement Emergency Repair	$250,000	State General Fund (SGF)
John Brown Visitor Center and Pavilion renovation	$1,000,000	State General Fund (SGF)
KMH-Phase II AHU, chiller and humidifier	$3,500,000	State General Fund (SGF)

KANSAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

PROGRAM 1 – STATE ARCHIVES

History:
The basic functions of the State Archives (Topeka, Shawnee County) have been part of the Kansas Historical Society since it was founded in 1875. The Land Survey Program and the Law Enforcement Memorial were transferred to the agency in the 1980s. All functions are mandated by statutes.

Program Goal:
The goal of the State Archives is to collect, preserve, and provide access to the state's records of enduring value to enhance government transparency and educate Kansans and others about the state's history and government.

Responsibility:
The essential role of government records in ensuring government transparency and accountability, protecting the legal rights of Kansas citizens, and documenting Kansas history is a major focus of this division through the preservation and accessibility of government records of enduring value. The major challenge today is managing, preserving, and providing access to electronic records as state government moves away from a reliance on paper documents. It is the responsibility of the division to work with the State Records Board to ensure that all government records are scheduled for retention or disposition. In addition to state records the division preserves and makes available Kansas newspapers and unpublished materials significant to Kansas history. The division collects manuscripts, photographs, maps, newspapers, and other documents and media that tell the stories of Kansas people. A major initiative of the division is to provide public access to the collections through such online resources as *Kansas Memory*, *Chronicling America, Ancestry.com* and *Newspapers.com*. As documents today are often created in a digital format the challenge is to find new ways of collecting and preserving this information for future Kansans.

State Archives staff have a variety of statutory responsibilities including the following:

- Collecting, preserving, and making available to the public paper-based Kansas state government records with enduring, or permanent, value housed in the State Archives.
- Collecting, preserving, and making available to the public electronic Kansas state government records with enduring value through the implementation of a digital state archives (formerly Kansas Enterprise Electronic Preservation or KEEP) that complies with international standards for trustworthy digital repositories.
- Collaborating with Kansas state and local government officials to draft and submit to the State Records Board new and revised records retention and disposition schedules that accurately reflect contemporary government business practices and provide records management training to Kansas state and local government officials.
- Reviewing plans for proposed state agency IT projects with costs above $250,000 to ensure that adequate provisions are included for the management and preservation of long-term state government records (10+ year retention).
- Processing current land survey reference report filings and providing land surveyors with access to historical land survey records housed in the State Archives.
- Acquiring and preserving issues of the state's newspapers, including digital versions, as well as digitizing historical newspapers to make them accessible online. The agency has one of the most extensive collections of local newspapers in the country.

- Acquiring materials to increase the breadth and depth of historical resources available to the public. Preserving the content of collection holdings either in their original format or in a format with greater stability and requiring less physical storage space, including developing a collaborative approach to harvesting Kansas websites.
- Arranging, describing, and cataloging archival materials, and making the holdings themselves and/or information about them as widely available as possible. This includes integrating information from the various collection management databases and making them accessible to the public through a user-friendly interface.
- Digitizing selected collection items and making them available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week through *Kansas Memory* (kansasmemory.org). This includes operating an imaging lab to scan and digitize collection materials for the public.
- Operating the research room (Topeka) and providing reference assistance to genealogists, students, and the general public.

State Archives Performance Measures:

Performance Measures	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Actual FY 2026	3 Year Average	Projection FY 2027	Projection FY 2028
Number of annual *Kansas Memory* (agency digital archives) page views	10,307,719	1,043,238	1,100,000	4,150,319	1,200,000	1,200,000
Average annual cost per request to answer research questions for the public	$19.76 (3,238 requests)	$19.47 (3,944 requests)	$26.30 (3,018 requests)	$21.84	$22.00	$22.00
Number of annual land survey requests filled	1805	1211	14,052 *	9,323	2,500	2,500

*Due to multiple vacancies within this program, the agency worked with outside providers and prioritized backlog filings of land survey reports.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION – STATE ARCHIVES (49600)

Account Code 5100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: Staffing for the program includes 17 FTE and 1 temporary positions. The following amounts reflect changes in the State Budget Indices. Longevity bonuses are included for those eligible. No salary increase is budgeted.

