

# TRANSIT, TOLL CREDITS

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
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# Public Transit in Kentucky

- **3 Large Urban Systems**



- **6 Small Urban Systems**

- Ashland, Owensboro, Bowling Green, Elizabethtown & Henderson

- **26 Suburban and Rural Systems**

- Suburban and rural systems provide transportation in nearly every county in the state



# Public Transit in Kentucky

- Provide more than **30 million** trips annually
  - To healthcare; To school; To jobs





# Public Transit in Kentucky

- **Jobs** - Over **11 million** work-based trips annually



Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky  
International Airport



# Context

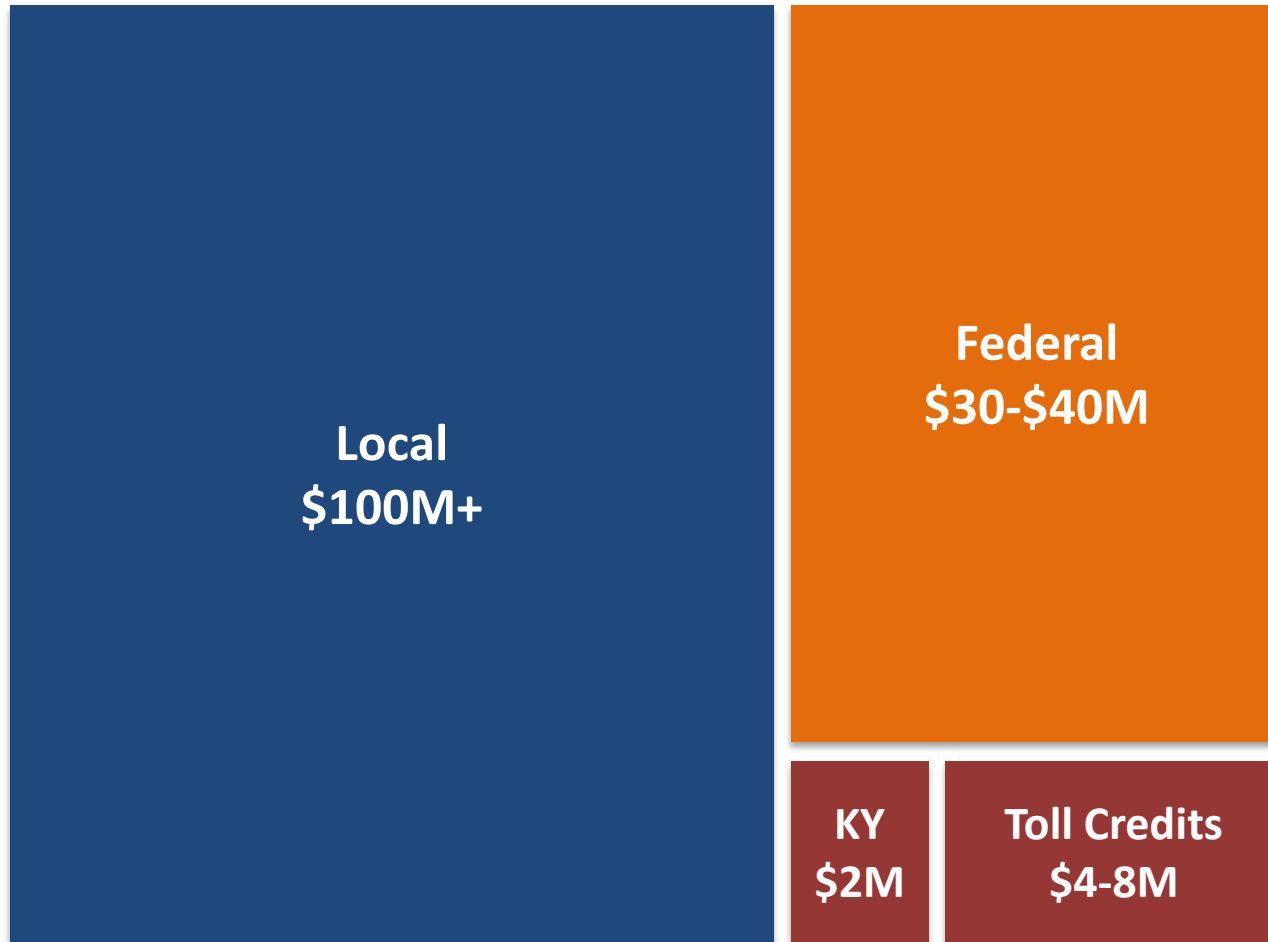
- Response to COVID-19: **Deemed Essential Service Providers**
- Move essential workers to jobs at hospitals, warehouses, distribution facilities, and grocery stores.
- Access to essential needs like grocery, dialysis, and cancer treatments.
- As the economy recovers, need for more service and more buses to allow for adequate distance between passengers.



