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An act to create the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Pedestrian Walkway Network. (PWN)

Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: Real Estate Development Companies will be able to apply for grant money to build sidewalks, and/or walkways along roads from neighborhoods to public parks, schools, and other nearby facilities such as stores within a two mile radius of any residential areas. In rural areas where such facilities are further away walkways may be built to bus stops (of the public and school variety).

Section 2: The PWN will be modeled after a similar program in Charlotte with the same goal. The (Commonwealth) will promote a balanced and multimodal transportation system that serves the mobility needs of all people. The PWN promotes community economic development needs with a special emphasis on pedestrian transportation to improve the quality of health for all citizens in the state.

Section 3: A Transportation Enhancement (TE) program already exists in Kentucky, however there is not enough funding available for the amount of sidewalks. The TE provides funding for the following projects:

- . Pedestrian & bicyclist safety and education
- 19 . Acquisition of scenic or historic easements & sites, including battlefields
- 20 . Scenic or historic highway programs
 - . Landscaping and Scenic beautification
 - . Historic preservation
 - . Historic transportation buildings
 - . Rail corridor preservation
 - . Inventory, control, and removal of outdoor advertising
 - . Archaeological planning and research
 - . Environmental mitigation
 - . Transportation museums

Section 4: The PWN, unlike the TE, will only provide funding for Pedestrian and bicycle facilities. When applying for a grant from the department of health, 80% of the cost of the sidewalks will be accounted for. The PWN program is under the jurisdiction of the department of health, and is not affiliated with department of transportation. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding assistance for contractors in charge of subdivision/ housing development, thus only making contractors eligible for the grant money. A grant application that is required to be to be eligible for grant money after the contractor has bid on the project. This bill will go into effect six months after passage.