Current Year FY 2027:	$1,192,387
Budget Request FY 2028:	$1,244,755

Account Codes 5200 - 5290 - Contractual Services

Summary: Contractual service funds are used for service contracts and repairs on two microfilm cameras, a hybrid microfilm camera/scanner, the microfilm processor and duplicator, equipment for the photography and microfilm labs, digital scanners, mobile shelving, four reader-printers, 30 plus microfilm readers, and other equipment in the program. Other funds cover the monthly and activity charges for the online cataloging service (OCLC), and the costs associated with creating digital copies of motion picture film for the purpose of preservation and public access. The agency is part of a consortium of Topeka libraries (ATLAS) that work together to create an online public access catalog (OPAC) that has internet searching capabilities so that citizens throughout the state can access information about institutional holdings. Annual participation fees are paid. Subscription costs for the purchase of microfilm of Kansas newspapers produced by outside vendors are also contained under contractual services. The Kansas Historical Society is the only place in Kansas that has a comprehensive collection of newspapers published in Kansas. Other expenses include routine in-state travel and official hospitality for statutory board meetings.

Current Year FY 2027:	$57,000
Budget Request FY 2028:	$57,000

Account Code 5300 - 5390 - Commodities

Summary: The expenditures from these account codes are used for professional supplies that promote the long-term preservation of collections. Acid-free materials are used in preservation, as are other specialized supplies.

Current Year FY 2027:	$16,500
Budget Request FY 2028:	$16,500

PROGRAM 2 – CULTURAL RESOURCES

History:
State and federal laws enacted beginning in the 1960s were established to protect the state's cultural resources. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 was amended in 1970 and 1980 and is the basis of some of these program activities. Federal funds allocated to Kansas for these activities are matched by the state (60% federal and 40% state). The Heritage Trust Fund (1990) and the Historic Preservation Tax Credits (2001) were established by state statute. The State Historic Sites were acquired by the state between 1899 and 2015, by statute or through budget appropriations. All functions in this program are mandated by statutes.

Program Goal:
The goal of cultural resources is to recognize and protect historic structures and sites that reflect local, state, or national importance with the purpose of strengthening local economies, stabilizing property values, creating civic pride, and advancing the education and welfare of the state's citizens.

Responsibility:
The Cultural Resources program exists to preserve the state's archeological, architectural, and historic resources while at the same time assist communities and property owners in economic development through assistance in rehabilitating and repurposing historic structures. The division also has as its responsibilities the preservation and operation of the 16 state-owned historic sites.

The executive director of the Kansas Historical Society acts in the capacity of State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the director of the Cultural Resources Division is the deputy SHPO. The State of Kansas has adopted legislation that protects the state's cultural resources. The state also provides incentives to property owners to rehabilitate their historic structures. These incentives include grants and tax credits. The federal government offers additional tax credits for historic preservation to income producing properties. Many developers use both state and federal tax credits in combination to create jobs in Kansas. The Heritage Trust Fund is a designated fund set by statute and provides grants to historic property owners through a competitive process.

The archeology program is responsible for the state's archeological and ethnographic collections. The state archeologist oversees such programs as contract archeology (funded through fees), the implementation of antiquities and unmarked burial laws, and programs in public archeology. The State of Kansas has owned historic sites since 1899 with the acquisition of Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site in Republic. State statutes determine the legislative process for obtaining additional sites. Some of the historic sites are operated in cooperation with a local partner. The hours sites are open to the public varies by community. State Historic Sites are funded through SGF, fee funds, and partnerships.

Cultural Resources staff members participate in a variety of statutory responsibilities including the following:

- Administering the nomination procedures of the Register of Historic Kansas Places and the National Register of Historic Places and facilitating identification of historic resources in the state.
- Evaluating, in accordance with state and federal law, approximately 3,000 projects annually for potential effects on the state's historic and cultural resources.
- Providing technical assistance to owners of historic properties such as advice and information on appropriate construction techniques and materials for historic buildings.
- Providing incentives such as state and federal tax credits and Heritage Trust Fund grants for the rehabilitation of National Register and State Register properties.
- Complying with the Kansas Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Act (UBS), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and monitoring archeological work on non-federal public lands in Kansas as required by the Kansas Antiquities Commission Act (KAC).
- Providing contract archeological services to carry out cultural resource compliance for several state and federal agencies. This activity is fee based.
- Managing a collection of more than 1,000,000 archeological artifacts in the Kansas Historical Society's holdings and maintaining information on more than 15,000 recorded archeological sites.
- Providing public outreach through programs on the archeology of Kansas.

