

## CAPITAL PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

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### MISSION AND PROGRAMS

The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinets mission is to capitalize on the natural assets of the Commonwealth and draw from resources in business development, tourism, outdoor attractions, arts, and cultural heritage. Through unified efforts of our ten agencies, the cabinet continually strives to improve the quality of life of the people of Kentucky by creating new wealth and generating jobs.

The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet consists of the following agencies:

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea  
KY Department of Tourism  
KY Department of Parks  
KY Horse Park  
KY State Fair Board  
KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources  
KY Historical Society  
KY Arts Council  
KY Heritage Council  
KY Center for the Arts

### FUNDING SUMMARY

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>2026-2028 Biennium</b>	<b>2028-2030 Biennium</b>	<b>2030-2032 Biennium</b>	<b>Total</b>
Federal Funds	53,926,000	303,000	309,000	54,538,000
Restricted Funds	155,531,000	62,000,000	60,000,000	277,531,000
General Fund	842,765,000	497,396,000	222,800,000	1,562,961,000
Road Fund	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	10,500,000
Other - Third Party Financing	5,386,000	4,301,000	11,750,000	21,437,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,061,108,000</b>	<b>567,500,000</b>	<b>298,359,000</b>	<b>1,926,967,000</b>

<b>Funding by Agency</b>	<b>2026-2028 Biennium</b>	<b>2028-2030 Biennium</b>	<b>2030-2032 Biennium</b>	<b>Total</b>
Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources	211,957,000	62,000,000	60,000,000	333,957,000
Kentucky State Fair Board	324,400,000	10,800,000	16,000,000	351,200,000
Kentucky Historical Society	13,921,000	17,870,000	12,059,000	43,850,000
Kentucky Center for the Arts	19,300,000	201,100,000	8,100,000	228,500,000
Kentucky Horse Park	56,500,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	66,500,000
Kentucky Department of Parks	430,730,000	270,730,000	197,200,000	898,660,000
Kentucky Artisans Center	4,300,000	-	-	4,300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,061,108,000</b>	<b>567,500,000</b>	<b>298,359,000</b>	<b>1,926,967,000</b>

**Abbreviations**

KSFB - Kentucky State Fair Board

DOP - Kentucky Department of Parks

KAC - Kentucky Artisans Center at Berea

KCA - Kentucky Center for the Arts

KFWR - Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources

KHP - Kentucky Horse Park

KHS - Kentucky Historical Society

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### PLAN OVERVIEW

The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet (TAHC) 2026 - 2032 Capital Plan focuses on the growing need to maintain existing aging infrastructure.

The first three projects proposed for the first biennium are maintenance pools for facilities, which are maintained by various TAHC agencies.

Beyond the maintenance pools the focus of the plan is for deterioration resulting from deferred maintenance. While much progress has been made in the last three years from the additional funding of the past two biennium budgets, several large-scale projects that cannot get corrected through maintenance pools remain.

As noted in the project list descriptions, many of these are for the Department of Parks to address the need to fix our aging facilities.

Some infrastructure improvements are included to boost revenue in proven ways such as improved campgrounds, and maintenance for agencies. The resulting sales increase from these projects is to reduce General Fund reliance by the Operating Budget of the agency.

**TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET**  
**Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund (cash or bonds)**  
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

**2026-2028 Biennium**

(Projects listed by Cabinet priority; descriptions are from the agency submission)

- 1      Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool      40,000,000**

The Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool provides the agency with monies to perform special maintenance and deferred maintenance. This is a vital need for the Department to protect the Commonwealth's investment in existing facilities. DOP Priority #1 (C-PI)

CPAB Staff Notes

  - *Additional GF of \$40,000,000 is proposed for 2028-30 and 2030-32, respectively.*
- 2      Maintenance Pool      1,000,000**

Create maintenance pool to address significant repairs to HVAC equipment and electrical & plumbing repairs, as well as laying pavement at the rear of the building in order to create an outdoor venue that would allow us to generate revenue via hosting markets and events KAC Priority #3 (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

  - *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$500,000 in FY 2025.*
- 3      Maintenance Pool      1,100,000**

Maintenance Pool funds are needed to use on a priority basis to perform maintenance and deferred maintenance. This is a vital need for the Kentucky Center to ensure business is not interrupted and to protect the Commonwealth's investment in existing facilities KCA Priority #1 (C-PI)

CPAB Staff Notes

  - *Additional GF of \$1,100,000 and \$1,100,000 are proposed for 2028-30 and 2030-32.*
- 4      Statewide-Door Locking System Upgrades Phase 2      1,000,000**

Phase 2 will address other secure access locations currently under key control. This lock access control upgrade will secure locations for Rangers, Park Managers, Business Office and locations where secure access and entry is required. DOP Priority #24 (EQ)

CPAB Staff Notes

  - *NEW project - has been listed in previous capital plan but was not authorized in previous budget.*
- 5      Minor Capital Projects Maintenance Pool      5,000,000**