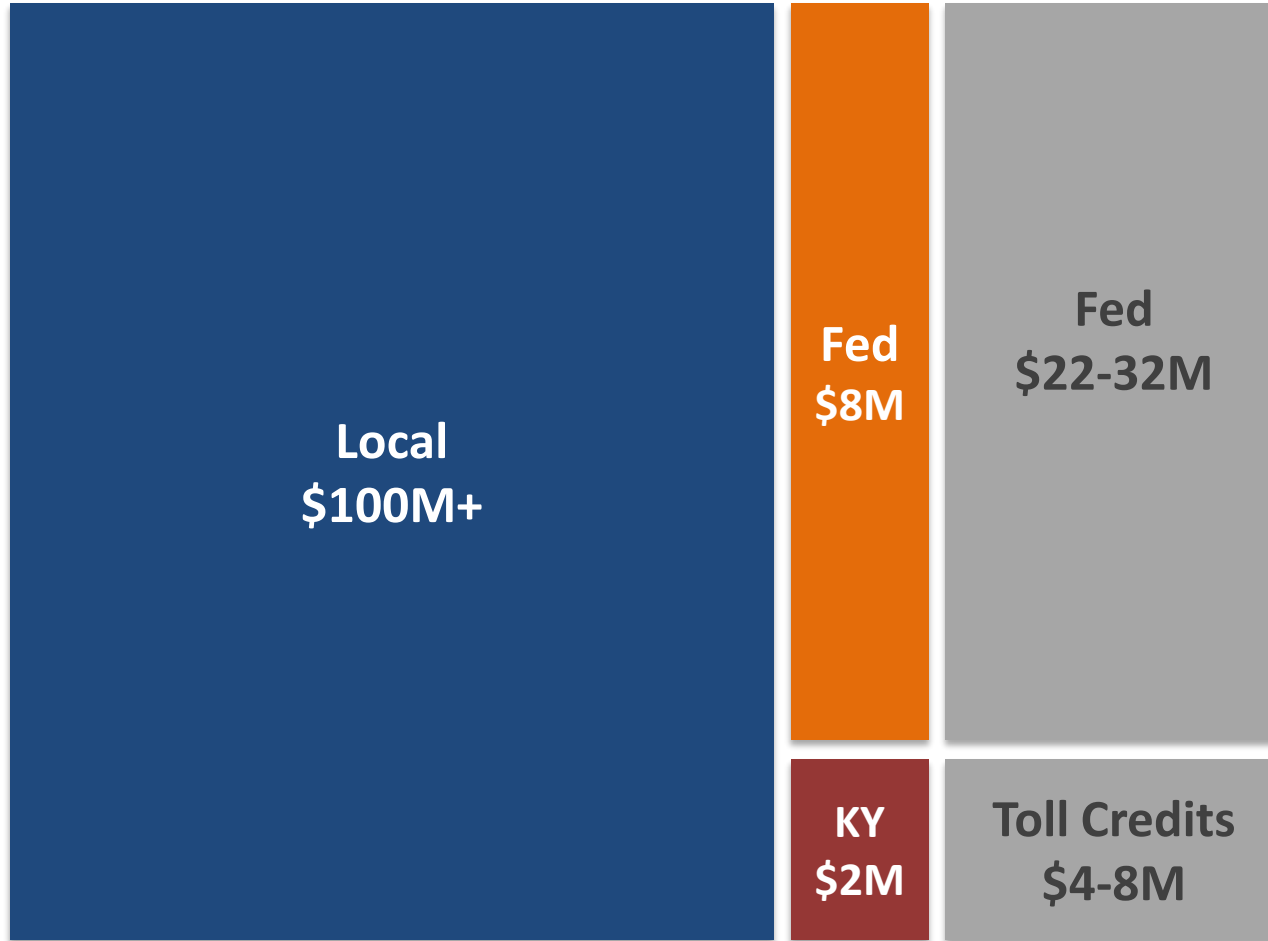
# Funding

- Surrounding States (OH, IN, TN) investing **5 to 15 times more** per capita in public transit than KY.
- FY 21 budget allocated some VW Settlement money to match bus purchases.
- **Draft FY 21 budget included a fix for toll credits.**
- **Final FY 21 budget did not.**
  - Now very little match for non-bus capital needs
  - Still no identified solution to the toll credit crisis