- Preservation and operation of Constitution Hall State Historic Site (Lecompton, Douglas County), First Territorial Capitol State Historic Site (Fort Riley, Geary County), Fort Hays State Historic Site (Hays, Ellis County), Grinter Place State Historic Site (Kansas City, Wyandotte County), Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site (Hanover, Washington County), Kaw Mission and Last Chance Store Museums State Historic Site (Council Grove, Morris County), Mine Creek Civil War Battlefield State Historic Site (Pleasanton, Linn County), Pawnee Indian Museum State Historic Site (Republic, Republic County), and Red Rocks State Historic Site (Emporia, Lyon County).
- Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site (Studley, Sheridan County), Goodnow House State Historic Site (Manhattan, Riley County), John Brown Museum State Historic Site (Osawatomie, Miami County), and Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site (Fairway, Johnson county) are operated through partnerships with the local communities.
- Marais des Cygnes Massacre State Historic Site (Pleasanton, Linn County), and Pawnee Rock State Historic Site (Pawnee Rock, Barton County) are not staffed but grounds are interpreted and open to the public.

Cultural Resources Performance Measures:

Performance Measures	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Actual FY 2026	3 Year Average	Projection FY 2027	Projection FY 2028
The annual economic impact of the state and federal historic preservation tax credits	Created 1294 jobs and grew the Kansas economy by $72,508,900	Created 1447 jobs and grew the Kansas economy by $74,453,300	Created 1,329 jobs and grew the Kansas economy by $54,972,000	Created 1,357 jobs and grew the Kansas economy by $67,311,400	Create 1,350 jobs and grow the Kansas economy by $68,000,000	Create 1,350 jobs and grow the Kansas economy by $68,000,000
Average annual cost per person to serve the visitor at the combined State Historic Sites	$20.63	$16.01	$18.48	$18.37	$18.50	$18.50
Number of contract archeology projects completed annually	347	165	170	227	170	170

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION – Cultural Resources Division (49700)

Account Code 5100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: Staffing for the program includes 20 FTE, 5 full-time permanent unclassified non-FTEs, and 40 part-time or intermittent temporary positions. The following amounts reflect changes in the State Budget Indices. Longevity bonuses are included for those eligible. No salary increase is budgeted.

Current Year FY 2027:	$2,024,199
Budget Request FY 2028:	$2,142,574

Account Codes 5200-5290: Contractual Services

Summary: A major portion of the funds requested in this category is for travel. Extensive travel is done to inspect and evaluate historic properties for a variety of programs. Much of the statewide travel is associated with economic development activities. Federal law requires that any building project using federal funds must attempt to avoid destroying cultural resources or mitigate the loss. Archeologists travel to review sites for road and other building projects. The agency out-sources some of this work to private contractors in the fields of historic preservation and archeology. Funds are also earmarked for printing necessary handouts and renting specialized equipment when needed in the field. In addition, the agency must advertise meetings, nominations, and deadlines for grants. Many of the historic sites have mowing and snow removal contracts and they also use professional fees to pay speakers and performers for public programs. Official hospitality for statutory board meetings and utilities for the state historic sites are also included here. In FY 2027 the amount is enhanced by $72,500 as the Kansas Historical Society and Washburn University Forensic Anthropology Recovery Unit have an agreement for detailed analysis by Washburn of potential human remains or animal bones within the States collections.

Current Year FY 2027:	$534,520
Budget Request FY 2028:	$462,020

Account Codes 5300-5390 - Commodities

Summary: A major portion of requests in these account codes relate to repairs and servicing of equipment used in archeological investigations, professional and scientific supplies including photographic materials, publications, and U.S.G.S. 7.5-minute quadrangle maps. The photographic materials are used in survey work, national register nominations, and review and monitoring of grant projects. Other scientific supplies are used in processing archeological collections. Professional supplies are needed to operate historic sites.

Current Year FY 2027: $60,000
Budget Request FY 2028: $60,000

Account Code - 5400 - Capital Outlay

Summary: This request covers the replacement of Capital Outlay items at the State Historic Sites.

