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SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Economic Development, Tourism, & Environmental Protection

Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development

KENTUCKY IS WINNING

CONTINUED MOMENTUM

2025 SILVER SHOVEL

Area Development named Kentucky a Silver Shovel Award winner, celebrating the commonwealth's exceptional performance in job creation & capital investment throughout 2024

2025 CICI AWARDS

TOP 15: Community Impact
BE&E project in Muhlenberg County

2025 PROSPERITY CUP

TOP 10

Kentucky ranked 6th nationally in its 2025 Prosperity Cup ranking, which recognizes state-level economic development agencies for their success in landing capital investment projects.

2024 GOVERNOR'S CUP

TOP 5

Kentucky has once again placed in the top five for economic development projects per capita by Site Selection magazine, a placement the state has held during all five years of this administration.

AREA
DEVELOPMENT



SITE
SELECTION
MAGAZINE

HOW KENTUCKY IS WINNING

FEWER PROGRAMS | LESS CASH | COMPETITIVE POSITIONING

TEAM KENTUCKY SPEED TO MARKET- APPROACH

Coordination on Federal, State & Local Permitting

Process Driven to Deliver on Time

COORDINATED & SEAMLESS WORKFORCE ASSISTANCE

SWATT Provides Structure

KCTCS is the Fulcrum

Talent Manager for New and Existing Expansions

BSSC Funds

INVESTMENT IN PRODUCT

KPDI Is Paying Off

Due Diligence Funding to Provide Data

No Surprises

PLACEMAKING, INFRASTRUCTURE & LOCAL LEADERSHIP

GRANT has created a Leverage of \$7 to \$1

Federal grants for Infrastructure

Turf Meetings and Trust

TRANSPORTATION ADVANTAGES

#1 State for Air Cargo by weight

Less than a Days Drive to 54% of Nations Population

Roads, Air, Rail and Water Modes of Transportation

INCENTIVE OFFERINGS THAT ARE CLEAR & VALUE ADDED

Performance Based

Remove Obstacles

Includes Community Support

Economic Development SUCCESS

HIGH-WAGE
JOBS

ECONOMIC
GROWTH

EDF

CLOSING FUND

BSSC

**EVERY
PROJECT**
Comes Down
to **A Choice**

KBI

KEIA

KJRA

LEADERSHIP REMOVES
UNCERTAINTY

INCENTIVES • PERMITS • CLEAR SHARED EXPECTATIONS

RESIDENTS WHO ARE WELCOMING

OPTIMISM • ALIGNED LEADERS • ENGAGED COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY VISION

A COMPELLING ACTION ORIENTED PLAN THAT IS REALISTIC

SHARED *RESPONSIBILITY* – SHARED *OPPORTUNITY*

WHY?							
OUR VISION	TEAM KENTUCKY: Great jobs for neighbors supporting one another to build a better Kentucky with an economy that works for all residents & not just a few						
WHAT?							
OUR MISSION	Earn trust, be strategic and a super collaborator in growing jobs, investments and opportunity in all our interdependent communities						
STRATEGIC IMPERATIVES	A Global Winner in the Automotive Future	A Leader in the US Manufacturing Renaissance	Natural Assets: Capitalize on what makes KY unique, including logistics, hospitality & tourism	Capture our fair share of tomorrow's jobs in business, financial & professional services, including remote work	Invest in high-potential areas like aerospace, agritech & life sciences		
HOW?							
OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES	COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS: Best products, proactive marketing and closure mentality	WORKFORCE: Seamless, process driven & measurable clear wins in coordinated efforts on workforce delivery	ENTREPRENEURISM & INNOVATION: Refresh strategy, focus on results and measure impact of all process partners	INFRASTRUCTURE: Forward thinking and data driven approach for all industrial sites across KY. GRANT/KPDI delivering results	PLACEMAKING: Create welcoming communities with measurable quality-of-life benefits. Deliver on Opportunity Zones		
LEADERSHIP BEHAVIORS	Lead with Impact: Straight Talk: Bias for Action with Accountability	Serve	Listen	Build	Lead	Shared Responsibilities	Shared Opportunities
OUR VALUES	Respect	Inclusion & Diversity	Teamwork	Compliance	Spirit of Winning with Integrity		

