

Budget Requests

Commerce is respectfully requesting the following adjustments be made to HB 2007 to allow the agency to continue the core functions and further build on the momentum generating new economic growth in the state. We request that our budget return to HB 2007 totals with 4 additional changes. With these adjustments, our budget is reduced by 16%.

Commerce	FY25 Actual	FY26 Base Allocation	HB 2007	Commerce Proposal
Operating Grant	9,699,069	9,699,069	9,450,000	9,699,069
Older Kansas Employment Program (OKEP)	508,958	508,958	504,000	504,000
Rural Opportunity Zones (ROZ)	1,061,308	1,061,308	1,000,000	1,000,000
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)	8,720	8,720	8,400	8,400
Strong Military Bases	214,023	214,023	214,023	214,023
Main Street	861,679	861,679	850,000	850,000
Gov Economic Council	212,890	212,890	204,500	204,500
Kansas Art Commission (formerly CAIC)	1,537,493	1,037,493	1,000,000	1,000,000
Public Broadcasting	700,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Build Up Kansas	2,625,000	2,625,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Quality Places (formerly Community Development)	685,252	685,252	670,000	670,000
International	1,445,227	1,445,227	1,000,000	1,445,227
WFS-Reemployment	101,818	101,818	99,000	99,000
Broadband	1,091,249	1,091,249	-	1,091,249
KIT/KIR*	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	2,000,000
Registered Apprenticeship	1,024,568	1,024,568	1,000,000	1,000,000
Work Based Learning	714,000	714,000	714,000	714,000
Office of Rural Prosperity - Rural Champions	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Sunflower Summer Program	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Love, KS Marketing Campaign	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	-
Office of Rural Prosperity - HEAL	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Office of Rural Prosperity - Emergency HEAL	500,934	500,934	-	-
Tourism	4,920,398	4,920,398	4,000,000	4,920,398
Tourism-Hospitality	4,000	4,000	-	-
Small Business Research & Development	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000
Junior Achievement	-	-	300,000	-
	37,566,586	36,866,586	28,163,923	31,069,866

- **Broadband** – The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) was established in 2020 to ensure all Kansans have the opportunity to live, work and compete in a global economy by improving universal access to quality, affordable and reliable broadband. The KOBD staff of twelve manages nine broadband programs which includes 86 active projects. A little more than \$661 million dollars have been dedicated to those programs, and it is anticipated that more than 100,000 homes or business will be served by FY 2026. To date, the state has provided \$25 million in broadband funding and has dedicated \$60 million (\$10 million each year) for the next six years through the IKE transportation legislation.

The state portion of the funding included in the Commerce budget primarily supports staffing, BAG programmatic costs and normal operating costs. The federal funding has very