

1 AN ACT relating to the Trail Town operations grant fund and making an
2 appropriation therefor.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 148 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Cabinet" means the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet;

8 (b) "Qualifying Trail Town" means a location that the Kentucky Department
9 of Tourism has certified as a Trail Town; and

10 (c) "Recipient" means a qualifying Trail Town that has received grant money
11 in accordance with subsection (3)(a) of this section.

12 (2) (a) The Trail Town operations grant fund is established. The cabinet shall
13 provide grants not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to each
14 recipient.

15 (b) Any grant issued by the cabinet shall be utilized to assist a recipient in:

16 1. Maintaining and renovating trails, including but not limited to
17 equipment purchases used primarily for maintenance of trails and
18 trail facilities and construction and repair of trail kiosks, trail walking
19 bridges, and trail facilities; and

20 2. Promoting and marketing recipient's trail activities including but not
21 limited to the purchase and installation of signage.

22 (3) The cabinet shall:

23 (a) Determine the terms and conditions of each grant, including the application
24 process and the grant amount distributed;

25 (b) Monitor the performance of the recipient; and

26 (c) By November 1, 2024, and by each November 1 thereafter, report to the
27 Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint

1 Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Interim Joint
2 Committee on Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology
3 information about each grant award issued, including:

- 4 1. The name of the recipient;
5 2. The amount of moneys originally granted;
6 3. The terms of the grant award and whether the recipient is currently
7 meeting those terms; and
8 4. How the recipient used the grant award related to maintaining or
9 renovating the recipient's trails and facilities or promoting or
10 marketing the recipient's trail activities.

11 (4) (a) The fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be a trust and agency
12 account.

13 (b) The cabinet shall administer the fund.

14 (c) The fund shall consist of appropriations, contributions, donations, gifts, or
15 federal funds.

16 (d) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the
17 close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the
18 succeeding fiscal year.

19 (e) Any interest earnings of the fund shall become a part of the fund and shall
20 not lapse.

21 (f) Moneys deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose
22 of providing grants to recipients.

23 (5) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS
24 Chapter 13A to implement this section within sixty (60) days after creation of the
25 fund described in subsection (2) of this section.