



## **Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**

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### **Transportation Cabinet awards \$149,492 in federal funding to Powell County for new sidewalk**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 2, 2019)** – Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announce \$149,492 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds have been awarded to the City of Stanton in Powell County to improve infrastructure for non-drivers in the community. The award will fund the construction of a 5 foot sidewalk along the south side of East Elkins Street and the east side of Ewen Street in Stanton to connect the east end of town to KY 213. This project provides improved pedestrian access to medical care, banks, post office and grocery stores from residential areas.

“We are grateful for this significant federal TAP investment to the city of Stanton,” 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.”

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.

“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.”

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>

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