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Gov. Beshear announces \$51.9 million in community funding

Projects help revitalize neighborhoods, improve quality of life

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 12, 2009) — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced \$51.9 million has been approved to advance community projects across the commonwealth through three important federal funding programs — Transportation Enhancement, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, and Safe Routes to Schools.

“These projects will help revitalize and improve quality of life in neighborhoods throughout Kentucky,” Gov. Beshear said. “It’s particularly important to support community development projects when local governments are struggling in a harsh economic climate.

Investing in these projects will not only improve infrastructure and improve the air we breathe — it will also pay dividends by providing jobs for Kentuckians,” Gov. Beshear said.

The funding comprises \$29 million for Transportation Enhancement projects, \$19.3 million for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality projects, and \$3.57 million for Safe Routes to Schools projects.

“These federally funded investments allow communities to move forward with projects that will make a positive impact for local residents,” Transportation Secretary Joe Prather said.

The projects include streetscape enhancements, walking and biking paths, traffic management improvements and park-and-ride opportunities.

The cabinet’s Office of Local Programs administers the grants and will contact recipient communities within a couple of weeks. More information about the federal programs is available at <http://tea21.ky.gov>.

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Editors: A spreadsheet of approved grants is attached.