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Gov. Beshear Announces \$7.75 Million in Awards to Improve Local Bridges
Funding supports 17 bridge projects in 13 counties, 3 cities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 2, 2025) – As part of his commitment to ensure safer travel for Kentucky families, today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the latest round of funding recipients from the County and City Bridge Improvement Program, awarding \$7.75 million for 17 critical bridge projects across 13 Kentucky counties and three cities. The funding will repair, replace or preserve bridges to improve safety, extend their lifespan, remove lengthy detours and maintain important community links for Kentuckians.

Since the first round of funding was announced in 2025, \$32.6 million has been awarded to local governments to address bridges that are closed, have posted weight restrictions or are in need of repair.

“Kentucky’s bridges don’t just connect roads, they connect our families to their jobs, schools and communities,” said Gov. Beshear. “While construction may seem like a hassle, these projects will mean safer travel, fewer traffic delays, and more potholes getting fixed. These are good things for Kentuckians.”

Awards will be issued to the following recipients:

- Barren County Fiscal Court
- Calloway County Fiscal Court
- City of Georgetown
- City of Winchester
- City of Wurtland
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court
- Gaves County Fiscal Court
- Laurel County Fiscal Court
- Letcher County Fiscal Court

- Livingston County Fiscal Court
- Marion County Fiscal Court
- Mason County Fiscal Court
- McCracken County Fiscal Court
- Trigg County Fiscal Court
- Union County Fiscal Court
- Washington County Fiscal Court

More details about the awarded projects can be [viewed here](#).

This fourth round of awards funds 12 bridge replacements and five bridges that will be repaired or preserved to extend the life of existing structures. All 17 bridges are currently closed or posted with weight restrictions. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) engineers reviewed and validated each project to ensure the most effective solution.

“With these awards, we’re addressing the structures that most urgently need attention, so Kentuckians can travel safely and with confidence,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. “Replacing closed bridges and restoring access for school buses and large vehicles makes a big difference not only in time savings but in the quality of life for residents.”

Among the latest awards are projects in Letcher, Trigg and Washington counties that address long-standing needs.

The **Letcher County Fiscal Court** received \$811,000 for a bridge replacement project on Bill Lewis Hollow. The investment will replace an outdated structure and restore safe, reliable access.

“This bridge has been a longstanding need for our community,” said Letcher County Judge/Executive Terry Adams. “Today’s announcement gives us the resources to finally address it. Replacing this structure means safer travel for our families and renewed confidence for everyone who depends on this route.”

The **Trigg County Fiscal Court** received \$620,000 for a total replacement of a bridge, with a posted weight limit and over a mile detour, on North Tanyard Road. The once-32-foot bridge will extend to 72 feet in length, replace timber support columns with steel and undergo other modernizations to protect and extend the life of the new structure.

“Thank you to Governor Beshear, the legislature, and the Transportation Cabinet for making the program available to us. It ensures that rural communities like ours don’t get left out and have an opportunity to improve our roads and bridges with funding that is not available to us locally,” said Trigg County Judge/Executive Stan Humphries.

The **Washington County Fiscal Court** received \$900,000 for a bridge replacement on Sulfur Lick Road. The bridge has a posted weight limit of five tons and a detour of over six miles.

“We are so thankful in Washington County to have leaders like Gov. Beshear, Secretary Gray, Commissioner Lewis and our legislative body to fund programs like these,” said Washington County Judge/Executive Timothy Graves. “Small counties just can’t come up with the money it takes to replace bridges this size, so we are very thankful for these funds.”

Recommended by Gov. Beshear and authorized by the 2024 legislature through House Bill 265, the County and City Bridge Improvement Program sets aside \$25 million in each of the 2025 and 2026 fiscal years. To date, 75 projects consisting of 67 county projects and 8 city projects have been awarded. Local governments interested in future funding opportunities are encouraged to contact the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid or their local Department of Highways district office for more information.

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