

# PROJECT BRIEF



**Project Name: Wichita Biomedical Campus**

**Grant Program: Legislative**

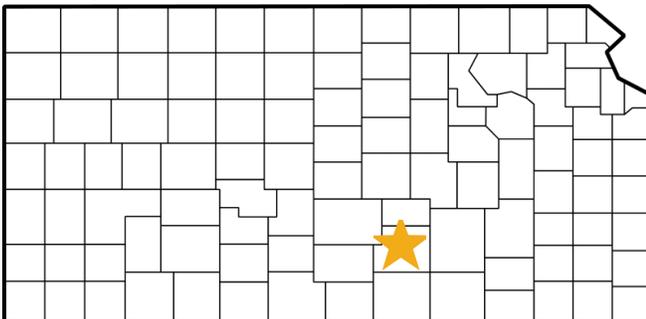
**Project Date: April 2024 - May 2025**

## Project Summary

Once Phase I is completed, the Wichita Biomedical Campus will combine Wichita State University (WSU)'s College of Health Professions and Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, WSU Tech's Health Professions program and Wichita campuses of the University of Kansas (KU) School of Medicine and KU School of Pharmacy into one location. The nine-story facility will house shared spaces for advanced laboratories, clinical research and technology. The total cost to construct the new campus is estimated around \$225 million, with the State directing \$35 million in grant funding through Commerce to support the project.

## Location

Wichita, Kansas



## Grantee Information

WSU and KU both received funds for this project, and WSU administered the award. Both WSU and KU are overseen by the Kansas Board of Regents which governs the state's public universities.

## Goals and Objectives

**Goal:** Create a health care corridor in downtown Wichita to strengthen collaboration across health care services, education, and research and technology.

**Objective:** Construct a shared facility for higher education and industry with clinical, laboratory, and classroom space.

## Budget Overview

Legislative award: \$35,000,000.00

Other project funds: \$170,000,000.00+

Expense categories (legislative funds only):

- Architectural and engineering: \$7,706,673.54
- Construction: \$27,293,326.46

## Target Population

The primary target population for this grant includes students in the health care industry, including medicine, pharmacy, nursing and related programs, who will benefit from new training spaces. The secondary target population includes healthcare employers and biomedical industry partners who will benefit from increased collaboration and innovation.

## Sustainability

- Partnerships with providers and industry will generate new revenue streams to support the facility.
- Kansas Legislature appropriations and institutional funding commitments ensure long-term operational support for faculty, staff, and maintenance.

## Outcomes

- The 355,000 square foot Phase 1 facility is expected to open 2027 and house 3,000 students and 200 faculty and staff.
- Building the foundation to train more health professionals and attract more researchers, the campus is expected to bolster healthcare capacity, improve patient outcomes, and contribute to local economic vitality through talent retention and innovation.

## Activities and Timeline

- August 2023: Wichita City Council approves location proposal for the campus
- January 2024: architectural renderings completed and released to the public
- May 2024: Phase 1 groundbreaking

The \$35 million legislative award was spent between April 2024 and May 2025.

Construction is ongoing and anticipated to be completed in Fall 2027.

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