# Public Transit Funding 2019

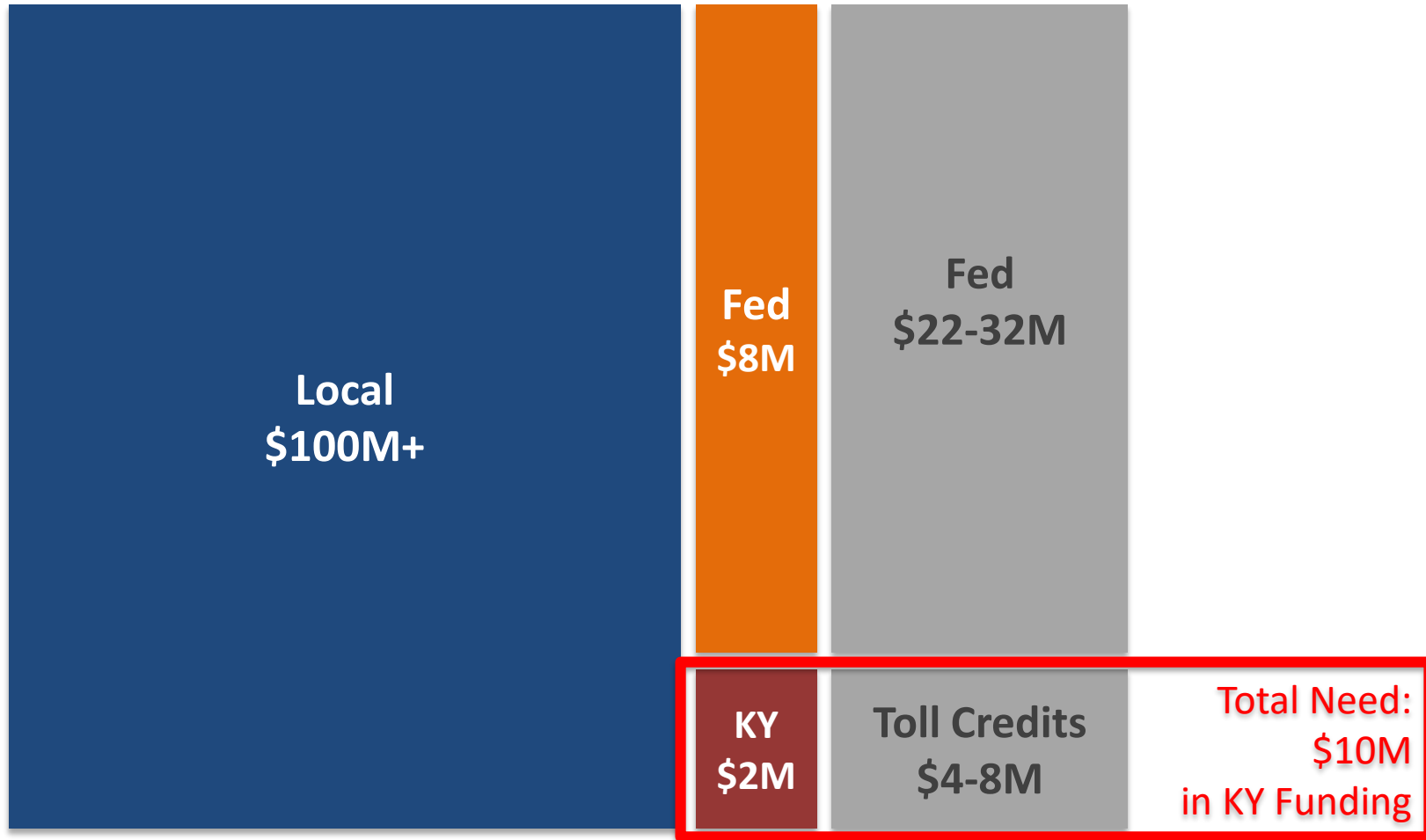


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# Public Transit Funding

- We need to identify long-term solution to toll credits crisis.
- Without a solution in the general fund budget, **tens of millions of federal dollars allocated to Kentucky's essential transit agencies will go unmatched each year.**

