



CABINET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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October 31, 2024

The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
Office of the Governor
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

RE: Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program of 2024
Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Dear Governor Beshear:

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GRANT Program of 2024

June 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024 Approved Applicants for Obligated Funds

Applicant Name	Project Title	Organization Type	Federal Funds Requested	Federal Grant Match Required %	GRANT Funds Committed	% of Total Project Cost	Local Match Required	Additional Funding	Total Project
June 17, 2024 Approvals									
1 Clinton County Fiscal Court	Clinton County Broadband Access Expansion Project	County	\$ 2,000,000	20%	\$ 500,000	20%	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 2,510,000
2 Laurel County Fiscal Court	Great Lane Manufacturing Building Infrastructure Expansion	County	\$ 304,360	30%	\$ 124,229	29%	\$ 6,211	\$ -	\$ 434,801
3 Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc.	Bowling Green Opportunity Center Expansion	501(c)(3)	\$ 2,500,000	20%	\$ 475,000	14%	\$ 23,750	\$ 516,250	\$ 3,515,000
4 Trimble County Fiscal Court	Trimble County Park Splash Pad	County	\$ 237,544	50%	\$ 232,885	49%	\$ 4,658	\$ -	\$ 475,088
5 The Appalachian Wildlife Foundation	Boone's Ridge 24	501(c)(3)	\$ 9,236,944	20%	\$ 2,263,958	20%	\$ 45,279	\$ -	\$ 11,546,181
6 City of Sacramento	Sacramento Gravity Sewer Project	City	\$ 1,250,000	100%	\$ 1,250,000	38%	\$ 25,000	\$ 785,113	\$ 3,310,114
7 City of Morganfield	Morganfield Splashpad	City	\$ 144,625	50%	\$ 72,313	25%	\$ 723	\$ 71,589	\$ 289,251
8 Magoffin County Fiscal Court	KY 542/1502 and KY 378 Water Project	County	\$ 1,250,000	20%	\$ 242,959	10%	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,018,511	\$ 2,513,900
9 City of Morganfield	US-60 Sidewalk	City	\$ 916,412	20%	\$ 227,723	20%	\$ 2,277	\$ -	\$ 1,146,412
10 Lewis County Fiscal Court	Lewis County Port	County	\$ 578,400	20%	\$ 140,600	19%	\$ 1,406	\$ 2,594	\$ 723,000
11 Owsley County Action Team	OCAAT Structural Improvements Project	501(c)(3)	\$ 287,040	20%	\$ 71,050	20%	\$ 710	\$ -	\$ 358,800
12 City of Clinton	City of Clinton Sewer Lift Station Relocation	City	\$ 1,826,783	20%	\$ 210,000	10%	\$ 2,100	\$ -	\$ 2,038,883
13 Mayfield Kentucky Industrial Development Authority	Mayfield Maker Space	501(c)(3)	\$ 2,998,103	20%	\$ 550,000	15%	\$ 16,500	\$ -	\$ 3,564,603
14 Johnson County Fiscal Court	Honey Branch Regional Sewer Upgrade and Expansion (ARC)	County	\$ 2,400,000	20%	\$ 600,000	20%	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ 3,014,000
15 Johnson County Fiscal Court	Honey Branch Regional Sewer Upgrade and Expansion (EDA)	County	\$ 3,200,000	20%	\$ 800,000	20%	\$ 18,667	\$ -	\$ 4,018,667
16 Johnson County Fiscal Court	KY RT 321 Shared Use Path	County	\$ 4,714,887	20%	\$ 1,178,722	20%	\$ 35,362	\$ -	\$ 5,928,971
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Jun-24							
1 Greenup County Board of Education	Going Green in Greenup: Improved Energy Efficiency with Ties to Student Learning	501(c)(3)	\$ 1,619,095.00	6/5/2024	Not registered with SOS		
2 MOLO Village Community Development Corporation	The Village @ West Jefferson TOO!	501(c)(3)	\$ 7,748,835.00	6/5/2024	Missing local letter of support; Not registered with SOS	Ineligible federal grant	
3 City of Fulton	Pontotoc Park Improvements	City	\$ 125,000.00	6/5/2024	Missing local letter of support		
4 Mercer County Fiscal Court	Wilkinson Farm Megasite - Industrial Site Improvements	County	\$ 4,676,923.00	6/5/2024		Federal grant does not require match	
5 City of Eminence	Coach D Park Turf Installation	City	\$ 36,017.00	6/5/2024	Need updated local resolution		
6 McCreary County Heritage Foundation	Historic Stearns Downtown Revitalization	501(c)(3)	\$ 600,000.00	6/5/2024	Missing info on application; Need local letter of support		
7 McCreary County Heritage Foundation	Historic Downtown Stearns 2024 Preservation Project	501(c)(3)	\$ 1,000,000.00	6/5/2024	Missing info on application; Need local letter of support	Scored below minimum of 60	
8 City of Russell Springs	Russell Springs City Park Par 3 Project	501(c)(3)	\$ 194,496.00	6/5/2024		Ineligible federal grant	
9 Russell County Fiscal Court	Lake Cumberland Regional Multiplex	County	\$ 10,000,000.00	6/5/2024	Missing info on application; Need local letter of support	Ineligible federal grant	
10 Calloway County Fiscal Court	Murray-Calloway County Adult Training Center	County	\$ 500,000.00	6/5/2024		Federal grant does not require match	
11 University of Kentucky Research Foundation	Climate Resilience through Multidisciplinary Big Data Learning, Prediction & Building Response Systems (CLIMBS)	501(c)(3)	\$ 4,000,000.00	6/5/2024 - Updated on 6/25/24	Need local letters of support	Ineligible federal grant	

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12 The Murray Art Guild	Murray Art Guild Project	501(c)(3)	\$ 250,000.00	6/5/2024		Ineligible federal grant	
13 Nicholas County Fiscal Court	Nicholas County/Bourbon County Regional Industrial Park Onsite and Offsite Improvements	County	\$ 1,250,000.00	6/5/2024		Ineligible federal grant	
14 LexArts Inc.	Lexington's Untold Stories	501(c)(3)	\$ 100,000.00	6/5/2024		Ineligible federal grant	
15 City of Cave City	Boys & Girls Club of the Caverns	City	\$ 300,000.00	6/5/2024	Missing info on application; Need local letter of support		
16 Bracken County Fiscal Court	Bracken County EMS Renovation & Expansion	County	\$ 1,105,000.00	6/21/2024		Federal award date outside of 12-month window	
17 Perry County Fiscal Court	Rowdy Trailhead & Campground Project	County	\$ 2,338,900.00	6/21/2024		Federal award date outside of 12-month window	
18 City of North Middletown	City of North Middletown Fire Station	City	\$ 319,722.00	6/21/2024			Need clarity on federal % required and funding sources
19 Johnson County Fiscal Court	Honey Brach Regional Sewer Upgrade and Expansion (ARC-POWER)	County	\$ 500,000.00	6/21/2024			Need clarity on federal % required and funding sources
			\$ 36,663,988.00				