

HENDERSON COUNTY **RIVERPORT** AUTHORITY

Grain Belt Loading and Safety Upgrades



KYTC – Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance Grant Application

Submitted October 2, 2026

Bernard Weithman

Executive Director

PRIORITY #2

**KENTUCKY PUBLIC RIVERPORT CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE (KPRCM) APPLICATION**

INSTRUCTIONS: A guidance document is provided to assist in completing the application packet and may be accessed at <https://transportation.ky.gov/MultimodalFreight/Pages/KPRCM.aspx>

See the guidance document for required attachments and acceptable methods of submittal.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

PUBLIC RIVERPORT NAME	TOTAL PROJECT COST	KPRCM FUND REQUEST	
Henderson County Riverport Authority	\$525,875.00	\$525,875.00	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
6200 Riverport Rd	Henderson	KY	42420
CONTACT NAME & TITLE	PHONE	EMAIL	
Bernard Weithman	270 826-1636	ben.weithman@hendersonport.com	

SECTION 2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT TITLE	DURATION
Grain Belt Loading and Safety Upgrades	2 months weeks

FACILITIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED PROJECT

☒ Owned by Riverport Authority ☐ Leased to:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT (Provide a brief project description and the proposed work to be completed. Text is limited to the space provided below.)

HCRA proposes to Upgrade the grain belt spout and barge access. The belt has not been used to load bages since 2020, and has been allowed to slowly degrade due to previous tenant neglect. Additionally safety standards have changed dramatically. In the words of the previous tenant "the loadout facility is condemned based on our safety standards" - Tim Bender, Bunge Grain. That tenant has completed their lease with us and as we prepare the facility to go back on the market, we have deemed it necessary to complete the upgrades as noted in the applicaton.

Select ONE: ☐ Applicant plans to use their own manpower, equipment, or materials on the project (Force Account).
☒ Applicant plans to competitively bid out all work related to the project.

TRAFFIC	CURRENT	AFTER PROJECT
Trucks per day	30	50
Train cars per week	5 (average)	9 (average)
Barges per week	1.5 (average)	3 (average)

SECTION 3: PERMITS AND APPROVALS

	YES	NO
Has the applicant consulted with state and federal agencies (US Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard, US Fish & Wildlife Service, KY Division of Water, KY Heritage Council, etc.)?	☐	☒
Has state and federal agency consultation determined permits are needed?	☐	☒
Have all required permits (environmental, encroachment, etc.) been obtained?	☐	☒

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Date Received: _____	WTAB Approval ☐ Yes ☐ No	Notification of Award: _____ MOA #: _____ Notice to Proceed: _____
Application Complete? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Sec. Approval ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Eligible Applicant? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Award Amount: _____	
Permits Needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Award Date: _____	

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SECTION 4: PROJECT EVALUATION

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S CRITICALITY AND TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ON RIVERPORT OPERATIONS AND KENTUCKY'S MULTIMODAL FREIGHT NETWORK *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

the grain facility has served as a storage location for the tenant for a number of years. This required the tenant to truck grain from their main facility to this location and at the time of sale, load the trucks to haul the grain back to the facility to be loaded on barges. Upgrading this facility will reduce truck traffic on Henderson streets by half since the grain will make one trip to the river. The riverport has the infrastructure to support much more volume than once in/once out currently

B. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IMPACT AND ABILITY TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOBS, INDUSTRY, AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

Upgrading the facility to bring it up to today's safety standards and upgrading the grain spout will provide our new tenant or port employees a way to safely load grain barges at HCRA. This facility will provide farmers in our draw area (approximately 4 counties) a new outlet for their grain sales to either the river or to a grain company. bringing the facility back online will create an additional 2 to 4 fulltime jobs at the riverport.

C. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S ABILITY TO IMPROVE SAFETY, PRESERVE INFRASTRUCTURE, AND IMPROVE RESILIENCY *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

The grain bins and loadout belt was constructed in the late 70's early 80's and had been used for loading barges up until May of 2018. Since that time no major upgrades have taken place and the barge load out equipment has slipped into disrepair. In order to bring the facility back online upgrades to the barge access is paramount to the safety of the loading crew. Implementing both the upgrades to the loadout spout and the barge access will ensure the facility can load barges for years to come.

D. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S READINESS & DELIVERABILITY AND LIKELIHOOD THE PROJECT CAN PROCEED EFFICIENTLY AND SUCCESSFULLY *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

This project is ready. The Henderson County Riverport Authority has specified the needed repairs received several quotes that will allow us to quickly put together bid packets if we receive a grant for this project. The expected completion is approximately 2 months.

E. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S FINANCIAL LEVERAGE & PARTNERSHIP AND WHETHER THE PROJECT LEVERAGES OUTSIDE INVESTMENT OR PARTNERSHIPS *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

This project will be funded by grant proceeds with any additional costs born by HCRA.

F. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO KENTUCKY AND BROADER STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE *(Text is limited to the space provided below.)*

Upgrading the facility will allow for a more efficient quicker barge loading process. This will allow the facility to load more barges per year than in the past. The existing port infrastructure will be able to maximize its utilization for truck to barge projects.