Current Year FY 2027: $3,500
Budget Request FY 2028: $3,500

Account Code 5500: Aid to Local Government Units and Other Assistance

Summary: Each year the agency gives out aid to local units in the form of the *Historic Preservation Fund* (HPF) and *Heritage Trust Fund* (HTF) grants. These grants are governed by state and federal statutes and are funded from designated and federal funds.

Historic Preservation Fund grants*:* The U.S. Department of the Interior through the National Park Service allocates *Historic Preservation Funds* to the Kansas Historical Society to help the agency fulfill the state's requirements in historic preservation under federal law. A portion of the funding is required to be given out in grants, with a specific percentage being given to Certified Local Governments (CLG) for appropriate projects. Current CLGs in Kansas include Abilene, Arkansas City, Dodge City, Doniphan County, Douglas County, Garden City, Hutchinson, Independence, Unified Government of Wyandotte Co. and Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Newton, Olathe, Salina, Topeka, and Wichita. Project applications are evaluated by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review. Federal funds are passed through to the top-rated projects meeting state and federally established priorities. In the past, funds have been available for two different types of projects: (1) to engage in educational activities directed toward the preservation of historic buildings and archeological resources, including writing national register nominations and; (2) survey and planning grants for local governments and organizations to conduct surveys of cultural resources in specific areas and to

prepare preservation plans.

***Heritage Trust Fund grants**:* The State of Kansas established the Heritage Trust Fund (HTF) to provide grants to owners of historic properties listed in the National and State Registers. This program has a designated funding source through legislation. It is estimated that annually up to $867,000 could be granted to local governments, private non-profit organizations, homeowners, county and local historical societies, farmers and ranchers, businessmen, and others. The exact amount varies depending upon the revenue generated by mortgage filing fees. These grants are awarded on a competitive basis to qualified applicants whose applications are evaluated per the factors identified in the authorizing legislation (K.S.A. 75-2729 & K.S.A. 79-3107b). Many projects take more than two years to complete, therefore there are funds obligated to grants that are in progress. As of September 14, 2026, there is $1,807,700.59 obligated (encumbered) in HTF grant projects. Funds in the HTF account above and beyond those currently obligated will be used to fund grant awards in the FY 2027 grant cycle. The chart below accounts for the encumbered projects that are in progress.

Project Name / Number	County	Total paid-to-date	Amount of Grant	Remaining to pay out
Sol Miller Building HTF 2023-06	Doniphan	$29,574.00	$115,000.00	$85,426.00
Anna Richardson-Brown House HTF 2024-002	Reno	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Hicks Block HTF 2024-007	Shawnee	$0.00	$80,000.00	$80,000.00
Main Masonic Hall Building HTF 2024-008	Montgomery	$0.00	$90,000.00	$90,000.00
St. Joseph Catholic Church HTF 2024-013	Ellis	$0.00	$115,000.00	$115,000.00
Vernon School HTF 2024-015	Wyandotte	$3,689.16	$22,080.00	$18,390.84
ATSF Steam Locomotive #3415 HTF 2025-002	Dickinson	$0.00	$79,152.00	$79,152.00
Fairmount Cottage HTF 2024-004	Sedgwick	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Old Santa Fe Railroad Depot HTF 2025-007	Franklin	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Smith-Hollingsworth-Thomas Log Cabin HTF 2025-010	Labette	$72,000.00	$100,000.00	$28,000.00
Union Pacific Railroad Depot HTF 2025-011	Cloud	$53,763.84	$100,000.00	$46,236.16

Atchison County Memorial Hall HTF 2026-001	Atchison	$0.00	$63,600.00	$63,600.00
Bethany Lutheran Church HTF 2026-002	McPherson	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Booth Hotel HTF 2026-003	Montgomery	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Bryant School HTF 2026-004	Cowley	$27,462.96	$50,633.00	$20,118.60
Colonial Fox Theatre HTF 2026-005	Crawford	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Kress Building HTF 2026-006	Allen	$0.00	$56,640.00	$56,640.00
Masonic Temple HTF 2026-007	Butler	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Midland Theater HTF 2026-008	Montgomery	$0.00	$30,000.00	$30,000.00
Old Greeley County Courthouse HTF 2026-009	Greeley	$15,799.33	$94,982.00	$77,427.19
Pospishil Building HTF 2026-010	Russell	$20,160.00	$100,000.00	$77,600.00
Raffelock's Bargain Center HTF 2026-011	Franklin	$0.00	$87,360.00	$87,360.00
Shepard Chapel/Second Methodist Church HTF 2026-012	Riley	$0.00	$100,000.00	$100,000.00
Wilson State Bank Building HTF 2026-013	Ellsworth	$42,525.18	$100,000.00	$52,749.80
		$264,974.47	**$2,084,447.00**	**$1,807,700.59**

