

# PROJECT BRIEF



**Project Name: Gross Memorial Coliseum**

**Grant Program: Legislative**

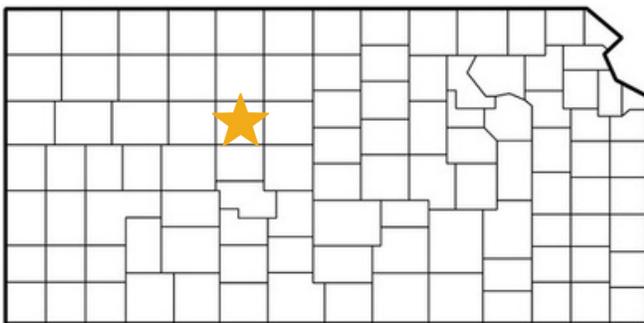
**Date: Jul 2022 - Mar 2025**

## Project Summary

This project involves removing and replacing the existing air-handling units and ductwork at Gross Memorial Coliseum, a multi-purpose facility built in 1973. It includes replacing related mechanical and electrical components and making necessary structural modifications to accommodate the new equipment, which will provide air conditioning to the building.

## Location

Fort Hays State University, Hays KS



## Grantee Information

Fort Hays State University (FHSU) was founded in 1902 and was originally located on the grounds of Fort Hays military outpost. It is a regional comprehensive public university that delivers affordable, challenging academic programs. FHSU offers hundreds of degree, certificate, and course options at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

## Goals and Objectives

**Goal:** Conduct upgrades to the arena to allow for improved efficiency in the operation of the building's systems and increased usage of the facility during warm seasons

**Objective:** Complete structural renovations to accommodate the installation of large HVAC components

**Objective 2:** Complete modifications of electrical service to support new HVAC components

**Objective 3:** Remove and replace necessary mechanical components

**Objective 4:** Install a new chiller to provide air conditioning in the arena

## Budget Overview

<b>Investment</b>	<b>\$6.2M+</b>
• KBOR Legislative Award	\$ 5,000,000
• Other	\$ 1,225,337
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$6.2M+</b>
• Construction	\$ 7,225,337

## Sustainability

Routine maintenance will be funded within the University budget. Large scale maintenance and repair projects are funded by on-going Education Building Fund allocations and/or University resources.

## Outcomes

Home to KSHSAA State Basketball, State Wrestling and State Volleyball Championships, as well as the FHSU football, basketball, and volleyball teams, the Coliseum hosts numerous athletic events annually, and also serves as a local venue for concerts. Other events are accommodated by The Coliseum's eleven meeting rooms of various sizes. The improvement in air handling and the addition of air conditioning will greatly enhance athletes and visitors experience at the Coliseum. This upgrade ensures that Gross Memorial Coliseum will continue to be host to a multitude of events.

## Contact Information

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## Target Population

Athletes and teams who regularly utilize the arena for practice and competition will greatly benefit from the upgrades. Additionally, the FHSU student body, the Fort Hays community and all event attendees will appreciate the improved climate.

## Activities and Timeline

### Q4 2023:

- Construction begins to support the addition of an air conditioning system

### Q4 2024:

- Gross Memorial Coliseum new air conditioning system is operational