The Miscellaneous Capital Construction Projects Maintenance Pool is the most important resource that allows the Kentucky Horse Park to protect the Commonwealth's investment in the Park's infrastructure and revenue-generating potential. Comprehensive funding of the maintenance pool will allow the Kentucky Horse Park to preserve its status as one of the worlds finest equine recreational facilities. It remains the Kentucky Horse Park's highest capital priority. KHP Priority #1 (C-PI)

CPAB Staff Notes

  - *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$1,500,000 in FY 2025.*

- 6 Miscellaneous Major Maintenance Pool 2026-28 6,000,000**
- Maintenance projects costing less than \$1,000,000 occur at both facilities and surrounding properties. It is critical to address these problems in a timely manner. Projects are initiated based on safety, aesthetics, mechanical, functionality and/or efficiencies. Because project needs far outnumber available financial resources; a list of critical unaddressed projects remain from previous fiscal years or have emerged recently. Funding of this project is essential to ensure readiness and appeal for clients, patrons and potential customers. Industry standards support a budget of \$5.00 per square foot per fiscal year for maintenance alone. Kentucky Exposition Center has 1.2 million square feet under roof. This pool will only begin addressing critical needs for the facility. KSFB Priority #2 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *Additional GF of \$6 million are proposed for 2028-30 and 2030-32.*
- 7 Resort Park Upgrades and Repairs 149,380,000**
- The initial assessments completed revealed that the scope of work needed to adequately address the lodges, cottages, lobbies, dining area etc is not sufficient to allow for a comprehensive assessment of the true needs to bring the resort parks up to a standard that is expected by visitors. By implementing a holistic approach to addressing the accommodations at the 17 resort parks, ALL areas and components such as Lodges, cottatages, mechanical,electrical,plumbing, decks, restrooms, kitchens, windows, doors, exterior siding, gutters, furnishings, fixtures, foundations, etc. will be addressed for a complete upgrade. Scope includes but not limited to the following parks - Carter Caves, Cumberland Falls, Kentucky Dam Village, Lake Cumberland, Natural Bridge and Pine Mountain State Resort Parks. DOP Priority #2 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$22M in 24 RS HJR56 for accommodation hospitality upgrades.*
- 8 Statewide Campground Upgrades (Phase 2) 20,600,000**
- Based on the current customer expectations, the quality of our existing campground facilities are seriously deficient in a number of areas. The Department of Parks has identified this as a phased program with the areas of greatest need and revenue to be completed first. DOP Priority #3 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$40M in 23 RS HJR76.*
- 9 Utility Infrastructure Replacement (Phase 2) 61,500,000**
- A majority of the state parks have utility infrastructures which are beyond their useful life. Numerous parks were developed in the time period from the 1930s to the 1970s with utility structures of 45 to 85 years old. Water piping, sewer piping, septic systems, storm water piping, electrical services and communications cabling are aged, deteriorated and in need of replacing. DOP Priority #7 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *Existing project - Additional GF of \$38,280,000 and \$20,450,000 are proposed for 2028-30 and 2030-32.*

**10      Replace Technical Equipment-Theaters/All Spaces      6,500,000**

We need to replace our light fixtures with LED fixtures. This is a large conversation for theaters because it includes the inventory of fixtures to light stage shows. We also need to upgrade our sound systems. These are the scope categories initial funding will not cover. KCA Priority #3 (EQ)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *NEW project - has been listed in a previous capital plan but has not been authorized in previous budget.*

**11      Center for Kentucky History Museum Renovation      6,431,000**

April 10, 1999 saw the long awaited opening of Kentuckys new home for history. The Kentucky History Center opened with state-of-the-art exhibitions and history experience. The 168,000 sq ft facility, now in its 26th year, has become outdated and in need of an upgrades to integrate elements, such as technology, into the visitor experience. This project will also align a visit to the museum with the changing educational landscape. Current museum experience emphasizes 21st century skills, information literacy, technology and design in order to promote college and career readiness to students and skill-development in adults. KHS will approach this renovation in five (5) elements. Center for Kentucky History Gateway renovations will include renovations and improvements to the exterior approaches and, once inside, to Commonwealth Hall and Ann Street entrance vestibule. A campus-wide wayfinding effort and exterior signs will work cooperatively with other organizations in Frankfort, particularly downtown. Center for Kentucky History Museum renovations will include all history education spaces and will cover 25,250 sq ft of exhibition space and 1,500 sq ft of classroom/educational space. Martin F. Schmidt Research Library renovations, 7,000 sq ft, will re-fit the space to integrate technological elements that support a modern research facility. Renovation of visitor service spaces which will include gift shop upgrades, restroom upgrades, a lactation room, and 600 sq ft of space off to create a dedicated KHS Volunteer Center. It will provide improved areas to serve school groups, public address system to notify visitor of programs as well as emergency alerts. KRS 171.315 create the priority for maintenance of the Kentucky Historical Society headquarters and the Old State Capitol as shall be of highest priority among the other responsibilities of the state for capital construction, maintenance, or security. KHS Priority #2 (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *NEW project - has been listed in a previous capital plan but has not been authorized in previous budget.*

