

**KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET**  
**Department of Rural and Municipal Aid**  
**OFFICE OF LOCAL PROGRAMS**  
**SCENIC BYWAYS AND HIGHWAYS PROGRAM**

**INTENT TO APPLY**  
**NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY/ALL- AMERICAN ROAD**  
**DESIGNATION or FUNDING**

**OVERVIEW**

The National Scenic Byways Program is a program that provides a grass-root collaborative effort established to help recognize, preserve and enhance selected roads throughout the United States. The program is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Established in Title 23, Section 162 of the United States Code under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and reauthorized and expanded significantly in 1998 under TEA-21 and again under SAFETEA-LU in 2005. Program funds are administered by the FHWA.

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**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

With support from their State Scenic Byways Coordinator, units of state or local governments may nominate a designated Kentucky Scenic Byway or Highway for possible designation as a National Scenic Byway or All- American Road. The nominating entity is referred to as the “Sponsor”.

The National Scenic Byways Program also provides the opportunity for FHWA consideration of financial assistance to implement projects along a State or National Scenic Byway or All-American Road. Fundable activities include planning, design, development of a National Scenic Byway/All-American Road program, and other byway related projects.

Sponsors may submit applications for National Scenic Byway/All-American Road designation or funding at a time, normally once during each Federal fiscal year, established by the FHWA in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). Solicitation of project applications is done by the FHWA through the KYTC.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Roadways eligible for National Scenic Byway/All-American Road designation or funding *must* be designated as a State Scenic Byway or Highway, National Scenic Byway, or All-American Road prior to submission of the FHWA application.

## **APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

### **Applicants shall:**

1. Contact the State Scenic Byways/Highways Coordinator at the Office of Local Programs (OLP) to review FHWA program requirements, proposed project eligibility, and application timelines (due dates for applications are established by the FHWA in cooperation with the OLP).
2. Complete the National Intent -to-Apply form as found in the Office of Local Programs guidelines manual and website, [www.tea21.ky.gov](http://www.tea21.ky.gov), and submit it to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in a timely manner. If the project appears to meet eligibility requirements, the OLP shall notify the sponsor to submit a full application.

Submit the completed form to: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
Office of Local Programs: Scenic Byways  
200 Mero Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor East  
Frankfort, KY 40622

3. Ensure that all applications for Federal Scenic Byway designation or funding are developed via an online application. Following successful completion of items 1& 2, applicants should initiate this application process via the internet at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/application/>.

### **The OLP shall:**

1. Assist the sponsor or their designee throughout the application process, and submit the final application, (both online and hard copy), to the Kentucky FHWA Division Office for review. Final project award decision is by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.
2. In cooperation with Kentucky FHWA Division staff, formally notify successful project applicants.

## **REGULATIONS**

Federal law prohibits new billboard construction along nationally designated Scenic Byways or All-American Roads that are Interstate, National Highway System, or Federal-aid Primary Highways. Existing billboards are allowed to remain. Regarding State -designated Scenic Byways and Highways, Kentucky law is consistent with Federal law on advertising devices for Scenic Highways or those highways which are state maintained. However, Kentucky law is more restrictive including, limited access highways and turnpikes as additional roadways on which advertising is further exempted. Existing billboards that were legal or designated as nonconforming on the date the highway was designated Scenic are allowed to remain on the Scenic Byway or Highway.

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Please provide the following information:

**PROJECT TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**BYWAY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION TYPE:** Designation \_\_\_\_\_ Funding \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT**

Government Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation/Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## **MAPPING REQUIRMENTS**

1. The proposed project route shall be clearly marked on a KY State Highway Map. Project maps submitted should be no smaller than 11” x 17” in size.
2. Any and all designated State or National Scenic Byways/Highways or All-American Roads on or in close proximity to the proposed project route must be clearly identified on the project map.
3. All mappings submitted shall be in color.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

In the space provided, briefly describe the proposed route and how the proposed application relates to the National Scenic Byway/ Highway or All-American Road eligibility criteria found in the Office of Local Programs Guidelines Manual on the OLP website, [www.tea.21.ky.gov](http://www.tea.21.ky.gov), or online at [www.bywaysonline.org](http://www.bywaysonline.org).