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## **Grant Applications Accepted for Renewable Projects that Support Healthy Communities**

***Application deadline is April 1, 2025***

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 4, 2025)** - Today, Team Kentucky announced that proposals are now being accepted for community projects that promote the use of recycled Kentucky waste tires, and help support healthy, outdoor activities for Kentucky families. Funding is available for landscaping mulch projects, walking trails, poured-in-place playgrounds, sidewalks or other surfaces, horse trailer or stall mats, tree wells or other products utilizing recycled Kentucky tires.

“So many of our communities have benefited from this grant program over the years, using the funding to support a new healthy Kentucky home where families can enjoy updated playgrounds, parks, or trails that also support the use of sustainable, recycled products,” said Gov. Andy Beshear.

Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman added, “As a result of this program, we’re able to help grow tire-recycling markets across the state, encourage proper management of waste tires and minimize illegal dumps. It’s a win-win for everyone involved.”

Projects not eligible for these grants include athletic field or loose crumb-rubber playground applications, tire-derived aggregate, tire-derived fuel, rubber-modified asphalt or civil engineering projects.

Grant funding comes from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established in 1998 by the Kentucky General Assembly to receive fees collected from new tire sales. Applicants are required to provide matching funds equal to at least 25% of the project cost.

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. EST on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, via email to [lisa.evans@ky.gov](mailto:lisa.evans@ky.gov). The submittal of the application and any supporting documentation is required for the application to be considered for funding.

For more information, contact Lisa Evans at 502-782-6355 (office), 502-330-6829 (cell) or [lisa.evans@ky.gov](mailto:lisa.evans@ky.gov). Additional information and the grant application are online at the division’s [website](#).