Total Aid to Local Government Units and Other Assistance

Current Year FY 2026: $ 280,000
Budget Request FY 2027: $ 280,000

Total Other Assistance

Current Year FY 2026: $ 687,000
Budget Request FY 2027: $ 687,000

PROGRAM #3 – EDUCATION

History:
The functions of the Education program have been part of the Kansas Historical Society since it was formed in 1875. The state history museum began originally in the Capitol and in 1914 moved to the Memorial Building. The current Kansas Museum of History opened its doors to the public in 1984. In 1988 when the state began requiring a course in Kansas history and government for all students there was an outcry from the schools asking for curriculum materials to satisfy this requirement. With the knowledge and support of the State Department of Education, the Kansas Historical Society agreed to take on this role. Kansas history, government, economics, and geography are included in state curricular standards.

Program Goal:
The goal of Education is to ensure excellence in teaching Kansas history and government to students across the state and ensuring that all Kansas students have the materials to successfully meet this requirement. To collect, preserve, and interpret significant artifacts from Kansas history and to operate the state history museum to provide educational opportunities for students, their families, and the public.

Responsibility:
The purpose of the Education Division is to interpret the people and events of Kansas history for students and the public. The program provides curriculum support for the teaching of Kansas history and government in K-12 classrooms. The teaching of Kansas history is required by statute and state curriculum standards. There is an increased emphasis on reading in the school curriculum, so materials developed meet this literacy need through Kansas history content. Select curriculum produced also meets STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) requirements. The program cares for the state's historic artifact collection. These artifacts tell the story of Kansas through exhibits and programs. The Capitol Visitor Center is also part of this program.

Education and museum staff have a variety of statutory responsibilities including the following:

- Operating the Capitol Visitor Center and interpreting Kansas government to K-12 students and the public through thematic tours, programs, and exhibits. Programs seek to emphasize civic engagement.
- Operating a history lab with educational and hands-on resources for K-12 students and their families.
- Managing and promoting the *Read Kansas!* program that teaches reading and writing skills using Kansas history content to students in grades K-12.
- Providing support to teachers for implementing the state's Curricular Standards for History, Government and Social Studies. The division produces curriculum materials that teach research skills that are practical and applicable to everyday life.

- Operating the Kansas Museum of History (Topeka) and developing and maintaining both permanent and temporary exhibits.
- The division develops and maintains school tours that are aligned to state curriculum standards.
- Developing and implementing public programs that address the heritage of Kansas to a wide and diverse audience.
- Maintaining the collection records to assure the legal transfer of ownership of donated objects. Work involves maintaining physical care of the 100,000+ artifacts.

Education Performance Measures:

Performance Measures	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Actual FY 2026	3 Year Average	Projection FY 2027	Projection FY 2028
Annual cost to serve visitors to the Kansas Museum of History and Capitol Visitor Center combined.	$22.55	$22.08	$11.53	$18.72	$11.00	$11.00
Annual number of curriculum materials distributed.	62,541	22,374	37,796	40,904	41,000	41,000
Annual number of artifacts loaned to other institutions.	11	11	15	12	12	12

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION – Education Division (49500)

Account Code 5100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: Approved staffing for the program includes 16 FTE positions, 2 Non-FTE full-time temporary unclassified position, and 16 temporary or intermittent positions. The temporary employees serve as museum teachers and Capitol tour guides. Longevity bonuses are included where appropriate. No salary increase is budgeted.

