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Gov. Beshear Awards \$4.8 Million for Pedestrian Projects, Stormwater Improvements

Five projects funded to improve sidewalks, complete trail, install drains

Gov. Andy Beshear today announced more than \$4.8 million in transportation funding to improve non-motorized transportation and improve sidewalks, bike trails and more in five Kentucky counties. “These projects allow people to get around without driving and enjoy Kentucky’s beautiful outdoors whether they are walking or biking,” said Gov. Beshear. “I want to thank the local leaders working on these projects. Your partnership is helping us build a better Kentucky for all of our communities.” Funding will be awarded for the following projects:

Scott County – \$2,318,400 toward construction to support Phase 1 of the Scott County Legacy Trail for pedestrians, bicycles and other nonmotorized transportation. The project area extends from the end of the Fayette County Legacy Trail to residential areas along School House Road in Scott County. Along the way it crosses Interstate 75 and KY Route 1963 (Lisle Road) and runs through the county’s Lisle Road Soccer Complex. Scott County Fiscal Court is providing \$579,600 for the project.

City of London – \$1,378,400 for repair and replacement of sidewalks on nine blocks of Main Street. It’s an area of heavy pedestrian use, including citizens with motorized wheelchairs. London Elementary School is in the project area and two others, North Laurel and South Laurel middle schools, are within 2 miles.

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4 Reasons Skilled Trades Are More Important Than Ever

Exploring the post-pandemic workforce & industry demand

The past three years have shown the world what many of us already knew: Skilled trade jobs directly and indirectly impact nearly every facet of American life.

It's nearly impossible to watch the news without hearing stories about jobs, the economy and the workforce in general. In our post-pandemic world, people across multiple generations upset the apple cart when it came to the "great resignation." However, one thing has been clearer than the sunshine on a fresh spring day — skilled trades have emerged as an area of focus for not only business and political leaders, but for the individuals who are entering the workforce and making decisions about their careers.

Let's take a closer look at what sets our industry apart and why skilled trades are more important than ever.

1. There is a growing demand for a skilled trade workforce.

According to ManpowerGroup, skilled trades are the hardest positions to fill. In addition, a large number of skilled trade workers are nearing or at retirement age. This means there is a large gap in employment that will need to be filled on top of the gap that already exists today. Only one in five students graduating from high school have indicated an interest in pursuing a skilled trade — causing alarm that is rippling through a variety of industries. Today, the high demand for skilled trade workers means the opportunity for increased earnings, the ability to take advantage of flexibility that may not have previously existed in certain markets, and long-term job security as it's been proven that skilled trade positions are not going anywhere anytime soon.

2. The work is fulfilling.

Talk to the dedicated people who build and solve problems with their hands every day, and they'll most likely tell you the work is fulfilling and gratifying. There is something uniquely rewarding about using your problem-solving skills and creating solutions in a real-life environment where you can experience direct results. Whether you're moving dirt on a jobsite, meticulously placing metal on an assembly line, or operating multimillion-dollar equipment to build homes and commercial buildings, the process of making something from nothing creates fulfillment that is difficult to replicate.

3. Opportunities for professional growth.

Whether individuals who enter the skilled trades arena are completing apprenticeships or joining larger programs and corporations, there is incredible opportunity for growth.

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- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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