**12      Security Upgrades      1,175,000**

The Kentucky Historical Society has a proprietary security system designed for museum and collections specifications that allows strict access to the Commonwealth of Kentuckys collection and exhibits. This system was installed during construction of the building in 1999 and has been updated in 2016. An analysis done through DECA in 2024 had the following recommendations: The Thomas D Clark Center for Kentucky History Total replacement of all access control and all door hardware requiring access control functions. Also, complete replacement of the existing security camera system and the addition of cameras to provide security viewing angles of all exhibits, public spaces, corridors, museum receiving areas, museum storage and exterior views. As part of the replacement, it would include a new system that has artificial intelligence incorporated for additional layers of security and to have remote viewing capabilities for security staff and other authorized employees. We sought the analysis due to the continuing failure of the current system and the problems of parts and technical knowledge being much more difficult to get, due to the age of system, when a failure does happen. KHS Priority #3 (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

- 13 Competition Arenas 6,000,000**
- Increased funding for Competition Arenas is a direct investment in expanding KHP's revenue-generating capacity. By constructing new equestrian competition rings, KHP will have the ability to host multiple events simultaneously, dramatically increasing the parks capacity to accommodate large-scale, multi-day equestrian competitions. This added capacity will lead to more bookings, more events, and more visitors, significantly boosting the parks income through increased event fees, vendor sales, and tourism-related expenditures. The increased demand for accommodations, dining, and local services will also benefit the Central Kentucky economy, with KHP as the central hub. This expansion ensures that KHP remains at the forefront of competitive equestrian sports, while securing its place as an essential revenue driver for the region. KHP Priority #2 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 14 Communication Infrastructure Upgrades (Phase 2) 6,000,000**
- This project will document the location and condition of communications cable (primarily telephone cable and fiber data cable) and coax cable (TV), both underground and aerial. This project will also document details and condition of wiring closets including all communications and TV cable. This project shall create detailed planning to include cost estimates required to replace aging cable, and upgrade/restructure wiring closets. This project shall include a plan to maintain infrastructure cabling over the coming years. This project will impact all resort parks and select larger recreation parks. Current cable infrastructure is in excess of 30 years old and has become extremely unreliable. The cable shall be replaced with a data grade cable capable of VOIP and high-speed transmission. DOP Priority #9 (IT)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 15 Pool Improvements and Repairs 31,350,000**
- A number of park lodge pools and park community pools were constructed in the 1960s and 1970s. These 45 to 50 year old structures are in need of major restoration and repair as well as improvements to offer guests and communities the aquatic features expected today. The pools have leaks and antiquated filtering systems which cost the park system excessive operational and maintenance expenses. The Department of Parks will explore restoration options for each pool and the feasibility of either converting to or adding splash park features. DOP Priority #4 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$11,955,900 in 24 RS HJR56.*
- 16 Statewide - Upgrade & Repair Golf Cart Paths 6,500,000**
- Upgrades and Repairs to golf cart paths to improve safety of driving surfaces for guests and enhance overall playability of State Park's golf courses. DOP Priority #23 (C-PI)
- 17 Kenlake Structure Refurbishment Phase 2-Cherokee 11,400,000**
- Refurbish cottages, Dining Hall, shelters, boat ramp & courtesy dock, infrastructure upgrades and security enhancements. To restore this historic park into rentable accommodations and amenities. DOP Priority #16 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project included in previous capital plan but did not receive funding.*

- 18 Multi Park WWTP Upgrades and Replacements 14,520,000**  
 Repair/replace existing wastewater treatment plants and/or upgrade systems. Many plants are in poor condition with an operating age of over 50 years. Only minimal maintenance repairs have been completed over past years and now require major renovation, upgrade or replacement. Plants and systems included in this list are outside the scope of previous Capital repairs. DOP Priority #19 (C-PI)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *Additional GF of \$13,000,000 and \$10,000,000 are proposed for 2028-30 and 2030-32.*
- 19 Grounds Equipment Replace & Upgrades 3,900,000**  
 A large contingent of maintenance equipment has exceeded its suggested life span. Some of the equipment used now is unsafe for the operators and presents a life/safety issue. This fund would be utilized for the purchase and replacement of maintenance, turf, and all types of hospitality equipment. DOP Priority #13 (EQ)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *NEW project included in previous capital plan but did not receive funding.*
- 20 Recreational and Historic Parks-Restoration and Upgrades 6,000,000**  
 Restoration of historic homes, buildings and other amenities located at State Recreational Parks and Historic sites. DOP Priority #5 (C-PI)
- 21 Life Safety Systems Upgrade and Replace 15,840,000**  
 Many life safety systems are outdated and have numerous functional and maintenance problems at lodge buildings, cottages, cabins, conference centers, etc. These funds will upgrade or replace aging/obsolete life safety systems with lifesaving state of the art systems. Systems include but not limited to - Fire Panels, Fire Sprinklers, Elevator Upgrades, ADA Upgrades, Structural Repairs & Replacement. DOP Priority #18 (C-PI)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *This is a new project. It has been included in previous capital plan. \$3 million was authorized for Life safety systems upgrade and replacement projects at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park and Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in 24RS HJR56.*
- 22 Manual Counterweight Stage Rigging Repair 1,900,000**  
 Theatrical mechanical rigging systems in Whitney Hall and the Bomhard Theater, which are original to the 42-year-old venue, must be brought to current code and modern function, including replacing the Bomhard Theater fire curtain. This work addresses safety issues as well as concerns for business continuity and competitiveness as related to touring shows, including Broadway. KCA Priority #4 (C-PI)
- 23 KEC/KICC Elevator and Escalator Repair/Replace 1 2,650,000**  
 Repair/Replace existing elevators and escalators within KEC and east side of KICC facility. KSFB Priority #3 (C-PI)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*