2026 GOALS	\$10 / \$21 BILLION INVESTMENT	\$28.75 AVG. HOURLY WAGE	15% TEAM KY ED/ SITE MEDIA ENGAGEMENT	1,300 COMPLIANCE REVIEWS	3,600 ENTREPRENEURS SERVED	750 BUSINESS APPLICATIONS APPROVED
	9,000 NEW JOBS	150 STARTUPS FUNDED	+20% OVERALL IMPRESSIONS	\$75 M KEI APPROVED	26,000 JOBS FUNDED	\$50 M PRIVATE CAPITAL LEVERAGED
						BRE 100 FACILITY & 60 COUNTY VISITS

THE ROADMAP

IDENTIFIES 10 SHARED PRIORITIES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

5 PRIORITY SECTORS

Where Kentucky could focus



PRIORITY SECTOR 1

Automotive

Win the automotive future



PRIORITY SECTOR 2

Manufacturing

Be a leader in the U.S. manufacturing renaissance



PRIORITY SECTOR 3

Natural Assets

Capitalize on what makes Kentucky unique, including supporting distribution and logistics and hospitality and tourism



PRIORITY SECTOR 4

Business, Financial, & Professional Services

Capture Kentucky's fair share of tomorrow's jobs across the Commonwealth, including through remote work



PRIORITY SECTOR 5

Investing in High-potential Opportunities

Make intelligent moves to cultivate industry clusters, including aerospace, agritech, and life sciences



5 PRIORITY ENABLERS

What Kentucky could do to win in priority sectors



PRIORITY ENABLER 1

Competitive Products

Invest to compete in strategic sectors



PRIORITY ENABLER 2

Workforce

Partner to develop, energize, and support the workforce of the future



PRIORITY ENABLER 3

Entrepreneurism & Innovation

Catalyze ecosystems to build Kentucky's reputation as a "make and ideate," "launch-ready state"



PRIORITY ENABLER 4

Infrastructure

Coordinate across Kentucky to accelerate growth



PRIORITY ENABLER 5

Placemaking

Synchronize community and business efforts to build welcoming, inclusive, and diverse communities that enhance quality of life

HOW KY COULD
ACHIEVE SUCCESS



Multi-level Collaboration Across Economic Developers

Build winning capabilities and accelerate collaboration across the local, regional, and state-level

OVERVIEW

GRANT PROGRAM

2023 Regular Session created GRANT Program in House Bill 9

- Administered by the Department for Local Government
- Purpose was to attract new federal funds to the state

2024 Regular Session created GRANT Program of 2024 in House Bill 723

- Administered by the Cabinet for Economic Development
- \$200 million appropriation

2026 Regular Session changed the GRANT Program in House Bill 647

- Additional \$100 million appropriation across two fiscal years (2027 and 2028)

