



Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Matthew G. Bevin, Governor

Greg Thomas, Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact: Jordan Smith
(502) 782-4828
jordan.smith@ky.gov**

Transportation Cabinet awards \$1.79 million in federal funding to Grant, Kenton counties for multimodal improvements

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 2, 2019) – Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announce \$1,795,723 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds have been awarded to two Department of Highways District 6 counties – Grant and Kenton – to improve infrastructure for non-drivers in the community.

“We are grateful for this significant federal TAP investment to benefit Grant and Kenton counties,” said Gov. Bevin. “Funds from this program enable local communities to implement important transportation projects that increase connectivity for diverse populations, such as non-driving and disabled Kentuckians.”

The award will fund the following projects:

- Grant County, City of Williamstown: \$1,593,534 – This project will fund the construction of a new section of trail to connect Dry Ridge Elementary and Grant County Middle School to housing, a sports facility, park, restaurants, and other amenities. Introducing this new walking/biking infrastructure will eliminate the “no walking to school” policy.
- Kenton County, City of Park Hills: \$202,189 – This project allows for the construction of a new sidewalk, providing pedestrian access to the Dixie Highway and Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky bus stop. The sidewalk creates a safe route for residents of large multi-family housing buildings and many single-family homes on St. Joseph Lane.

“These funds support many Cabinet priorities such as improved safety, increased access and more efficient modes of transportation,” said KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas. “We’re pleased this community will be able to make needed improvements to enhance the quality of life for Kentuckians.”

TAP is a federally funded reimbursement program administered through the Office of Local Programs in the KYTC’s Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. Funding assists communities in funding transportation improvements, such as safe bicycle and pedestrian pathways and/or facilities, safe routes to schools, scenic routes and overlooks and other investments. Projects may be a mix of elements and accessible to the general

public or targeted to a broad segment of the general public. This year, 14 projects were awarded funding statewide.

Funding for TAP is authorized as a dedicated portion of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding program under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which authorizes federal transportation funding from Fiscal Year 2016-2020.

For more information, please visit <https://transportation.ky.gov/LocalPrograms/Pages/TAP.aspx>

###