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Gov. Beshear Announces \$1.8 Million Investment To Strengthen Kentucky's Railways and Economy

Funded projects will ensure connectivity and opportunities for Kentucky communities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 11, 2026) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced a \$1.8 million investment in five projects that will improve railway infrastructure and increase economic activity at industrial access sites across the commonwealth. Grant funding from the Kentucky Industrial Access and Safety Improvement (KIASI) program will go toward updating safety monitoring systems, constructing a new railyard as well as rehabilitating and reactivating thousands of feet of track.

“Our railways play a critical role in Kentucky’s economy,” said **Gov. Beshear**. “These investments will not only make railways safer, they’ll help provide opportunities and good-paying jobs for our people.”

The [latest round of funding awards](#) marks the sixth time KIASI funding has been issued, with funding last announced [in April 2026](#). Each grant project is reviewed and recommended for funding by selection committees made up of staff from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, which prioritize applications based on criteria such as enhancements to existing rail lines, job creation and capital investment, retaining existing or attracting new rail-served industries, and project readiness. Applicants provide a minimum of a 50% match for the project.

“This grant program has allowed us to make targeted investments in our rail network and industrial access sites that are making a real difference,” said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “These projects keep access points connected between rail and road, ensure timely performance, limit wear and tear on our roadways, and keep Kentuckians and our commerce moving.”

Bowling Green ITA was one of five projects to receive a grant through this recent round of funding through the KIASI program. The award of more than \$460,000 will rehabilitate 6,100 feet of existing rail spur and install new flashing-light signals at the Commonwealth Boulevard crossing.

“This KIASI grant is a significant investment in the reliability and safety of our regional freight infrastructure, critical for our advanced manufacturing base,” said Meredith Wilson, Bowling Green ITA Interim President/CEO. “Projects like this strengthen our supply chain connections, support existing industry, and signal to prospective companies that Bowling Green is a community that takes its infrastructure seriously. We're grateful to the Governor's Office and the Commonwealth for this investment in South Central Kentucky's economic future.”

To date, the Beshear administration has awarded \$17.3 million in KIASI grants that strengthen and support Kentucky's railway infrastructure, industrial sites and the state's economy.

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