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Gov. Beshear Announces \$6.5 Million in Awards to Improve Local Bridges

Funding supports 10 bridge projects in eight counties, two cities

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 12, 2026) – Today, Gov. Beshear announced nearly \$6.5 million for 10 critical bridge projects across eight Kentucky counties and two cities. The funding will help Kentuckians get where they need to go quicker and more safely through repairs, replacements and reopenings of locally owned bridges.

“These projects are about more than just infrastructure, they’re about the people they connect and the opportunities they create,” said **Gov. Beshear**. “By investing in these improvements, we are supporting commerce, tourism and job creation in these communities for years to come.”

This was the latest round of funding from Team Kentucky’s County and City Bridge Improvement Program, which has now awarded over \$45 million to local governments since the first round in 2025. A list of the newly awarded projects can be [viewed here](#). This sixth round of awards funds nine bridge replacements and one bridge repair. Four of the 10 bridges are currently closed, and the others are posted with weight restrictions.

Each project was reviewed and validated by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) engineers to ensure the most effective solutions.

“Our local bridges provide vital connections across the Commonwealth,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. “Keeping them safe and accessible is our commitment to every Kentuckian in every community.”

Among the latest awards to address bridge needs are projects in the following counties: Anderson, Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Graves, Green, Marion and Union – as well as the cities of Mayfield and Vine Grove.

The City of Mayfield received \$810,000 to replace the Bellemeade Drive bridge. The funds will restore access for vehicles weighing more than 3 tons, reducing travel time and improving traffic flow for motorists.

“Last fall, we learned that this bridge had been downgraded from an 18-ton capability to a 3-ton,” said Mayfield Mayor Kathy O’Nan. “Immediately, our public works department got to work on a temporary fix to bring it back up to an 18-ton capability. That’s where we are today, and we want to sincerely thank Team Kentucky, Governor Andy Beshear, who never forgets Mayfield, Secretary Jim Gray, Commissioner Bobbi Jo Lewis, and Chief District Engineer Kyle Poat.”

Anderson County Fiscal Court received nearly \$750,000 to replace the Crawford Road bridge, which is currently closed, with a stronger metal deck. The new structure will reestablish a safe route for local travelers and hay delivery to cattle farms, as it did in the past, for years to come.

“Thank you to the Governor, Secretary Gray, and Commissioner Lewis,” said Anderson County Judge/Executive Orbrey Gritton. “We don’t have funds locally to afford a project like this, but thankfully, with this program, we’re going to get this bridge replaced. It’s a major thoroughfare that cuts miles off travel, farmers use it to gain access to their farms, and we’re hopeful this program will continue to serve our county and many others like ours.”

Green County received just over \$441,000 to replace the bridge on Doc Ward Road. Once complete, travelers and local motorists will no longer need to use the 2-mile detour currently in place for vehicles weighing over 9 tons.

“I’m very pleased to learn that we received funding to replace the bridge on Doc Ward Road. [Currently,] nothing can cross except passenger vehicles, and lots of agricultural traffic is on this road,” said Green County Judge/Executive John Frank. “So, this will be a very good thing for Green County. I want to thank the Governor, Transportation Cabinet, Secretary Gray, Commissioner Bobbi Jo Lewis, and our local officials. This is what it takes – everybody working together for the common good of every county.”

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