- 24 Kentucky Old State Capitol Preservation Addition 5,065,000**
- Funding will support the continued renovation of the National Historic Landmark Old State Capitol, public square, and the integration of the OSC Annex into the site use plan. The design/engineering contract for the sites construction/restoration has already been awarded by DECA. This project represents the most comprehensive maintenance effort for the site since the mid-1970s. The prioritization of the Old State Capitol and site restoration matches KHSs strategic planning goals for public access and positions the site as the hub for civics education and teaching the important role of the building in Kentuckys political history. Additionally, this overall restoration will coincide with plans to celebrate the bicentennial of the Old State Capitols construction and first use (1827-1830) KRS 171.315 states that maintenance and security of the Old State Capitol, the OSC Annex, and the grounds (OSC site) is to be deemed "of the highest priority and entrusts KHS to be the steward of its use. At the direction of the governing board, the executive director of the society may request the Finance and Administration Cabinet to perform, or cause to be performed, any work he deems necessary for the proper preservation and protection of the properties. Old State Capitol Annex 9,500 sq ft x 3 = 28,500 sq ft Old State Capitol 9,700 x2 =19,500 sq ft Public Square 167,000 sq ft. KHS Priority #1 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$1,057,000 in FY 2026.*
- 25 Covered Arena Roof Replacement 1,500,000**
- The Covered Arena is the most frequently rented event space at KHP, and its continued functionality is paramount to maintaining the park's revenue flow. Replacing the arenas aging roof will eliminate ongoing maintenance issues such as leaks and compromised insulation, which currently detracts from the facilitys appeal. A new, state-of-the-art roof will enhance the overall guest experience, allowing KHP to attract even more high-profile events and renters. With a pristine, fully functional venue, KHP can expect to increase rental income, host larger events, and further solidify its status as the go-to venue for equestrian competitions in the region. The roof replacement will directly result in a higher demand for the arena, boosting revenue through increased rentals, event hosting, and expanded bookings for years to come. KHP Priority #3 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 26 Equipment Project 300,000**
- Wear and tear has occurred to retail display cases, tables, and bookcases, so acquisition of new retail and administration furnishings are imperative (as they were purchased in used condition twenty years ago). New power tools/equipment, including an outdoor lift, are needed to maintain the indoor and outdoor facilities in good condition. KAC Priority #2 (EQ)
- 27 Cumberland Falls Welcome Center Upgrade 3,750,000**
- Renovate and add to the existing gift shop/ visitor center at the falls area to facilitate better circulation of patrons, food service options, and the collection of entrance fees. DOP Priority #10 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

- 28 Golf Course Irrigation Replacement - Multi Parks 7,750,000**
- Systems proposed for replacement are past their reliable lifespan, fail to provide proper water distribution uniformity, and experience frequent blowouts that in many cases shut the entire system down until repaired. Many isolation valves are rusted and failing and risk breaking every time they are used. DOP Priority #12 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - included in previous capital plan but did not receive funding.*
- 29 JJ Audubon Museum Restoration and Upgrades 7,350,000**
- The historic museum building which houses the extensive John James Audubon art collection is excessively aging and in need of restoration. This project will correct these conditions and preserve the museums ability to house the collection. Extensive building mechanical system upgrades is needed to properly maintain the temperature and humidity to protect the priceless collections and artifacts. This project will also provide needed renovations of the teahouse. The stairway from the garden to the teahouse will require extensive reconstruction; landscape plantings, irrigation, and lighting shall be replaced. DOP Priority #14 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - included in previous capital plan but did not receive funding.*
- 30 Perryville Battlefield - New Museum Building 4,900,000**
- The existing museum and related buildings at Perryville Battlefield are insufficient to honor sacrifices of the men who fought and died at this site. This project would provide a more appropriate space to house and display the museums collections, provide meeting spaces, and provide adequate accessible restrooms. DOP Priority #20 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - included in previous capital plan but did not receive funding.*
- 31 Lake Barkley Fitness Center Upgrades 5,000,000**
- This project will renovate and upgrade the existing fitness center facility at Lake Barkley. The facility is degraded and has not been upgraded in 25 years. DOP Priority #17 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$3 million in Bond Funds in FY25.*
- 32 Renovate Client and Patron Spaces 3,500,000**
- Scope includes: Renovate Whitney, Bomhard & MeX dressing rooms; renovate public restrooms, renovate viewing rooms. KCA Priority #2 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

