

# Transportation Enhancement Projects

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for Transportation Enhancement funds, an application **must** meet the following **three** criteria:

1. Relate to surface transportation:

- proximity to a highway or trail
- provide transportation from one point to another (pedestrian/bicycle trail)
- enhancement of transportation experience (scenic or environmental)
- present or historic transportation purpose

2. Include at least one of the twelve federally designated TE activities that KDOT has condensed into three categories:

**HISTORIC CATEGORY**

- acquisition of historic sites (*including historic battlefields*).
- historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)
- historic preservation
- rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals).
- archeological planning and research
- establishment of transportation museums

**SCENIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORY**

- acquisition of scenic easements and scenic sites
- scenic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities
- linked to scenic or historic sites)
- landscaping and other scenic beautification
- *Inventory*, control, and removal of outdoor advertising
- environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle- caused wildlife mortality while maintaining
- habitat connectivity.

**PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FACILITIES CATEGORY**

- provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
- provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
- preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and *use of the corridors* for pedestrian or bicycle trails)

3. Lastly, projects must be submitted by a local governing entity (city, county, school district, other political subdivisions). Projects within urbanized areas (populations greater than 50,000) must also be submitted to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) at the same time as submitted to KDOT.