

Gov. Bevin Announces Nearly \$3.5 Million in Community Development Block Grants

Grants will fund housing rehabilitation projects across five counties

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GEORGETOWN, Ky. (Aug. 16, 2019) – Gov. Matt Bevin today joined federal, state and local officials in Georgetown to announce \$3,471,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for housing rehabilitation projects across the Commonwealth.

These federal funds, allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Kentucky Department for Local Government (DLG), will benefit 45 families in central, north, east and west Kentucky.

"We are excited to announce nearly \$3.5 million in CDBG funding that will benefit families here in Georgetown and across the Commonwealth," said Gov. Bevin. "Increasing safe, affordable housing is vital to strengthening our communities and promoting economic opportunity. We are grateful to our federal, state and local partners who will help us make these projects a reality for homeowners in Campbell, Christian, Hopkins, Perry and Scott counties."

CDBG awards include:

- \$804,000 to the Campbell County Fiscal Court for the rehabilitation of six vacant and dilapidated houses for sale to low- and moderate-income families,
- \$791,000 to the City of Hazard (Perry County), for the acquisition and demolition of a shopping center to construct 15 new single-family homes,
- \$366,000 to the City of Crofton (Christian County), for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of five homes for low- and moderate-income families,
- \$510,000 to the City of Georgetown (Scott County), for the rehabilitation of eight homes in the Boston area, and
- \$1,000,000 to the Hopkins County Fiscal Court for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of 11 homes for low- and moderate-income families.

Mayor Tom Prather noted the impact of today's grant announcements, which took place in a ceremony at Georgetown City Hall.

"Georgetown is delighted to host Gov. Bevin for these important announcements! We are excited about efforts to improve our neighborhoods, and grants like the Governor announced today are critical to the success of each community represented," he said.

Members of the community's delegation to the General Assembly also celebrated the major CDBG funding awards.

"These critical projects are an excellent illustration of government agencies working together to improve communities in all corners of the Commonwealth," said Senate Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, of Georgetown. "This investment will have a tremendous impact on the quality of

affordable housing in Georgetown and in other communities across Kentucky. I'm grateful to Gov. Bevin and the Department for Local Government for their support of this project."

"Increasing the available stock of affordable housing and improving our neighborhoods are two very important issues in the City of Georgetown," said Representative Phillip Pratt, of Georgetown.

"These grant awards provide a much-needed opportunity to revitalize our communities, and I'm grateful to Gov. Bevin and DLG Commissioner Sandy Dunahoo for coordinating these grants."

The CDBG grant program, overseen by HUD, provides assistance to communities for use in revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing and economic opportunities, providing infrastructure and/or improving community facilities and services. CDBG projects must comply with federal regulations, and funding is determined based upon project needs, reasonable costs, and overall effectiveness.

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