- 33 Historic Frankfort Railroad Depot - acquisition 1,250,000**
- Acquire and transform the Historic Frankfort Railroad Depot and parking lot located across from the Thomas D Clark Center for Kentucky History. In KHS's new strategic plan, KHS will acquire and transform the Historic Frankfort Railroad Depot and parking lot across from the Thomas D Clark Center for Kentucky History. This will support the completing of a Kentucky History Camp in downtown Frankfort and aligns to long range development plans of both KHS and Frankfort/Franklin County. Railroad Depot - 8663 sq ft. Parking lot is comprised of three lots, two owned by WesBanco and the third by the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors. Estimated 50,000 sq ft. KHS Priority #4 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 34 Replace Competition Barns and Stalls 15,000,000**
- The replacement of competition barns and stalls is a crucial investment that will secure the Kentucky Horse Parks future as a top-tier equestrian facility. This funding request represents Phase III of an ongoing project to replace outdated and unsafe barns. Phase I has already allowed for the design and construction of 200 new stalls, but to remain competitive and meet the growing demand for equestrian events, the park must continue this transformation. Stabling is a major revenue stream for KHP, and the current barns, which are aging and becoming structurally unsafe, threaten to limit the parks capacity to host large-scale events. Without these improvements, KHP risks losing its competitive edge in an increasingly crowded market. By upgrading the barns and stalls, KHP can increase its hosting capacity, enhance event offerings, and secure higher rental revenues from a broader range of equestrian competitions and other events. This investment will position KHP to maximize revenue potential by ensuring the park can accommodate more participants, increase bookings, and remain a premier venue for the equestrian community. KHP Priority #4 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$15,000,000 in FY 2025.*
- 35 Exterior Repair and Restoration 4,800,000**
- Exterior areas of 42-year-old Kentucky Center venue require repair and/or replacement due to significant deterioration that contributes to safety and operational concerns. These areas include the rear concrete plaza and steps, both loading docks, the Main Street drive-thru, and stairway #4 leading to Security. The project will include brick repair along with seals and caulking on the Centers glass panels. KCA Priority #5 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 36 Electrical Upgrade 1,500,000**
- The Kentucky Center facility will require electrical panel ARC flash testing and electrical panel replacements. This includes Arc Flash Assessment to identify and address deficiencies, replacement of emergency lighting relay system, retrofit house lighting and egress lighting in Bomhard and Whitney to smart LED. KCA Priority #6 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

- 37 Accessible Family Restroom/Private Nursing Room 1,000,000**  
The Center has received recognition for our pristine restrooms, and we intend to expand our accommodations to include a family restroom and private nursing room. This would improve our accessibility and allow us to compete with Buccees for visitors with families. KAC Priority #1 (C-O)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
• *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 38 KEC Infrastructure Replacement (MEP) 1,000,000**  
Replacement of water lines, heaters, exhaust and other infrastructure which provide service to food providers in order to maintain Health Department compliance. KSFB Priority #4 (C-PI)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
• *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 39 KICC Pedway System Maintenance 5,000,000**  
Replace glass, flooring and other repairs throughout the downtown pedway. KSFB Priority #5 (C-O)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
• *NEW project - has been listed in a previous capital plan but has not been authorized for funding in previous budget.*
- 40 Restore CCC Structures - Statewide 3,490,000**  
Evaluate and perform repair to CCC structures statewide including rebuilding the CCC road bridge at Natural Bridge Hoe Down Island. The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed many structures in the Commonwealth as a program in the New Deal Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. As a depression era relief program, the CCC relocated during its nine-year existence the CCC enlisted nearly 3 million single men between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five to perform construction and trail work in natural areas of the country. DOP Priority #21 (C-PI)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
• *NEW project - has been listed in previous capital plan but was not authorized in previous budget.*
- 42 Big Bone Lick SP Nature Center 3,000,000**  
Demolition of existing nature center that has fallen into serious despair. Proposal is to build a new nature center providing much needed climate-controlled artifact storage and workspace, as well as classroom space for school groups. New center will be 6,600 sf. DOP Priority #8 (C-O)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
• *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$3.125 million in Restricted Funds in FY25.*

