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**Governor Beshear announces \$2.5 million grant to LexTran**  
*Funding for cleaner-running buses will help improve air quality within city*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 7, 2014)** – Governor Steve Beshear and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) officials today announced the award of \$2,501,591 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to LexTran to improve safety and air quality in the second-largest city of the Commonwealth.

The funding will aid LexTran, the public transit system, in the purchase of seven buses powered by cleaner-burning compressed natural gas.

“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.

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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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