Current Year FY 2027: $1,197,355
Budget Request FY 2028: $1,271,403

Account Codes 5200 – 5290 - Contractual Services

Summary: Expenditures in these codes provide for creating, printing, and disseminating curriculum materials to schools statewide. The largest expenditures for the Museum in these codes are in fees. This money is used to outsource selected exhibits work and some conservation treatments. The money is also used to cover speakers' fees. Specialized equipment for K-12 programs is rented and funds are budgeted for staff travel. In FY 2027 we received a Federal Save Americas Treasures grant in the amount of $37,247 with a 50% match, which has already been acquired through donations to rehabilitate two civil war flags in collections.

Current Year FY 2027: $90,294
Budget Request FY 2028: $16,000

Account Codes 5300 – 5390 – Commodities

Summary: The general major portion of requests in these codes are for materials and supplies related to the production of exhibits. Additional expenditures provide for professional supplies including design and exhibit fabrication supplies, conservation supplies, artifact storage materials, small tool replacement, and educational programming supplies. Uniforms are also a part of this account.

Current Year FY 2027: $8,250
Budget Request FY 2028: $8,250

Account Code 5400 Capital Outlay

Summary: No Capital Outlay will be requested during this budget cycle.

Current Year FY 2025: $0
Budget Request FY 2026: $0

IN-DIRECT COSTS - ADMINISTRATION

History:
The administrative functions have been part of the Kansas Historical Society since it was formed in 1875. In 1990 the agency obtained legislation to operate a third-party rental program for agency facilities.

Program Goal:
The goal of the Administration program is to ensure the Kansas Historical Society is a well-run organization and that all visitors and program users are safe and informed.

Responsibility:
Administration strives to create a working environment that allows Historical Society staff members and volunteers to function efficiently and creatively. This is done by providing support services to all Historical Society programs and ensuring that the agency uses state's resources in a responsible and productive way. It is also important to provide for the environmental and physical security of the staff, patrons, and collections of the Kansas Historical Society. Administration includes the office of the executive director, the business office, maintenance, information technology, and communications. The budget also includes capital improvements and pass-through funds for the Kansas Humanities Council, a non-profit organization.

Administration staff members participate in a variety of responsibilities including the following:

- Responsibility for oversight of the agency and responding to the priorities of the Governor and the Legislature. Agency planning is initiated through the executive director's office, as is the setting of priorities for the agency and the budget. A management team consisting of division and program directors assists the executive director. The executive director also works with the Kansas Historical Foundation (KSHS, Inc.) to supplement state funding with private dollars for specific projects. The executive director is the state agency liaison to the board of directors of the Kansas Historical Foundation.
- Coordinating the agency's communications with the public. The staff works to make effective use of current technologies, including social media. They oversee the content of the website and provide editorial and design services for all agency publications, newsletters, and brochures. This program is also responsible for writing interpretative signage and interpretive articles for the agency.
- Providing fiscal responsibility for the agency. A priority is to review all procedures to assure the agency is efficient in its approach to fiscal management. Some human resource functions are outsourced to the Department of Administration through an annual contract.

- Managing the agency facilities. The agency's Topeka facilities have specialized needs for temperature and humidity control due to the delicate nature of the state's collections. The agency is the repository of state records, as well as iconic items such as the State Constitution and the state's Civil War battle flags. Unlike an office building, the Topeka facility is in use between 80 to 90 hours a week, requiring extensive custodial services. The agency normally rents its facilities to third-party clients during non-public hours.
- Providing security for both people and collections. Because the agency's Topeka facilities are in use for both day and evening programs and the fact the facility houses the state's historical collections, the agency has 24-hour security. This function is outsourced to a private contractor and the contract is managed by the administration program.
- Providing the IT infrastructure (network, server, security, storage, staff computing devices), either on premises or through a service provider, needed to deliver all KSHS programs and services. Developing or acquiring and maintaining the computer software applications required to support all Historical Society programs is also part of this program.
- Keeping in good working order the agency's 33 historic buildings and structures; 27 modern buildings and structures; 3 bridges; and 3 modern restroom facilities across the state. Each year the agency must repair and rehabilitate at least a few of these structures. The agency receives state, federal, and private funds for this purpose.
- Administering pass-through monies. The Kansas Humanities Council, a not-for-profit organization, is appropriated State General Funds each year through the agency's budget.

