

Watch List Projects

Project Name Fire Station 37 Relocation
Requestor/Title/Department Doug Williams, Fire Chief
Project Purpose Replacement

Project Description:

Location 4343 N. Woodlawn Blvd., Bel Aire, KS 67220

Scope of Work to be Performed:

Replace existing, age, and inadequate 8,200 square foot fire station facility located at 4343 N. Woodlawn. Built in 1973, this station is a six bay structure with a large basement (5,000 sq ft) previously housing Fire Administration. The station currently houses five crew members per shift. The station houses a total of five apparatus, including one engine, one squad, one mobile air, one tender, and one brush truck. A modern facility, similar in size and design to other Fire District #1 stations, enhances the capacity and capabilities of the fire service in northeast Sedgwick County, by allowing the assignments and storage of needed apparatus and personnel. Request = \$3,570,308

Project Need/Justification:

Due to its age, Station 37 does not address contemporary concerns in the fire service for employee health and well-being. Separations of work space and living quarters, to address the exposure to carcinogens, are not possible in the current station. Modern cardiac friendly alerting systems and natural lighting is nearly non-existent. Due to its age, Station 37 has experienced a number of recurring maintenance issues which could be eliminated with the edition of a new station. With consideration for the relationship with the Wichita Fire Department, there needs to be consideration of relocation to an area to best serve both Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita, based on call density and other analytics. A new station in a strategic location enhances the public benefit for fire and life safety. Analytics including call density, population density, population growth models, and response time expectations are all considered. See attached documents for more detailed information.

Consequences of Delaying or Not Performing the Work Outlined:

Maintenance and repair costs to the aged station will continue to mount. Station 37 is not in an ideal location to maximize efficiency and effectiveness of emergency services in a system wide view.

Describe Project's Impact on Operating Budget:

The impact on future operating budget is negligible, as all assigned personnel would still operate out of new station.

Financial Breakdown:

Project Expenditure Breakdown:							
Expenditure	Prior Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Total
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Project Funding:							
Funding Type	Prior Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Total
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Project Name The Kansas African American Museum Fire Alarm
Requestor/Title/Department Tania Cole, Assistant County Manager, Administrative Services
Project Purpose New

Project Description:

Location The Kansas African American Museum - 601 N. Water, Wichita, KS 67203

Scope of Work to be Performed:

This CIP request would consist of installing smoke sensors, heat detectors, pull stations, and horn/strobe units. If one of these devices is activated, a notification is sent to a monitoring service using technology similar to a cell phone. The monitoring service will then contact the appropriate parties to respond. Request = \$57,680

Project Need/Justification:

The Kansas African American Museum (TKAAM) is a Sedgwick County historic asset. It currently has an existing security system that dispatches Courthouse Police when an entry is detected. This system is limited to burglaries and does not have fire monitoring capabilities. The only fire protection in place is fire extinguishers. Existing smoke duct detectors in the system will shut down the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) unit, preventing the unit from supplying outside air to the fire. In the event of a fire (after hours), the fire department would not be notified until a citizen or County employee witnesses the event and calls 911.

Consequences of Delaying or Not Performing the Work Outlined:

TKAAM houses priceless art and history. In the event of a fire, every minute is crucial and the fire department requires those minutes to save the contents of the facility. If a fire occurs after hours without the appropriate equipment in place, TKAAM may face the catastrophic loss of the building and/or its contents due to inadequate notice and response time.

Describe Project's Impact on Operating Budget:

Recurring monthly service charges (monitoring fee) \$137.

Financial Breakdown:

Project Expenditure Breakdown:							
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Project Funding:							
Funding Type	Prior Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Total

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Project Name Construct New Emergency Medical Services West Post
Requestor/Title/Department Russell Leeds, Assistant County Manager, Public Safety
Project Purpose New

Project Description:

Location West Wichita/Sedgwick County

Scope of Work to be Performed:

Construction of a new facility to be staffed with a crew 24-hours per day, seven-days per week to address the escalating call volume and expected growth of residential housing and commercial businesses in west Wichita and Sedgwick County. Request = \$1,488,757

Project Need/Justification:

The West region of Wichita and Sedgwick County has experienced significant growth over the past few years. Recent projections indicate that the development and growth of this area will continue expanding with residential housing, businesses, and medical services such as doctors offices, out-patient clinics, assisted living facilities, and skilled nursing facilities. In addition to the 24-hours a day, seven-days a week ambulance at Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Post 5, a 12-hour, seven-day a week crew and ambulance was relocated in 2012 to assist in meeting this increase demand. In order to meet locally agreed upon and nationally accepted response time targets and to address critical public safety needs to the expanding west area of Wichita and Sedgwick County, a new facility that provides 24-hour staffing is needed.

Consequences of Delaying or Not Performing the Work Outlined:

Not approving, deferring, or delaying this project will result in further erosion of response times, service degradation, system-wide stress, and directly hinders the ability to respond within locally agreed upon measures and nationally accepted standards given the current and future demands for service in west Wichita/Sedgwick County. Most vulnerable will be those patients with time-critical illnesses and injuries and would manifest in decreased customer satisfaction, and increased morbidity and mortality rates.

Describe Project's Impact on Operating Budget:

Demand projections indicate that this new post would require 24-hour staffing and associated recurring personnel, commodities, and contractual costs. The project includes four additional positions.

