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**Gov. Andy Beshear Announces \$500,000 in Grants to Four Kentucky Riverports  
for Infrastructure Improvements, Equipment**  
*Upgrades being made for safety, efficiency*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 30, 2022)** – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced the awarding of \$500,000 in grants to four Kentucky riverports for needed infrastructure improvements and equipment upgrades.

“Our Kentucky riverports play a unique role in our commerce and our transportation system. We’re pleased to be able to provide funding for these worthy projects,” Gov. Beshear said.

The funding, which must be locally matched, was awarded for eight separate projects at four riverports. Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray approved the awards at the recommendation of the Kentucky Water Transportation Advisory Board, which reviewed the applications.

“The grants will help these riverports meet a range of needs for both operations and capacity,” Secretary Gray said.

**Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority:**

- \$105,058 toward purchase of a new winch system to position barges for loading/unloading.
- \$110,229 to turn three acres of property into a dry bulk storage yard.

**Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority:**

- \$50,000 toward an array of stabilization and safety repairs to three aging mooring cells.
- \$31,800 for dredging around port docks.

**Owensboro Riverport Authority:**

- \$57,490 toward replacement of a crane bucket.
- \$36,790 toward purchase of a wheel loader to replace a skid steer.
- \$35,912 toward a new and larger grapple for loading steel scrap barges.

**Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority:**

- \$72,721 toward construction of a steel commodity hopper and gate system.

The funding was appropriated by the 2022 General Assembly.

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