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Bike Rack Grant Program Available

Knoxville, Tennessee – May 22, 2018 [I Bike KNX](#), a program of the [Knoxville Regional Transportation Organization](#), is encouraging local businesses and agencies to take advantage of its Bicycle Rack Grant Program. As more people are using their bikes every day for commuting, shopping, socializing, and recreation, there is also a demand for more parking.

The [grant](#) provides bike parking for any business or agency at just 20 percent of the actual cost, which typically ends up meaning the business pays just \$20 for one rack. One rack holds two bicycles and is simple to install into concrete. Racks are available in a variety of colors at no extra cost. There are other types of racks available for locations that only have asphalt available.

The introduction of Pace, Knoxville's bike share, has increased the number of bikes being used in the city since the program started earlier this year. Pace bikes can be left at any public rack, as well as at Pace stations. Because of this increase in people riding bicycles, racks are filling up faster and users are looking for more places to park. People are more likely to bike if they are confident that they will find convenient and secure parking at their destinations.

Providing bike parking also gives a more orderly appearance to buildings and prevents bicyclists from locking their bikes to trees, benches, and railings. If a bike rack appears insecure or is in the wrong location, bicyclists are less likely to use it.

The grant program has resulted in more than 700 bicycle racks being installed since 2004. Any private business, public agency, or non-profit organization located in Knox, Anderson, Blount, Loudon, or Sevier County is eligible for this program.

To apply for this grant, please contact Kelley Segars at ambassadors@knoxtrans.org or 865-215-3815. Anyone who knows of a location that needs a rack can send an email to ambassadors@knoxtrans.org.

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Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization

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