Financial Breakdown:

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Project Funding:							
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Project Name Replace Emergency Medical Services Post 4
Requestor/Title/Department Russell Leeds, Assistant County Manager, Public Safety
Project Purpose Improvement

Project Description:

Location 1100 S. Clifton, Wichita, KS 67218

Scope of Work to be Performed:

Post 4 is a facility provided by Via Christi St. Joseph since the late 1990's and currently provided by Ascension Via Christi. The Post houses one 24 hours/day, seven days/week crew and intermittently a second crew that serves south central and east Wichita. The current facility is a one bay garage with small crew quarters and office. The request is to acquire property and construct a new facility with two bays and adequate office space and crew quarters for two ambulances and staff. Request = \$1,660,802

Project Need/Justification:

The call volume in the Post 4 area is the third busiest in Sedgwick County and continues to increase. The current facility has no capacity for expansion. In addition, a concern exists regarding the appearance of favoritism by occupying a hospital owned facility.

Consequences of Delaying or Not Performing the Work Outlined:

The current Post is functional but this is a key location for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and failure to expand will result in ambulance crews lacking adequate office and storage space when double posted.

Describe Project's Impact on Operating Budget:

Ongoing utility and maintenance costs.

Financial Breakdown:

Project Expenditure Breakdown:							
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Project Funding:							
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Project Name Juvenile Residential Facility Remodel Project
Requestor/Title/Department Glenda Martens, Director Sedgwick County Department of Corrections
Project Purpose Improvement

Project Description:

Location 881 S. Minnesota, Wichita, KS 67211

Scope of Work to be Performed:

New construction and renovation through comprehensive and intentional design. This encompasses: enlarged lobby with walk-through scanner; indoor and outdoor family visitation areas; meeting room for community service providers; honor status lounge; outdoor recreation equipment; centralized supervisory office; mental health room (sensory); laundry area; enhanced lead office; designated visitor restroom; centralized storage areas; staff offices; staff break room (relocating staff lockers); and a separate employee entrance. This would provide an effective environment for serving youth to improve juvenile outcomes by enhancing safety and security, influencing behavior, promoting well-being, enhancing programming, and streamlining operations. Request = \$1,222,280

Project Need/Justification:

As an emergency shelter and alternative to detention, the Juvenile Residential Facility (JRF) serves youth who often times have a significant abuse history. The facility runs 24 hours/day, seven days/week. JRF provides an effective residential alternative to locked detention for selected juveniles from the Juvenile Detention Facility who pose less risk to the community. In 2019, JRF served 263 clients with an average daily population of 14.5. JRF is available to expand service populations to include direct admissions, youth in police protective custody, short term alternative placement youth, youth with immediate authorization, and crossover youth. Operations require correctional features with an environment consistent with a family home in order to foster rehabilitation and return to the community. There is not an efficient lobby area for visitors, no space for a scanner, and no separate entrance for employees (both safety concerns). The gym ceiling is also deteriorating.

Consequences of Delaying or Not Performing the Work Outlined:

A less efficient and effective juvenile justice operation as indicated by youth returned to detention, escalated crisis events, increased risk to youth and staff, increased recidivism, and reduced staff retention. A facility that provides therapeutic environments and flexible spaces to support their needs through a variety of different programs aides rehabilitation and keeping them out of the adult judicial system.

Describe Project's Impact on Operating Budget:

This is a one-time project, and there are no anticipated impacts to the operating budget.

Financial Breakdown:

Project Expenditure Breakdown:							
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Project Name Fire District #1 Storage Facility
Requestor/Title/Department Doug Williams, Fire Chief
Project Purpose New

Project Description:

Location TBD

Scope of Work to be Performed:

Request to build a storage facility to accommodate two reserve engines, one reserve tender, and two reserve squads and associated equipment (approximately 5,000 square feet). The current reserve fleet is scattered at different locations, and some of it is not stored in a climate controlled location. Also, some of the reserve fleet is stored at the fire fleet maintenance facility and must be moved out of the way frequently for employees to work on the front line equipment. Switching out these apparatus can take several hours and is labor intensive as well as logistically challenging. Request = \$623,968.

Project Need/Justification:

Keeping a reserve fleet, prepared for deployment during emergencies or when an apparatus is in need of repair, would lead to more efficient deployment and better morale of the employees who spend over an hour switching out apparatus and moving them around on a frequent basis.

Consequences of Delaying or Not Performing the Work Outlined:

The reserve apparatus do not have a secured and climate controlled storage facility. Apparatus are moved frequently, which is very inconvenient. Some of the apparatus are stored outside in inclement weather, leading to the potential for pumps to freeze and break, and other appliances which contain water and liquids. This equipment cannot be stored securely with ready reserve equipment. Beside moving equipment around, it takes over an hour to switch out gear and equipment from one apparatus to another, and getting front line apparatus back into service.

Describe Project's Impact on Operating Budget:

The Fire District would request the use of cash reserve funds to pay for the facility. There would be minimal annual overhead, other than keeping facility climate controlled.

Financial Breakdown:

Operating Budget Impact:						
Impact Type	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	5 Year Total

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Project Expenditure Breakdown:							
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Project Funding:							
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