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Governor Beshear Announces Funding for Riverport Improvements
Eddyville Riverport awarded \$48,415 grant for critical safety upgrades

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 25, 2021) – Gov. Andy Beshear today announced the awarding of a grant of \$48,415 for critical safety improvements at the Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority.

The award, recommended by the Kentucky Water Transportation Advisory Board and administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, will fund half of the project cost to install guardrail along the access ramps that lead to a grain unloading pit. The guardrail will be backfilled with stone to increase safety and efficiency for Riverport employees.

“Our Kentucky riverports play a unique and prominent role in our transportation system,” Gov. Beshear said. “Like other infrastructure, they need to be well-maintained through projects such as these to keep our people safe and operations running smoothly.”

The Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority will match the state’s funding to complete the \$96,830 project. In September, the Authority was awarded \$109,890 toward repair of erosion of banks that support a boat lift near a boat repair bay. That project involved the driving of sheet piling along the bank, backfilling with embankment material and capping with rock.

The 2020 Kentucky General Assembly appropriated the funding for the grants, and riverports applied to the Water Transportation Advisory Board for the grants.

Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray noted that the Commonwealth has a comprehensive transportation system comprising multiple modes. “Our waterways and riverports are as indispensable as air, rail and highway for the movement of cargo and bulk commodities,” Secretary Gray said. “They create high-wage jobs, support our economy and help keep Kentucky competitive.”

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