- 43      Campground Renovation and Performance Pavilion      7,500,000**
- The Campground Renovation and Performance Pavilion project aims to enhance KHPs reputation as the regions premier campground while simultaneously increasing revenue potential. The requested funding will allow for the refurbishment of existing bathhouses, the improvement of campground facilities, and the construction of a new performance pavilion. This pavilion will be an ideal space for live events, enhancing the guest experience and creating new opportunities to host performances, concerts, and other entertainment options, driving additional revenue from visitors and event bookings. The campground, already known for its high quality, will attract more visitors, especially those attending KHP-hosted events, generating more income from campground reservations and event fees. These upgrades will ensure that KHPs campground remains a top choice for visitors and continues to contribute to the parks overall revenue growth. KHP Priority #5 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 44      Alltech Arena Renovation      5,000,000**
- The renovation of the Alltech Arena will significantly enhance its versatility and appeal, enabling KHP to generate more revenue through multi-functional use. The requested funding will address key upgrades, including the installation of parking lot lights to improve evening events, solutions for acoustic issues in the North Exhibit Hall, and the addition of tinted or frosted windows to increase the usability of the space. A major highlight of this renovation is the purchase of a new event floor, which will allow the arena to host a variety of events, including sporting competitions, dinners, and large-scale shows, in addition to equestrian events. The arenas 40,000 square feet of space will become a flexible, revenue-generating asset that can accommodate a wide range of events, attracting diverse audiences and significantly increasing event rental revenue. This investment will help KHP stay competitive by diversifying the types of events it can host and offering more booking opportunities to a broader range of organizations. KHP Priority #6 (C-PI)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has been listed in previous capital plan but has not been authorized in previous budget.*
- 45      Energy Innovation Project      1,000,000**
- As the Center serves as a rest area, electrical charging stations would add an additional incentive to stop at the Center, allowing individuals to explore the grounds, shop, and cafe while their vehicles charge. Electrical charging stations would also allow the Center to compete more directly with Buccee's which has not yet implemented charging stations. In addition, the Center incurs significant energy costs regularly that deter the implementation of innovative ideas in retail, as a good portion of the Centers revenue goes to covering energy and utility costs. Installing solar panels would allow the Center to generate a portion of the energy it needs to fully function, thereby reducing expenses. KAC Priority #5 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 46      Outdoor Venue Project      1,000,000**
- The Center offers musician demonstrations and sells recorded music by KY artists, as well as handmade musical wares- and an outdoor stage, designed to accommodate electrical and lighting, would allow the Center to promote budding KY musicians while offering fresh events to draw in more locals. The Center would be able to sell tickets to the events to create an additional revenue stream (offsetting the additional personnel costs the venue would incur). KAC Priority #4 (C-O)

- 47 KEC/KICC Lighting Replacements 6,000,000**  
 Lighting upgrades at KICC & KEC. KEC current lighting are 12 years old and warranty has expired. KICC East side and garages would be included replacing induction lighting with LED. KSFB Priority #6 (EQ)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 48 KEC Wayfinding Digital Signage 2,750,000**  
 Replace static signage along Ring Road with solar powered programmable digital signage as well as digital signage throughout KEC campus indoors & outdoors. KSFB Priority #7 (EQ)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *NEW project - has been listed in a previous capital plan but has not been authorized for funding in previous budget.*
- 49 Paving Roads and Parking Lots 7,500,000**  
 The condition of the parks roads and parking lots plays a direct role in shaping visitors' first impressions and their overall experience. The requested funding will resurface KHP's main parking lot, Alltech parking lot, and several critical access roads, significantly improving accessibility, safety, and aesthetics. By addressing these key infrastructure needs, KHP will enhance the guest experience, leading to higher visitor satisfaction, greater repeat visitation, and ultimately increased event participation. Smooth, well-maintained roads and parking areas also reduce operational costs and facilitate the smoother flow of traffic during major events, ensuring that the park remains an attractive destination for high-profile events. This investment is integral to ensuring continued visitor traffic and revenue from both tourism and event bookings. KHP Priority #7 (C-PI)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *NEW project - has been listed in a previous capital plan but has not been authorized in previous budget.*
- 50 Renovate International Museum of the Horse 7,500,000**  
 The renovation of the International Museum of the Horse is an investment in both the cultural and economic future of the Kentucky Horse Park. This request funds Phase III of the museums ongoing renovation, which includes vital structural updates and the addition of new, interactive exhibits. The museum is one of KHPs most popular tourist attractions, yet the original facility, completed in 1978, is in desperate need of modernization to maintain its appeal. A well-funded renovation will attract more visitors, enhance the guest experience, and extend the museums appeal to broader audiences. This increased foot traffic will lead to higher ticket sales, museum store revenue, and increased visitation to other KHP attractions. By securing this funding anticipated to be bolstered by donations KHP will enhance its overall revenue by transforming the museum into a more dynamic, modern, and profitable attraction. KHP Priority #8 (C-O)  
CPAB Staff Notes  
 • *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$5,000,000 in FY 2025.*