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SECTION 5: SUBMISSION CHECKLIST *(See guidance document for details.)*

- ☒ Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance (KPRCM) Application (TC 59-113)
- ☒ Statement of Work
- ☒ Scope of Work
- ☒ Purchase quote or cost estimate for the project
- ☒ Project Schedule/Timeline
- ☒ Maps, aerial photos, drawings, and photographs, as needed
- ☐ Engineering plans, schematics, details, drawings of the proposed project, as needed
- ☐ Copies of all correspondence or evidence of consultation that has occurred with state and federal agencies, if applicable
- ☒ Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors and Contractors from applicant

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATION

I have read the Kentucky Public Riverport Construction and Maintenance Project Guidance Document and understand and agree to abide by what is stated therein. I agree that incomplete applications, applications missing any of the above required supporting documents, or applications received after the deadline, will be deemed ineligible by Division staff without consideration for KPRCM funds and returned to applicant. I also hereby certify, subject to the provision of KRS 523.100 (unsworn falsification to authorities), that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

PRINTED NAME & TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE
Bernard Weithman II		10/1/2026

Completed applications and all required attachments must be submitted electronically in PDF format. Paper copies will not be accepted. Emailed applications must be received by the Division by date indicated in call for projects. PDF copies shall be sent via email to the address indicated in the call for projects.

Statement of Work

HCRA proposes to upgrade the barge load out system by replacing the current loading spout system which is in complete disrepair with a new more efficient load out spout which will enhance the speed and allow barges to be loaded at low pool. The barge access system, a circular staircase will allow crew embarking/disembarking to occur at multiple water levels ensuring safe transit be the load out cell and the moored barge.

Scope of Work / Project Cost Estimate:

Installation of cell tower stairs.

Barge spout/hopper and pivot transition barge spout material is ½" UHMV made to telescope from 6' to 40'

Total Project cost estimate: \$525,875.00



Graber Construction, Inc.

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September 25, 2026

Henderson County Riverport
6206 Riverport Rd
Hederson KY 42420
Attn: Tom Powell

RE: Barge Spout BUDGETARY

Graber Construction Inc. is pleased to submit our budgetary proposal for the Barge Spout and Barge Access at Henderson Riverport in Henderson, KY. We will furnish labor, material and equipment for the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
100	River cell tower stairs	\$ 81,700
101	Barge spout/hopper and pivot transititon barge spout material is 1/2" UHMW made to telescope from 6' to 40'	\$ 99,000
200	Labor and overhead to install all items listed above.	\$ 114,684
201	Equipment and crane rental	\$ 183,700
203	Freight	\$ 11,000
204	Estimated Sales Tax on material. 6%	\$ 8,280
206	Engineering	\$ 27,511
Total		\$ 525,875

Project Schedule/Timeline:

The project timeline is approximately 2 months

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Bid Process		
Project Installation		

Maps, aerial photos, drawings, and photographs

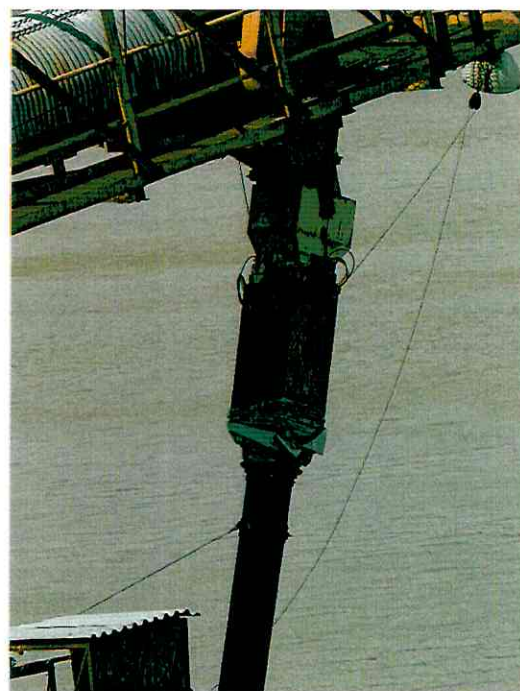
Henderson County Riverport



Grain Facility



Existing Belt





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**Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors
and Contractors**
(KRS 45A.110 & 45A.115)

Affidavit Effective for One (1) Year from Date of Execution

Instructions: Pursuant to KRS 45A.110 and 45A.115, a bidder, offeror, or contractor ("Contractor") is required to submit a Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors, and Contractors to be awarded a contract, or for the renewal of a contract. An authorized representative of the contracting party must complete the attestation below, have the attestation notarized, and return the completed affidavit to the Commonwealth.

Attestation

As a duly authorized representative for the Contractor, I swear and affirm under penalty of perjury, that that the Contractor has not knowingly violated campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and that the award of a contract will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth. For purposes of this attestation, "Knowingly" means that the bidder or offeror is aware or should have been aware of the existence of a violation. The bidder or offeror understands that the Commonwealth retains the right to request an updated affidavit at any time.

Bernard J. Weithman
Signature

Bernard J Weithman
Printed Name

Executive Director
Title

10/1/2026
Date

Bidder or Offeror Name:

Henderson County Riverport Authority

Address:

6200 Riverport Rd.Henderson, KY 42420

Commonwealth of Kentucky Vendor Code (If known): _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 2026.State of: KentuckyNotary: Glenn Matthew Sam KYNP8032County of: HendersonMy Commission Expires: June 2, 2028