Administration Performance Measures:

Performance Measures	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Actual FY 2026	3 Year Average	Projection FY 2027	Projection FY 2028
Annual cost per visit for total agency program usage	$.39	.81	$0.55	$0.58	$0.60	$0.60
Annual social media followers	85,161	89,848	106,451	93,820	110,000	110,000
Number of formal complaints about the facilities received	0	0	0	0	0	0

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION – Administration Division (01030)

Account Code 5100: Salaries and Wages

Summary: Staffing for the program includes 21 FTE positions, 1 full-time permanent non-FTE, and 7 temporary positions. These positions work in administration, information technology, maintenance, and public information. Longevity bonuses are also included were appropriate. No salary increase is budgeted.

Current Year FY 2027: $1,712,813
Budget Request FY 2028: $1,787,567

Account Codes 5200 - 5290 - Contractual Services:

Summary: Most of the administration contractual services budget is fixed costs such as utilities, security, communications, and fees for SMART and OITS and bank transactions for all agency programs. The agency has worked to lower these costs but as costs increase the agency must cut other programs to cover increases. Travel is normally budgeted to allow the agency's executive director and other administrative staff to attend to state business. Administration also maintains and services the agency vehicle fleet. Costs to support IT services purchased from the Kansas Office of Information Technology Services (OITS), IT hardware and software maintenance contracts are part of this budget. The administration budget also includes costs for communications, with all operating funds coming from fee funds. The agency budget is becoming more reliant on fees therefore it is extremely important to have some funds available to attract visitors. All advertising and communication expenses have been consolidated under administration for better tracking and evaluation. FY 2027 includes funds for the Quindaro Ruins Archeaeological Park Task Force created during the 2025 Legislative session.

Current Year FY 2027: $1,074,125
Budget Request FY 2028: $1,049,500

Account Codes 5300 - 5390 - Commodities:

Summary: This section of the budget contains office supplies for all programs and all locations as well as cleaning and maintenance supplies required to maintain the agency's facilities. The agency maintains 57 buildings, 5 monuments, 6 structures and 2 cemetery's

across the state, with a combined 600-acres. Our Topeka facility is open to the public 356 days a year. This creates a high demand for supplies to maintain the facility. Both the interior of the buildings and the 80-acre grounds are heavily used throughout the year. The facility is unique as it operates as much more than an office building. Visitors use the facilities for research, educational programming, tourism opportunities, business meetings, and even weddings and anniversary celebrations. The diversity of uses places unusual wear and tear on the facilities and requires a wide range of supplies. The Administration Division is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds as well as the buildings.

Current Year FY 2027: $129,750
Budget Request FY 2028: $129,750

Account Code 5400 - Capital Outlay:

Summary: Each year it is necessary for the agency to replace essential equipment. The variety of equipment ranges from carpentry tools, cameras, servers, computers, and a range of custodial and maintenance equipment. The agency also maintains computers, tablets, and video monitors for public use. The agency owns 10 motor vehicles.

Current Year FY 2027: $76,000
Budget Request FY 2028: $71,500

Aid to Local Units and State Aid – Account Code 5500

Humanities Kansas (formally Kansas Humanities Council)

Summary: Humanities Kansas is a nonprofit organization that connects Kansans to history, ideas, and each other to strengthen our communities and our nation's democracy. Humanities Kansas's grants and resources are used by organizations across the state in communities of all sizes and provide important opportunities for Kansans. State funds support Kansas communities in two ways:

1. Culture Preservation Grants assist in preserving local history and making it accessible to the community. In FY28, $30,000 will support up to 10 Culture Preservation Grants that preserve local history and make it available for schoolchildren, families, tourists, senior citizens, researchers, and others.

On average, more than 50% of the Culture Preservation Grants are awarded to communities with populations below 20,000. Preserving and sharing local history is valued by Kansans.

2. Community Resource assistance grants support grassroots continuing education opportunities focused on Kansas history and heritage. In FY28, $20,501 will support 50 in-person or online events reaching Kansans of all ages.

Last year, 138 Kansas communities used HK's community assistance grants and other Humanities Kansas resources to create 341 events that brought local Kansans together to talk about history and heritage. On average, more than 50% are held in communities each year with populations below 20,000. Kansans want opportunities to discuss history.