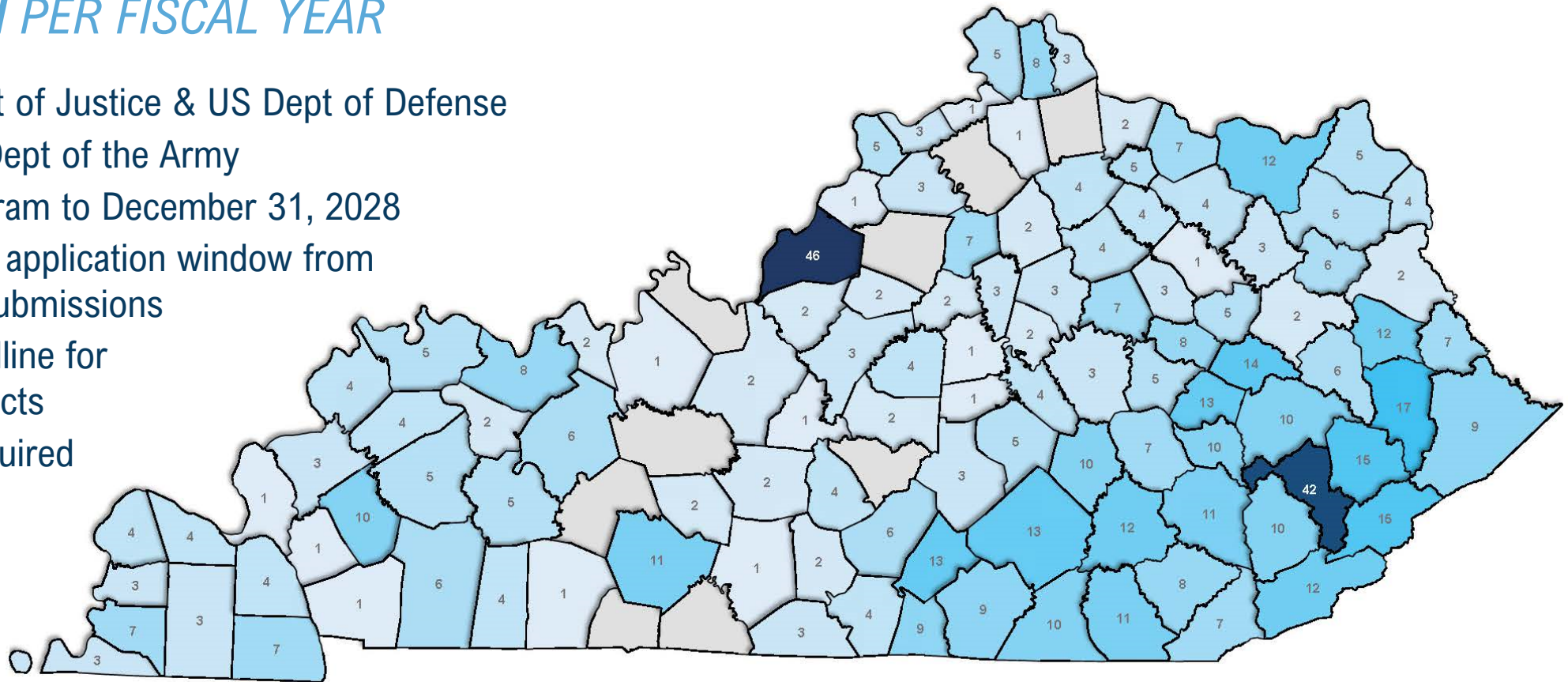
GRANT PROGRAM

HB 647

ADDITIONAL FUNDS

\$50 MILLION PER FISCAL YEAR

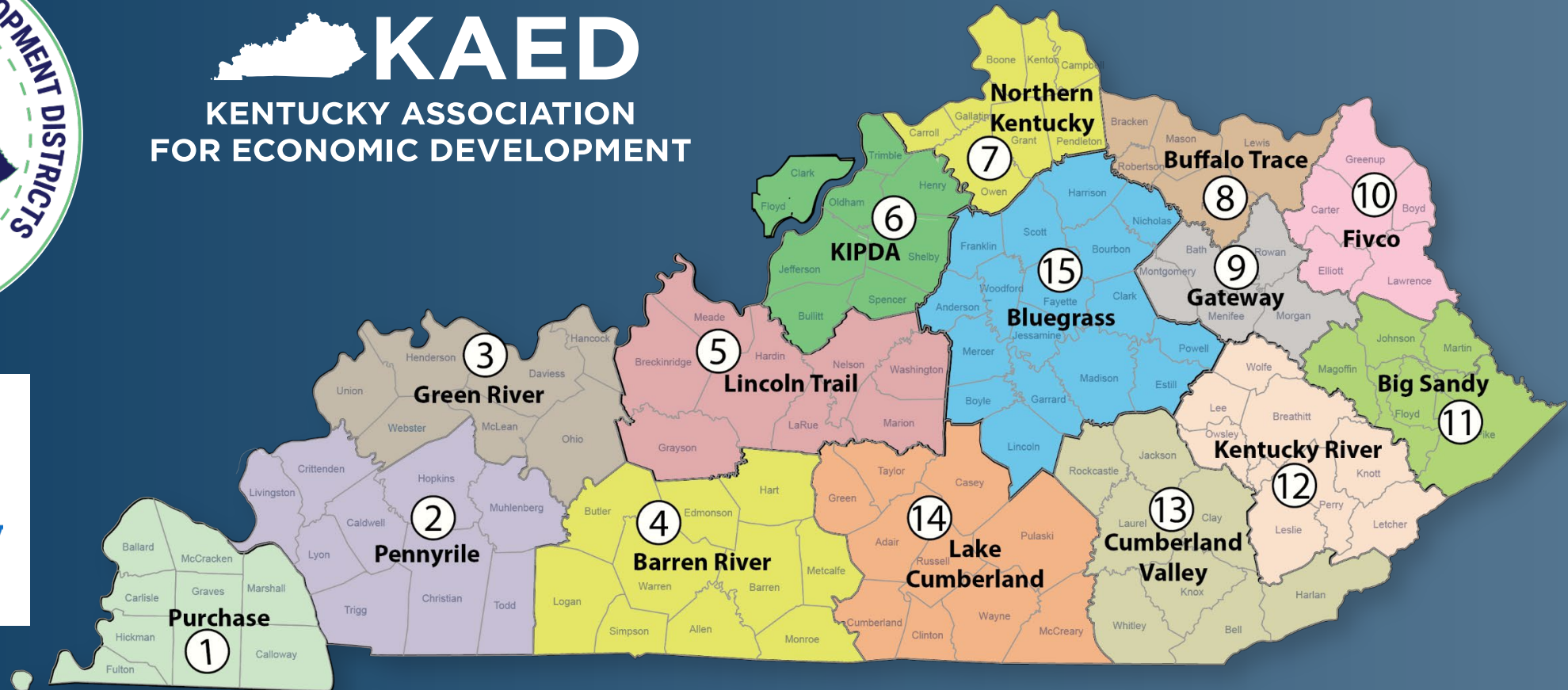
- Added US Dept of Justice & US Dept of Defense
- Removed US Dept of the Army
- Extended program to December 31, 2028
- 90-day GRANT application window from federal grant submissions
- Extension deadline for approved projects
- Increase in required local match (2% - 10%)



GRANT PROGRAM PARTNERS



 **KAED**
KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION
FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



KEY PROGRAM DEFINITIONS

ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT	• County or City Governing Body • 501 (c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization engaged in public benefits improvements • Any entity organized in Kentucky providing public services through specific organizations*
ELIGIBLE PROJECT	• Publicly owned property; • Property to be acquired which comes with either of the following: ○ Legally binding letter of intent or option for the sale to an Eligible Grant Recipient; OR ○ Legally binding sale agreement for the sale to an Eligible Grant Recipient • Private property on which a project is located that is in the public interest, for a public purpose and benefits an eligible community.
ELIGIBLE USE	• Enhance economic vitality, including revitalization of structures with a public purpose or benefit; • Promote or develop an artistic or philanthropic purpose; • Improve traditional infrastructure; • Create or enhance telecommunications infrastructure; • Promote agricultural activities and development; • Enhance development of previously mined areas or areas previously used by the coal industry and other industrial activities into uses that diversify the local economy; • Create or expand recreational facilities; • Acquire private property that promotes local economic vitality & housing development/enhancement; • Preserve or enhance buildings that are of local historic or economic interest; • Restore or create retail facilities, including related service, parking and transportation facilities, to revitalize decaying downtown areas; • Construct or expand other facilities that promote or enhance economic development or tourism opportunities; • Provide facilities and activities for local residents that enhance quality of life; <i>* Program requires a local participation</i>

* Complete list of Key Program Definitions can be found in the “***Just the Facts: GRANT Program***” published on the website – ced.ky.gov/grant.

FEDERAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS

GRANT PROGRAM

FEDERAL GRANT / PROGRAM MUST

- Require matching funds; or
- Be a Delta Regional Authority project that explicitly states a match will make the application more competitive
- Have a submitted application within 90 days of the submitted GRANT Program application

Projects are limited to the minimum matching funds required by the federal grant/program

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

GRANT PROGRAM

LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED

- Statutory calculation based on population
- 2% to 10% of GRANT Program funds

SCORING REQUIRED

- Based on Return on Investment and Relative Positive Impact
- Minimum of 60 points to qualify



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

FEDERAL GRANT SPONSORING AGENCY

FEDERAL GRANT MUST BE SPONSORED/ADMINISTERED BY:



Delta Regional Authority (DRA)



U.S. Department of Homeland Security



U.S. Department of Defense



U.S. Department of Justice



National Science Foundation



U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

FEDERAL AGENCIES



Office of Management & Budget
Domestic Policy Council



U.S. Department
of Energy



U.S. Department
of Treasury



U.S. Department
of Interior



U.S. Department
of Agriculture



U.S. Department
of Commerce



U.S. Department
of Labor



U.S. Department of
Health & Human Services



U.S. Department
of Transportation



U.S. Department
of Education



U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency



Appalachian Regional
Commission

ILLUSTRATIVE VIEW OF CED MONTHLY PROCESSES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 1 APPLICATIONS DUE	 2 CED INTERNAL REVIEWS & ANALYSIS AS RECEIVED	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	 21 CED INTERNAL REVIEWS END	22	23	24	25
26	 27 CED PROJECT WRITE UPS	28	29	30	 31 CED COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS & REVIEWS	 1 SUCCESSFUL AWARDS ARE COMMUNICATED

GRANT PROGRAM PROCESS

1



APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications due by the 1st of each month – all applications should be emailed to ced.grant2024@ky.gov

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REVIEW, SCORE, RANK

Finalized by the end of each month if completed application was received without any errors or omissions

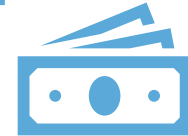
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NOTIFICATION, AGREEMENT & DECISION

Month following completion of Review, Score, Rank

4



MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, DISBURSEMENTS

Federal award notice required before funding

CED Tracks and GRANT Awards are Rescinded if Federal Grant not Awarded

Cabinet for Economic Development COMPLIANCE

ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENT
CABINET

REVENUE
CABINET

EDF

CLOSING FUND

BSSC

1400
ACTIVE PROJECTS

KBI

KEIA

KJRA

WRITTEN INCENTIVE AGREEMENT

JOBS • INVESTMENTS • WAGES • COMMUNITY IMPACT

REPORTS & EXHIBITS

ANNUAL • SEMI-ANNUALLY • QUARTERLY

REMEDIES & ACTIONS

LOSS OF TAX CREDITS • REFUNDS • CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

COMMITTED PROJECTS

GRANT PROGRAM

FEDERAL FUNDS LEVERAGED	GRANT \$ COMMITTED	TOTAL PROJECT COST
\$785,215,853	\$268,624,816	\$1,140,168,841



AUTHORIZED & AVAILABLE FUNDS

GRANT PROGRAM

	AUTHORIZED FUNDS	COMMITTED/ SPENT TO DATE	GRANT FUNDS RECAPTURED	AVAILABLE FUNDS
City & County	\$195,200,000	\$209,802,694	\$29,379,379	\$14,776,685
501(c)(3)	\$48,800,000	\$52,822,122	\$5,196,752	\$1,174,630
Grant Ready Kentucky	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	-	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	-	\$0
TOTALS	\$250,000,000	\$268,624,816	\$34,576,131	\$15,951,315

MONTHLY & ANNUAL REPORTS

Monthly & annual reports are available on the Cabinet's website.



TYPES OF PROJECTS APPROVED

GRANT PROGRAM

GRANT PROGRAM PROJECT CATEGORIES	NUMBER OF PROJECTS
Water Treatment/Management	27
New Public Transportation Infrastructure & Walkability Projects	10
Disaster Resilience & Economic Recovery	9
Housing Development & Underserved Community Support	7
Business Operations & Development	6
Parks & Recreation Infrastructure	5
Tourism-Related Infrastructure	4
Renovating Safety Infrastructure (Airports)	3
Industrial, Utility, & Agricultural Infrastructure	3
Emergency Services	2
Healthcare Infrastructure	1
Public Transportation	1
Education Development Program	1
TOTAL	79



Good News

Differentiated Tools to Help Counties That Have Not Grown – Rural and Eastern Counties Focus - Heritage Communities

