

## Sedgwick County Fair - \$100,000 Funding Request

Sedgwick County has received a non-recurring funding request of up to \$100,000 from the Sedgwick County Fair Association; a non-profit organization operating the annual County Fair each July, in Cheney, Kansas. The fair includes 4H activities, commercial and food vendors, local bands and other entertainment; including a Rodeo and Demolition Derby. The Fair Association is a volunteer-based organization with a mission is to provide an atmosphere for families and friends to gather. The Fair began in the 1940's annual attendance has grown to about 25,000; all with free admission.

County funds are requested to replace Building 2; a 55 year old wood structure on a concrete foundation, with concrete slab in the main space. The main area of the building is 25.5'x79' (2,014.5 SF), with a lean-to on the east side that is 12.5x79' (987.5 SF). The visible, foundation and slab appear to be in good shape with some cracking. The building is not currently weathertight as evidenced by water damage on the walls, ceiling and trusses. The wood soffits shows signs of age and rot, there are areas where the roof and siding are not secured and the panels have been lifted by the wind. There are a number of coin sized holes on the siding and roof, the ridge cap appears to be damaged or ill-fitted, and a number of areas are missing flashing. Many of the trusses and ceiling areas are sagging due to age and/or water damage. There are six heavy, sliding entry doors that are all in some state of disrepair. The larger doors are difficult to open and the tracks are disconnected from the building in some areas. The smaller doors on the east lean-to have sticking problems. There are lighting and electrical outlets throughout the space, as well as four different electrical panels on the north wall. A contractor reviewed the structure for repair estimations and he felt that a structural engineer would be needed to assess the building's structure before altering the load demands.

The Fair Association would like to raze and replace the building with a metal building with a steel structure; similar to Building 3, adjacent to Building 2. The Association has received a quote of \$67,470.00, from Evans Building Co., Inc. to provide and install a 50' x 80' (4,000 SF) steel building, with 4" thick insulation, gutters, downspouts, two man-doors, and two framed 10'x10' overhead doors. They are charging an additional \$8,522.00 for the 8' liner panel. The remaining material estimates have been pulled from previous, similar Sedgwick County projects estimates and have been determined for the concrete slab (\$20,000.00), two overhead doors (\$15,030.00), and electrical (\$20,000.00). The total cost for the building is estimated to be approximately \$132,022.00. The Association is counting on local volunteer assistance for the demolition and much of the labor required for the concrete and electrical work.

Without County support, the Association will likely have to demolish the building and leave the land bare until the money could be raised to build a new one. This would likely adversely affect vendor participation; and therefore attendance; since most commercial vendors prefer indoor space.

The Fair Association currently receives \$28,000 per year from Sedgwick County. Of this, approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000 is for 4H programs; with the remaining \$21,000 earmarked to support the Fair. A more energy efficient building will reduce maintenance and repair costs, as well as provide a safer, more pleasing experience for vendors and attendees.

A funding agreement has been established to provide the funds in one payment. Funding may come from the BOCC Contingency Fund, which is budgeted in 2019 at \$340,000. The Fair Association has agreed to install a plaque next to the overhead and walkthrough doors recognizing Sedgwick County for making this improvement possible through the County's financial support.