

PROJECT BRIEF



Program Name: Etzanoa Visitor Center

Grant Program: SPRINT

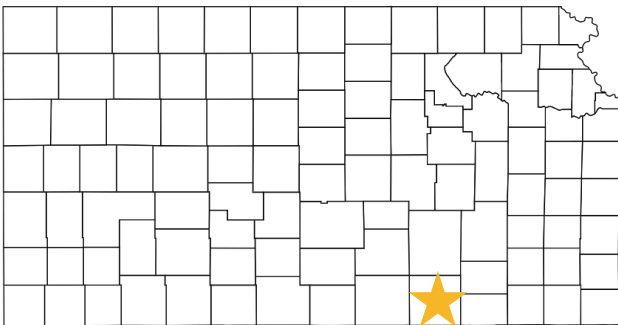
Project Date: July 2023 - December 2025

Project Summary

The Etzanoa Conservancy leads and coordinates the conservation of the Great Settlement of Etzanoa through collaborative scientific and thoughtful study, while preserving archaeological sites and artifacts. This project renovated an existing building into the Etzanoa Visitor Center which serves as a central gathering location before participating in activities and an archeological vault for artifacts to be preserved and protected while being used in exhibits.

Location

Arkansas City, KS



Grantee Information

The Etzanoa Conservancy, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working to build a cultural and emersion center to uncover, record and share the history and heritage of the Etzanoa civilization – a pre-Kansas Native American culture that is over 500 years old.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Build a visitor center where the history and heritage of the Etzanoa can be uncovered, recorded, and shared with more than 80,000 visitors by the fourth year of operation.

Objective: Conserve and protect the Great Settlement of Etzanoa through preservation and education.

Budget Overview

- Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
- Total Budget: \$500,000.00

Expense Categories:

- Surveying: \$10,025.00
- Demolition: \$30,787.00
- Construction: \$350,372.41
- FFE/Equipment: \$108,815.59

Target Population

The general public, visitors such as families with children, seniors, and PK-12 school students, and national and international academia.

Sustainability

- The Visitor Center is part of a larger plan to create an Immersion Center and earn designation as a UNESCO site.
- Admissions will generate ongoing revenue to support the capital investment's operation and maintenance costs.

Outcomes

A permanent visitor center has been established at the archaeological site with a grand opening scheduled for June 2026.

Activities and Timeline

2023 Q3 - Q4: Geotechnical report completed, site clearing completed, and procurement activities conducted.

2024 Q3: Scope change due to an investor withdrawing from the project.

2024 Q4 - 2025 Q3: Renovations and property improvements to an existing facility on site.

2025 Q4: Procurement activities for FFE and VR equipment for the visitor center.

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