- 51 Rider Lounge/Vet Center/Business Office 1,500,000**
- The requested funding will be used to construct a 1,600 square foot building that will be situated in the epicenter of the competition area, adjacent to the Show Office. Included on one side is a Rider Lounge, to include soft seating, a TV, charging stations, and more, all for the convenience of the competitors attending the various events all year long. On the opposite side will be a Vet Center, allowing space for Vets to have a mobile office while attending events at the Kentucky Horse Park. Between the two areas in the center of the building will be a business office with desks, seating, charging stations, an ATM, and other conveniences for use when attending a show. Providing these services elevates the Kentucky Horse Parks amenities and positions the park more competitively with other major event facilities throughout North America. There are a multitude of revenue-generating opportunities associated with this new building, including; sponsorship of the three building sections, vending machine revenue, and the ability to sell individual sponsors for those targeting each particular audience, offering product sampling/visibility/promotions as a sponsorship opportunity. KHP Priority #9 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 52 Louisville Transit Evaluation 1,000,000**
- The Kentucky Exposition Center hosts major trade shows, but its lack of direct transit from downtown restaurants, hotels, and other attractions can limit competitiveness. This project would study a transportation tunnel connecting Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport to Downtown Louisville via the Kentucky Exposition Center, University of Louisville, Churchill Downs, Kentucky International Convention Center, Yum Center, Kentucky Center for the Arts, museums, hotels and restaurants. Developing a transportation connection with these partners will ensure steady ridership beyond conventions and trade shows. A direct transit link would attract business investments, increase property values, and stimulate job creation through construction and operation. KSFB Priority #8 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*
- 53 Phase III - Land Planning and Renovation 300,000,000**
- Renovations of or new builds for North Wing Lobby, Kitchen, Ballroom, Sky Terrace and Outdoor Plaza (220,000 sf). Freedom Hall Lobby expansion and renovation (90,000 sf). South Wing Lobby expansion and renovations (80,000 sf). Office and Administration space renovation (30,000 sf). Address other items removed from Phase 1 and Phase 2 due to budget constraints. KSFB Priority #1 (C-O)
- CPAB Staff Notes
- *This is additional funding for an existing project. Previous funding amounts were for \$180,000,000 in FY24 for Phase I of the project and \$212,709,000 in FY26 for Phase II.*
- Statewide - Rec Amenities - Upgrades and Repairs 15,000,000**
- Projects to make repairs and upgrades to recreational amenities on State Parks. Examples would be various types of sports courts, pickleball, disc golf, horseback riding stables, shelters and beaches. DOP Priority #6 (C-PI)
- Golf Course Bunker Upgrades - Various Parks 3,000,000**
- Additional bunker upgrades to properly maintain the playing conditions and provide stronger bunker drainage systems to eliminate washouts and repairs. DOP Priority #11 (C-PI)

<b>Statewide - Marina Upgrades and Repairs</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>
Various Projects to make much needed repairs and upgrades to multiple State Owned and operated Marinas. DOP Priority #22 (C-PI)	
<b>2026-2028 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>845,651,000</b>
<b><u>2028-2030 Biennium</u></b>	
Center for Kentucky History Museum renovation	14,581,000
Covered Bridge Repair	1,000,000
Dam Safety Reconstruction and Repairs	19,500,000
General Burnside Community Pool Demo & Reuse	7,000,000
Grounds Equipment Replace & Upgrades	2,450,000
KEC/KICC MEP Projects	1,800,000
Kentucky Old State Capitol Preservation addition	3,289,000
KICC Supertruss Painting	1,000,000
KPA Master Plan Renovation & Expansion	200,000,000
Life Safety Systems Upgrade and Replace	14,000,000
Maintenance Pool	1,100,000
Minor Capital Projects Maintenance Pool	5,000,000
Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool	40,000,000
Miscellaneous Major Maintenance Pool 2028-30	6,000,000
Multi Park WWTP Upgrades and Replacements	13,000,000
Pine Mountain - New Campground	11,500,000
Replica Fort Restoration and Repair (Phase 1)	2,250,000
Resort Park Upgrades and Repairs	92,000,000
Security System Camera Replacement	2,000,000
Statewide - Camper Cabins Install	10,000,000
Statewide Campground Upgrades (Phase 3)	16,250,000
Utility Infrastructure Replacement (Phase 3)	38,280,000
<b>2028-2030 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>502,000,000</b>



**TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET**  
**Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund (cash or bonds)**  
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

<u><b>2030-2032 Biennium</b></u>	
Asphalt Maintenance	5,000,000
Broadbent Arena Upgrades	1,500,000
Dale Hollow Lake Cottages	11,000,000
Elevator Replacement	2,000,000
Equipment	1,000,000
IT Equipment & Infrastructure Replacement	2,500,000
Life Safety Systems Upgrade and Replace	11,000,000
Maintenance Pool	1,100,000
Major MEP renovations	5,000,000
Minor Capital Projects Maintenance Pool	5,000,000
Miscellaneous Maintenance Pool	40,000,000
Miscellaneous Major Maintenance Pool 2030-32	6,000,000
Multi Park WWTP Upgrades and Replacements	10,000,000
Replica Fort Restoration and Repair (Phase 2)	3,250,000
Resort Park Upgrades and Repairs	98,000,000
Utility Infrastructure Replacement (Phase 4)	20,450,000
<b>2030-2032 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>222,800,000</b>

**TOURISM, ARTS AND HERITAGE CABINET**  
**Proposed Projects Involving Other Fund Sources**  
(amounts in **bold** are the total budget)

**2026-2028 Biennium**

(Projects listed by Cabinet priority; descriptions are from the agency submission)

