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Gov. Beshear Announces \$5.5 Million in Awards To Improve Local Bridges
Funding supports 10 bridge projects in eight counties, two cities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 2, 2026) – Today, Gov. Beshear announced \$5.5 million to repair or replace 10 bridges across eight Kentucky counties and two cities. The funding will reconnect and restore safe traffic flow on previously closed or weight-restricted routes.

“These bridges are about more than just infrastructure, they're about the people they connect and the opportunities they create,” said **Gov. Beshear**. “By investing in these improvements, we are boosting commerce, tourism and job creation in these communities for generations to come.”

This marks the latest round of funding from Team Kentucky’s County and City Bridge Improvement Program that provides \$25 million each year to local governments. Since the program began in 2025, funds have been awarded to 43 counties and 11 cities. [View the list of newly awarded projects.](#)

This seventh round of awards funds eight bridge replacements and two bridge repairs. Four of the 10 bridges are currently closed, and the others are posted with weight restrictions. Each project was reviewed and validated by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) engineers to ensure the most effective solutions.

“This improvement program provides local governments the opportunity to make impactful investments,” said KYTC Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “Replacing or repairing a bridge ensures long-term access to these critical community links will remain open for years to come.”

Among the latest awards to address bridge needs are projects in the following counties: Calloway, Daviess, Grant, Grayson, Johnson, Letcher, Perry, Trigg, as well as the cities of Louisville and Vine Grove.

The City of Vine Grove received over \$964,000 to replace the 82-foot Otter Creek Road bridge, which is currently closed with a nearly 3-mile detour. The new structure will reopen the route to hundreds of motorists and reestablish connections for larger passenger and commercial vehicles.

“The bridge has been shut down for a few months now,” said Mayor Pam Ogden. “We’re excited about this funding to restore access to two other roads and residences. Thank you to Governor Beshear and everyone who has taken the time and effort to put work in on this.”

Daviess County Fiscal Court received \$315,000 to replace the Old Highway 54 bridge and increase its length from 26 feet to 42 feet. When the work is complete, normal traffic flow will return for those who rely on the bridge every day.

“Thank you to Governor Beshear and the State Legislators,” said Daviess County Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen. “We have over 200 cars a day driving over this bridge, and this is a needed replacement that we’re very appreciative to receive funding for.”

Perry County received \$269,000 to repair the Fort Branch Road bridge. The project will replace the entire deck, barriers, and all superstructure components in order to preserve the bridge's service life for all travelers.

“We want to give a huge thanks to Governor Beshear, Team Kentucky and our legislators for setting up this program that helps rural Kentucky,” said Perry County Judge/Executive Scott Alexander. “When we face problems with bridges, we also have problems finding the funds to fix them. This program is so beneficial to all of us, so thank you for helping us help our community.”

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