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**Gov. Beshear announces \$1.25 million in Congestion Mitigation funds to  
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government**  
*Funding to aid in building compressed natural gas fueling station*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 7, 2014)** – Governor Steve Beshear and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) officials today announced the award of more than \$1.2 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to improve safety and air quality in Kentucky’s second-largest city.

The funding will help the local government construct a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station for vehicles powered by the cleaner-burning fuel.

“To have a healthy Commonwealth, we must have clean air,” Gov. Beshear said. “CMAQ funding helps us in working toward that goal.”

Federally funded CMAQ grants are for innovative transportation projects or programs aimed at reducing traffic congestion and improving air quality. Kentucky annually receives CMAQ funds for use in areas striving to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Such areas are designated “nonattainment” or “maintenance” for the standards.

CMAQ funds are available to state and local government agencies as well as private entities through public-private partnerships. Nonprofit organizations may also apply in partnership with state or local government agencies.

KYTC solicits applications and makes awards annually for CMAQ funds. The cabinet’s Office of

Local Programs administers all CMAQ funds and project applications.

CMAQ projects support Gov. Beshear's efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky's dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky's successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state's collective health.

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