**Fees-in-Lieu-of Stream Mitigation Projects Pool**

**113,100,000 RF**

Pursuant to legislation passed in the 2000 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the Fees-in-Lieu-of Stream Mitigation Fund was established under KRS Chapter 150.255. The fund's revenues are derived from government and non-government entities electing to mitigate negative impacts to streams based upon Clean Water Act Permits (Section 404) issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This pool will be used to fund the actions necessary to comply with the terms of the FILO instrument, the governing regulatory agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$64,500,000 in FY 2025 and \$48,600,000 in FY 2026.*

**Camp Earl Wallace Dining Hall Construction**

**6,683,000 FF**

The Department has a need to construct a new dining hall at Camp Earl Wallace in Wayne County. The existing dining hall has exceeded its useful life and there is a need for more capacity to accommodate campers. The preliminary plan is for the new dining hall to sit in the same location as the existing hall and will hold a minimum of 250 people. KFWR (C-PI)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$4.5 million in FY 2025.*

**Ky Cumberland Forest Conservation Program/Ataya**

**8,316,000 FF**

Perpetual Conservation Easement of 54,000 acres in Knox, Bell and Leslie counties as authorized in 2022 Regular Session SB 217 and 2023 Regular Session SB 241. This request is for inclusion in 6-year plan. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$6,650,000 in FY 2025.*

**Lakes and Streams Building**

**2,089,000 FF**

The Lakes and Streams Building is an existing building that is in need of repair and is also not large enough for some of the new equipment to fit inside. It was the opinion of the structural engineer during the Phase A design that renovating and repairing the existing building would be just as expensive or more expensive than demo and rebuild. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$1,603,000 in FY 2025.*

**Ballard Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Big Pump****10,000,000 FF**

The pump is required to effectively manage water levels on a complex of wetland units for waterfowl hunting. The current pump has frequent service failures and maintenance/repair requirements, which makes it no longer practical or cost effective to operate. In addition, the capacity of the existing pump is inadequate. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$5.5 million in FY 2025.*

**Critical Species Investigation Building****1,841,000 FF**

The Critical Species Investigation Building will support a newer program that has been expanding over the last couple of years. This group has acquired new boats that have expensive electronics and equipment on them. Currently, they have one bay of a storage building on campus and rent office space off campus. The new building will allow them to protect all of their boats from the elements, along with more efficient operations. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$1,602,000 in FY 2025*

**Veteran's Memorial Shooting Range****4,400,000 FF**

The range will include a classroom for conservation/hunter education and four offices within the space on the Department's Veteran's Memorial Wildlife Management Area in Georgeown. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *This is additional funding for an existing project. The current project was authorized for \$4,000,000 in FY 2025.*

**Land Acquisition Pool****12,000,000 FF**

To acquire lands to be managed for the creation, improvement and perpetuation of wildlife habitats and populations and to enhance public opportunities. Specific land acquisition project budgets will be determined by formal appraisals and only with the approval of the Fish and Wildlife Commission and CPBOC. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *NEW project - has been listed in a previous capital plan but has not been authorized for funding in previous budget.*

**Indoor Gun Range/LE Training Facility at HQ****20,000,000 FF**

The Department intends to construct a public facing indoor shooting range on its Frankfort campus, which is in support of the growing demographic of shooting sports enthusiasts. This building will be a mixed-use space that will accommodate the indoor range facility, conference and meeting room space for agency needs, limited office space, and common open space used for various trainings, including KDFWR Law Enforcement or other divisions. This proposed project is currently in conceptual phase and no architect & engineer support has been procured at this time. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

• *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

**Western Kentucky Fish Hatchery****33,528,000 RF**

Kentuckys current fish hatcheries are running at full capacity and cant produce more fish. As programs like Fishing in Neighborhoods grow and if stocking efforts expand to large lakes like Kentucky Lake or Lake Barkley, well need a lot more fish. Building a new hatchery in western Kentucky would help meet that demand and allow us to raise more types of fish, including striped bass, which require a hatchery closer to their natural breeding areas. KFWR (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *NEW project - has not been listed in a previous capital plan.*

**Road Maint.-Various Parks****3,500,000 RD**

Various projects to address upgrading and/or resurfacing of park roads and parking areas, culverts, bridges, shoulders, ditches, curbs, guardrails, and striping of roadways. Scope of work to be determined on a yearly schedule based on the deterioration of road systems due to winter damage. DOP (C-PI)

<b>2026-2028 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>215,457,000</b>
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**2028-2030 Biennium**

Fees-in-Lieu-of Stream Mitigation Projects Pool	62,000,000
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Road Maint.-Various Parks	3,500,000
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<b>2028-2030 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>65,500,000</b>
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**2030-2032 Biennium**

Center for Kentucky History Museum renovation	12,059,000
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Fees-in-Lieu-of Stream Mitigation Projects Pool	60,000,000
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Road Maint.-Various Parks	3,500,000
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<b>2030-2032 Biennium Total:</b>	<b>75,559,000</b>
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