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The Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) is seeking applications from qualified grocers interested in establishing a full-service grocery store to serve the Edmonton and Metcalfe County communities.

Available Incentives: The City of Edmonton and Metcalfe County Fiscal Court have established a joint grant pool of up to \$1,250,000 to fund a single qualifying grocery operator.

Program Rules: The store location must be physically within the municipal limits of Edmonton, Kentucky. Financial assistance is provided on a reimbursement basis for eligible development and infrastructure costs. The chosen awardee must sign an agreement to maintain continuous grocery operations for a minimum of five (5) years. Unauthorized closure triggers a strict, amortized grant clawback. The city and county reserve the right to deny any applicant at their discretion.

Application Window: August 12, 2026 - September 14, 2026

Selection Process: BRADD will evaluate proposals based on an unbiased set of criteria including a proven history of applicant success, threshold eligibility requirements, concept and inventory strategy, financial viability, project timeline, and local economic impact. Applications are available at the following locations:

BRADD: 177 Graham Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42101

Edmonton City Hall: 207 East St, Edmonton, KY 42129

Metcalfe County Courthouse: 201 N. Main St., Edmonton, KY 42129

Contact Information: Russ Hurd
BRADD Community & Economic
Development Director
(270) 781-2381
Russ.Hurd@bradd.org

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In accordance with Chapter 65A.080 (2), KRS 424.220, of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial report and supporting data may be inspected by the public at the Metcalfe County Conservation District Office located at 201 North Main St, Edmonton, KY 42129, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Metcalfe County Conservation District holds its regularly scheduled monthly board meetings at 8:00 am on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the office. All meetings are open to the public. "This advertisement was paid for by Metcalfe County Soil Conservation District using taxpayer dollars in the amount of \$68.00.

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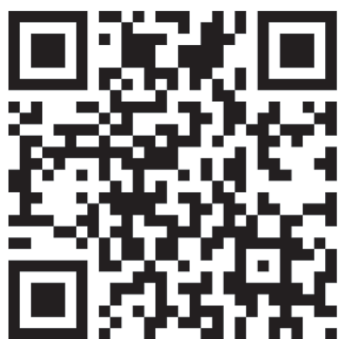
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\$120 can provide weekend food for one student for an entire school year. At that rate, the cooperative's \$6,000 contribution to the backpack programs could help provide a year of weekend food assistance for about 50 students.

Farmers RECC also donated \$1,000 to Barren County Reads and Feeds, a program that provides food to local students experiencing food insecurity.

"We understand that hunger is a very real problem for some of

our area students," said Caralyne Pennington, director of member and public communications at Farmers RECC. "If we can help some of those students and the public with that problem, we feel it's important to do what we can."

Pennington said the donations also reflect the cooperative principle of "Concern for Community."

"Our employees live and work in the communities we serve, and this is just one way to give back to those communities," she said.

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helps ensure funding decisions are based on measurable needs and community impact rather than politics or geography. The formula applies to transportation funding not already dedicated through other sources, including maintenance projects, local government needs, and projects supported by federal funding. Through SHIFT, local and state transportation leaders identify potential projects that are then evaluated based on factors such as safety, congestion reduction, economic development, cost effectiveness, asset management, and resiliency. For local road planning, the process also considers non-motorized transportation options, including bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

Because transportation needs span decades - not just budget cycles - Kentucky's road plan is designed as a six-year investment strategy. This approach allows lawmakers and transportation officials to prioritize projects, coordinate resources, and address the Commonwealth's most critical infrastructure needs in a responsible and forward-looking way. As part of that effort, the House approved HJR 75, which establishes the final four years of the next six-year road plan.

Lawmakers also approved HB 501, the operating budget for programs and services provided by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The measure continues support for local communities through the Local Assistance Road Program (LARP), providing cities and counties with additional resources to address local road needs. In the first fiscal year, HB 501 provides an unprecedented \$90.2 million for LARP over two years - \$70.2 million in the first year, and an additional \$20 million in fiscal year 2028.

This represents a significant increase in support for local roads across Kentucky - far exceeding the previous two years combined (LARP funding totaled \$23.8

million in Fiscal Year 2026 and \$19.9 million in Fiscal Year 2025). That additional funding will allow more communities to repair and resurface roads before deterioration becomes more costly and difficult to address. A companion measure, HJR 76, outlines how the funding will be distributed.

Historically, limited LARP funding meant projects were generally restricted to roads rated a 10, with only occasional funding available for roads rated a 9. Under HJR 76, funding will expand to include roads rated 8, 9, and 10, which in turn allows local governments to address more aging infrastructure and improve road conditions before they reach a critical state. Together, these investments reflect a commitment to safer roads, stronger communities, and a transportation system built to support Kentucky's future.

The projects for Metcalfe County outlined in HJR 76 include a total of \$736,100 in funding. Here's a breakdown of the roads being resurfaced and improved in our community:

- Relieve Hazardous Condition Harvey Hurt Rd - \$37,000
- Resurface Subtle Garrett Creek Rd - \$126,000
- Resurface Pitcock Rd - \$207,000
- Resurface Cork Gascon Rd - \$356,000
- Resurface Karan Dr - \$10,100

In addition to LARP, HB 501 also includes \$25 million in both years for the County and City Bridge Improvement Program.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Amy.Neighbors@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.