Addresses KBI Reduction in Value - Refundability is a Reality

Expands Tools for R&D, HQ and Business Services Attraction

\$80M Closing and \$50M KPDI Funding, \$100M GRANT Funding

Key Change of “But For” Limitation with 90-Day Look Back

Workforce Study in Rural and Eastern Ky Counties

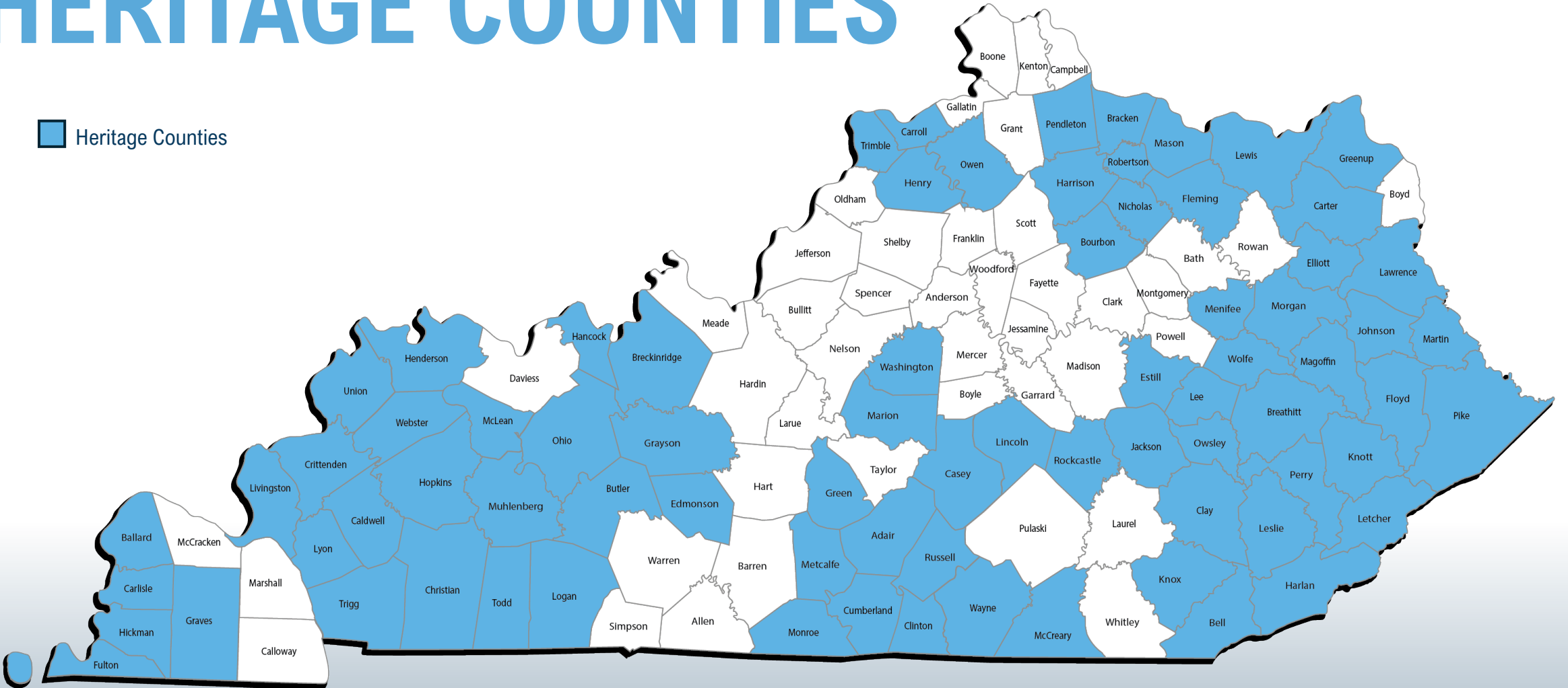
\$5M for High-Growth Businesses

\$5M Talent Attraction Program

KJRA from 1000 jobs to 250 jobs for Heritage Communities

\$10M to Expand Direct Flights into Louisville and CVG

HERITAGE COUNTIES



"Heritage county" means a county where the county population ranking is greater than or equal to ninety-seven (97). County population ranking was based on the KY County Population Ranking Report 2026

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