Humanities Kansas Federal Fiscal Year 2025					
Attendance	**Program Expense**	**Admin/Overhead**	**Total Expenses**	**State Funded**	**Percentage of Expenses Funded by State**
221,196	$600,190	$310,257	$1,030,704	$50,501	3%

Chart Clarification:

- Attendance number reflects all HK programs supported by federal, private, or state funds.
- Expenses reflect HK's entire program budget, including federal, private, and state funds.
- State funds do not pay for any HK administrative or overhead expenses.
- The chart above reflects HK's fiscal year 2025 (most recent complete year of data) and this information can be found in HK's FY25 annual report.

Current Year FY 2027: $50,501
Budget Request FY 2028: $50,501

Capital Improvements –

Summary: The goal for capital improvements is to ensure the safety of the public as well as the long-term preservation and upkeep of the Kansas Historical Society's 57 buildings, 5 monuments, and 6 structures throughout Kansas and 600 acres of land statewide. The historic buildings are preserved according to the national *Secretary of the Interior's Standards* (National Park Service). The agency does not acquire land directly but does so through legislation. The agency's headquarters in Topeka, including the Kansas Museum of History, State Archives, administrative offices, Potawatomi Mission, Stach schoolhouse, and a warehouse, sit on 80 acres of interpreted prairie and woodlands. The state acquired the land in 1973 for the specific use of the Kansas Historical Society whose functions were previously housed in the Capitol and Memorial Hall. The agency also owns 18 historic sites throughout the state.

Annually the agency is provided with $375,000 of SGF for cyclical maintenance and emergency repairs. Other capital improvement projects are requested on an individual basis. The Kansas Historical Society annually submits a five-year Capital Improvements Plan to detail upcoming projects. Our top priority for capital improvement funding is always the $375,000 of SGF for cyclical maintenance and emergency repairs. Whenever possible the agency tries to find private money or grants to help fund larger projects. To obtain outside funds, it is often necessary to have matching state funds. FY 2027 includes the supplemental change package #1, for the Shawnee Indian Mission – West Building rehabilitation project in which the agency received a Federal Save America Treasures grant, supplement change package #2 Mobile Shelving Unit Repair. FY 2028 includes enhancement change package #3 Capital Improvement Emergency Repair, enhancement change package #4 John Brown Visitor Center and Pavilion Repair, enhancement change package #5 Phase II Kansas Museum of History AHU, Chiller and Humidifiers.

Current Year FY 2027: $ 2,668,000
Budget Request FY 2028: $ 5,125,000

FY 2027 Capital Improvements			
Location	Funding	Amount	Project Description
Emergency Repairs (statewide)	SGF	$375,000	This annual allocation covers routine cyclical maintenance and emergency repairs for 57 buildings, 5 monuments and 6 structures.

Shawnee Indian Mission – West Building Rehabilitation	SGF/Federal/ Private	$825,000	This will be to rehabilitation the west building at the Shawnee Indian Mission in Fairway, KS. We received a $412,500 Save America Treasure's grant from the federal government with 50% match. This project will be done during FY 2026 and FY 2027. Supplement change package #1.
Grinter Place ADA and Visitor Parking	SGF/Fee Funds	$60,000	The ADA and visitor parking area has deteriorated past repair. This will replace the asphalt ADA and visitor parking area for visitors.
Fort Dodge Jr. Officers' Quarters Restoration	Federal	$1,050,000	Restore the Historic Fort Dodge Junior Officers' Quarters by stabilization and preparation for future interpretive use.
Mobile Shelving Unit Repair	SGF	$358,000	Refurbish and update the electronic controls on the high-density mobile library records shelving system which maximizes storage space. Supplement change package #2
FY 2028 Capital Improvements			
Project	Funding	Amount	Description
Emergency Repairs (statewide)	SGF	$625,000	This annual allocation covers routine cyclical maintenance and emergency repairs for 57 buildings, 5 monuments and 6 structures. Enhancement change package #3
John Brown Visitor Center and Pavilion Repairs	SGF	$1,000,000	Build a new visitor center and repair the pavilion which protects the Adair Cabin. This is a multiyear (FY2028 – FY 2029) project with a estimated cost of $5,844,567.
Kansas Museum of History: Phase II AHU, chiller and humidifier	SGF	$3,500,000	Phase II - Original units installed in 1984 have become obsolete and new digital controls needed to maximize the protection of our historic collections. A new chiller is also needed as a part of this phased process. Enhancement change package #5 Kansas Museum of History – AHU and Chiller replacement