

1 AN ACT relating to the Trail Town operations grant fund and making an
2 appropriation therefor.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 148 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) As used in this section:*

7 *(a) "Cabinet" means the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet;*

8 *(b) "Qualifying Trail Town" means a location that the Kentucky Department*
9 *of Tourism has certified as a Trail Town; and*

10 *(c) "Recipient" means a qualifying Trail Town that has received grant money*
11 *in accordance with subsection (3)(a) of this section.*

12 *(2) (a) The Trail Town operations grant fund is established. The cabinet shall*
13 *provide grants not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to each*
14 *recipient.*

15 *(b) Any grant issued by the cabinet shall be utilized to assist a recipient in:*

16 *1. Maintaining and renovating trails, including but not limited to*
17 *equipment purchases used primarily for maintenance of trails and*
18 *trail facilities and construction and repair of trail kiosks, trail walking*
19 *bridges, and trail facilities; and*

20 *2. Promoting and marketing recipient's trail activities including but not*
21 *limited to the purchase and installation of signage.*

22 *(3) The cabinet shall:*

23 *(a) Determine the terms and conditions of each grant, including the application*
24 *process and the grant amount distributed;*

25 *(b) Monitor the performance of the recipient; and*

26 *(c) By November 1, 2024, and by each November 1 thereafter, report to the*
27 *Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint*

1 Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Interim Joint
2 Committee on Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology
3 information about each grant award issued, including:

4 1. The name of the recipient;

5 2. The amount of moneys originally granted;

6 3. The terms of the grant award and whether the recipient is currently
7 meeting those terms; and

8 4. How the recipient used the grant award related to maintaining or
9 renovating the recipient's trails and facilities or promoting or
10 marketing the recipient's trail activities.

11 (4) (a) The fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be a trust and agency
12 account.

13 (b) The cabinet shall administer the fund.

14 (c) The fund shall consist of appropriations, contributions, donations, gifts, or
15 federal funds.

16 (d) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the
17 close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the
18 succeeding fiscal year.

19 (e) Any interest earnings of the fund shall become a part of the fund and shall
20 not lapse.

21 (f) Moneys deposited in the fund are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose
22 of providing grants to recipients.

23 (5) The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS
24 Chapter 13A to implement this section within sixty (60) days after creation of the
25 fund described in subsection (2) of this section.