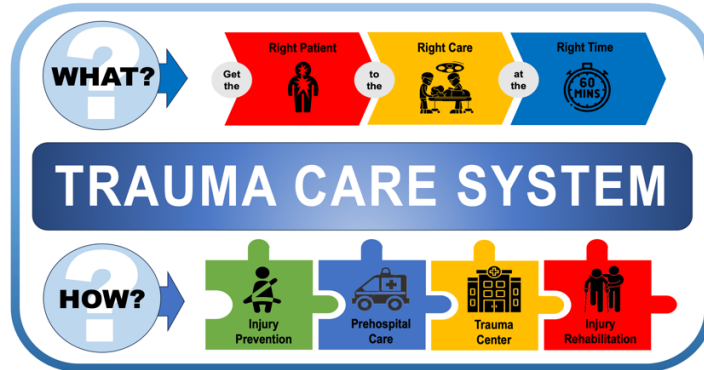


# Rural Trauma System Funding

The System  
**IS**  
the Solution



**RURAL** trauma care poses a problem that requires a **SYSTEM** solution

- Major injuries require life-saving treatment in the first 60 minutes (the **GOLDEN HOUR**).
- The majority of **RURAL** Kentuckians still have limited access to such life-saving care.

The Legislature authorized the trauma system in 2008 but has **NEVER** funded it.

- Volunteers and donations have made substantial **SYSTEM** progress.
- The "ask" is for annual funding for state **OVERSIGHT** to coordinate current and recruit additional **RURAL** Level III/IV capabilities.
  - It is **NOT** intended for urban Level I and Level II facilities--or for paying ambulances, hospitals, providers, or medical bills.
  - It **IS** intended for **RURAL** system oversight, injury prevention, EMS/first responder training, and coordinating inter-hospital transfer.

The **SYSTEM** Return on Investment (ROI) includes--

- Improved **RURAL** survival rates at lower cost.
- Mitigation of **RURAL** health disparities.
- Enhanced **RURAL** disaster preparedness.