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## County applies for grant to help pay for park-and-ride lot

By Andrea Uhde

Oldham County is applying for a federal grant that would help pay for a park-and-ride lot off Interstate 71 in Crestwood, along the TARC bus route that goes to and from Louisville.

The county has been using a parking lot south of I-71 that has space for about 80 cars, but it's owned by developer Bob Jones and the county "probably eventually will lose the land, so we've been looking for a different alternative," Judge-Executive Duane Murner said.

He said the county also needs more space, and a grant would allow it to buy a property on Ky. 329 that is just north of I-71, near the Apple Patch offices. It would have space for more than 120 cars, along with a shelter and bike locker, according to plans.

The grant would require a match of \$252,393, much of which would come from Apple Patch. Apple Patch will sell 3.59 acres for the site and donate \$114,375 of those profits. It also will donate another 1.3 acres of land that's valued at \$87,500, said Joe Spoelker with Apple Patch.

Crestwood and Fiscal Court will both provide about \$25,000 for the project.

Fiscal Court in January approved the application for the grant, which would come from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program.

Murner said he also added the project to the county's list of stimulus package "wants," which is going to U.S. Rep. Geoff Davis. The stimulus package comes with no match requirements, he said.

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