



## Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

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### Transportation Cabinet approves \$85,780 for bicycle, pedestrian programs

*Local governments, organizations to receive funding for awareness, education, safety initiatives*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (Dec. 19, 2017) – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Secretary Greg Thomas has approved the issuance of \$85,780 in grants to improve bicycle and pedestrian initiatives. The grants are administered by the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission through the Paula Nye Memorial Bicyclist and Pedestrian Education Grant program. The grants are awarded to organizations, groups and local governments for bicycling or pedestrian awareness, education and safety projects.

“Bicycling and pedestrian travel are important parts of Kentucky’s transportation system,” said Thomas. “The Transportation Cabinet is pleased to continue working with our local partners to improve these systems, as well as promoting walking and bicycling as safe and efficient modes of travel.”

The 2017 grant recipients and award amounts are:

– Louisville Metro See and Be Seen Program	\$2,655
– Louisville Metro Summer Bike/Walk Sense	\$7,425
– Louisville Metro Adult Safety Program	\$2,000
– Bowling Green Greenways PSA Bike/Walk Education	\$6,000
– Louisville Norton Children’s Hospital Bicycle Safety/Skills	\$10,000
– Whitley County Health Department	\$3,000
– Transylvania University Statewide Bicycle Summit	\$18,000
– Downtown Lexington Corporation Foundation	\$2,500
– City of Newport	\$1,200
– Christian County Health Department	\$9,000
– City of Paris-Bourbon County YMCA Family Bike/Ped Safety Event	\$4,000
– YMCA Camp Ernst (Northern KY)	\$10,000
– Lexington Fayette Urban County Government	\$10,000

“I am pleased so many organizations in Kentucky have pursued and received the Paul Nye Grant award,” said Sen. Ernie Harris, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee. “Pedestrian and bicyclist safety always remain at the forefront of transportation issues in our state. I know these funds will be put to good use in making strides to ensure safety for pedestrians and bicyclists alike.”

Grant funding will go toward education and awareness initiatives, as well as the purchase of helmets, bicycles and safety gear.

“We received a large number of outstanding applications this year,” said KYTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator Troy Hearn. “These organizations and programs are working to increase bicycling and pedestrian travel as a viable means of transportation by improving safety, awareness and education. We look forward to seeing these programs grow and come to fruition across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.”

The grants are funded solely through the sale of Kentucky’s “Share the Road” specialty license plates. Funds are awarded directly to recipients, who are required to provide semi-annual financial reports. A final report is also required once all funds have been expended or projects completed.

The Paula Nye Memorial Bicyclist and Pedestrian Education Grant program was established in 2009. The program is named for Kentucky’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator from 2000-2005, who worked to make the Share the Road license plate a reality

Since its inception, the program has provided more than \$675,000 toward bicycle and pedestrian-related initiatives.

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