

# TEAM KENTUCKY

## Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program (G.R.A.N.T.) Program Guidelines

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**GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM  
(G.R.A.N.T.)**

The Commonwealth’s Executive Branch budget authorized certain funds to be set aside for the creation, establishment and funding to support priority communities established by Presidential Executive Order 14008. Funds for these projects are made available from the legislative biennium budget and the authorized allocation being placed into a fund established by the Department for Local Government (DLG). Those specific projects and the amount of funding are as follows:

**I. OVERVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM**

**A. Purpose of the Program**

During the 2023 Legislative session, under HB 9, Chapter 186, the creation of the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program (G.R.A.N.T) was formed. The purpose of the G.R.A.N.T. program is to support designated communities in the Commonwealth that fall under the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Revitalization established by Presidential Executive Order 14008, and issued on January 27, 2021.

The G.R.A.N.T. program was established under the Department for Local Government (DLG) to enable priority communities to access federal funding matches for projects that are in the public interest and for a public purpose.

**B. Funding for G.R.A.N.T. program**

A G.R.A.N.T. fund will be established with monies appropriated by the Kentucky General Assembly and the fund will sunset by December 1, 2026.

**II. REGISTRATION TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

**A. Registered Agent with the State**

All Applicants must be registered to do business with the Commonwealth. If the applicant is not registered, they must do so as soon as possible. Applicants with a state vendor number must make sure the information on file is correct. This is the applicant’s responsibility; DLG does not have the authority to make changes. To register or update an account visit <https://vss.ky.gov>

## **B. Non-profit Applicants**

501(c) 3 applicants shall submit a copy of their determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service after DLG award letter is given. DLG will not proceed with the grant until this information is received.

## **C. Federal Awards**

Once Federal Awards are announced, the applicant will fall into one of two categories:

- A. **Received federal funding:** Once the letter has been received from the Federal Agencies, DLG will need a copy of the letter to secure your match funding.
- B. **Federal funding not secured:** We will need a letter from applicant stating that funding was not received and will be withdrawing their application. The applicant can apply for G.R.A.N.T. match funds again during the next federal grant funding cycle.

## **III. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO PRIORITY COMMUNITIES**

### **A. Application**

Public agencies and/or non-profits in the priority communities may apply for G.R.A.N.T. funds to be used as federal grant matches. This funding is for match purposes only, and Administration fees will not be funded.

### **B. Project Scoring**

DLG has been charged with scoring the project application in order to expedite priority applications first. The criteria in section C (below), funding award dates, and a **fully completed application**, will be used to assist in scoring.

### **C. Criteria for Projects**

Under KRS Chapter 147A, the following criteria must be met:

- The project will enhance a priority community or region
- The granting entity for which the department's matching grant is being used requires a public purpose for grant eligibility
- The department in its judgement concludes the proposal will enhance the quality of life or services in a priority community or region

A public purpose includes, but not limited to projects that:

- Enhance economic vitality, including revitalization of structures that have a public purpose or benefit
- Promote or develop an artistic or philanthropic purpose

- Improve traditional infrastructure, such as water and wastewater treatment facilities, transmission lines, transportation facilities, and flood and wastewater management
- Create or enhance telecommunications infrastructure, including cellular towers, fiber optic expansion, and technology 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, such as walking, hiking, all-terrain vehicle, bike trails, picnic facilities, restrooms, boat docking and fishing piers, and athletic facilities
- Acquire private property that promotes local economic vitality and housing development and enhancements
- 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, thereby promoting the general welfare of local residents
- Provide facilities and activities for local residences that enhance quality of life, including but not limited to childcare access and public transportation

#### **IV: Accessing and Administration of Appropriated Funds –**

##### **1. Pass the Authorizing Resolution**

A resolution by the public agency and/or non-profit authorizing the submittal of the application and signature authority to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and provide all other necessary documentation to carry out the project. One authorizing resolution may be passed for multiple projects. The project and amount requested must be stated in the resolution.

##### **2. Execution of the MOA**

Once DLG has received the Resolution and Federal Grant award letter(s), DLG will forward a MOA to the Grantee for signature. Please sign and return the MOA to DLG. Once the MOA is finalized in the state's account system (eMARS), the Request for Disbursement (RFD) process can begin.

##### **3. Submit a Request for Disbursement**

To receive funds, the Request for Disbursement (RFD) form, must be submitted to DLG in order to execute funds.

#### **4. Procurement**

All procurement must follow KRS 45A or KRS 424.260, as well as local procurement guidelines.