

PROJECT BRIEF



Project Name: Bickle-Schmidt Athletic Complex

Grant Program: Legislative

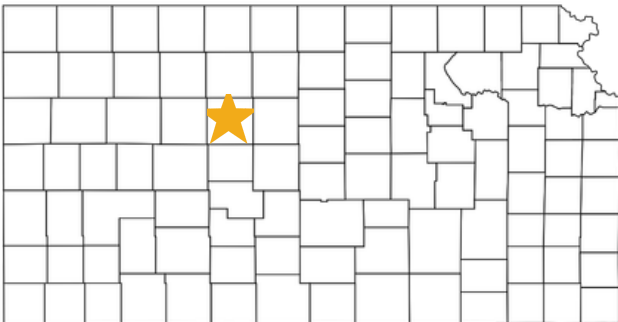
Project Date: July 2022 - March 2026

Project Summary

Fort Hays State University received grant funds to support construction of the Bickle-Schmidt Athletic Complex that will serve over 250 student-athletes and includes training, meeting, and event spaces as well as an expanded footprint for the sports medicine facility. The project supports student learning in health and human performance programs and serves as a year-round conference and event venue to drive regional economic development.

Location

Hays, Kansas



Grantee Information

Fort Hays State University was established in 1902 and is the largest university in Western Kansas. Fort Hays State University serves over 12,000 students, offering a wide range of academic programs and educational opportunities.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Attract and retain students by providing modern athletic, training, and academic facilities that support health and human performance programs and student athletes.

Objective: Construct a 20,000 square-foot, two-story building with amenities for student-athletes and academic space for experiential learning.

Budget Overview

- Award amount: \$2,380,161.00
- Match amount: \$7,869,839.00
- Total project phase budget: \$10,250,000.00*

Expense categories

- Construction: \$8,497,536.26
- Architecture & Engineering: \$860,273.89
- Equipment & FFE: \$29,312.70

*The total project cost was \$11.5M.

Target Population

The target population for this grant includes student-athletes who will use the facility, students in health and human performance programs who will gain hands-on training, and the western Kansas community who will use the facility for events and conferences.

Sustainability

The Fort Hays State University project is sustainable post-grant because it is already built into the university's long-term campus master plan, with ongoing operating costs covered through existing athletics and campus budgets.

Additionally, the facility will generate revenue through rentals of conference and event space, as well as community use, helping offset maintenance and operational expenses.

Outcomes

- 20,000 square-foot state-of-the-art athletic facility.
- Multi-functional training area with hydrotherapy pools and advanced recovery and treatment areas.
- New locker room facilities and film room.

Activities and Timeline

July 2022 - June 2023: Planning, design, early engineering and pre-construction activities.

October 2023-December 2024: Pre-construction ramp up.

January 2025 - March 2026: Construction and FFE installation.

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