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Gov. Beshear Announces More than $780,000 in Funding for Public

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Funding awarded to respond to price gouging, protect Kentuckians from fraud

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 21, 2020) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced more than $780,000 in federal funding has been awarded to Kentucky public safety agencies and c 2019 (COVID-19).

“Kentuckians have been resilient during this pandemic, but unfortunately there are criminals who have targeted our people, particularly our seniors and those facing financial di action to stop predators and protect Kentuckians.”

Gov. Beshear and the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet announced the U.S. Department of Justice’s (USDOJ) Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Progı

Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Protection Enforcement Unit
In his former role as Attorney General, Gov. Beshear worked to protect Kentuckians against fraud and scams. He has continued those efforts as Governor. Beginning with the f pandemic.

To bolster anti-price gouging efforts, the Governor said the Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Protection Enforcement Unit has been awarded $540,323 to hire one staff at

Funds also will be used to develop a mobile application for consumers to report price gouging, scams or other fraudulent activity related to the coronavirus pandemic.

In the application, the Office of the Attorney General wrote that after the Governor issued an Executive Order on March 7, 2020, to protect Kentuckians from price gouging, the received more than 4,624. The Governor said these funds should help the office protect more Kentuckians from price gouging and seek justice for those already harmed.

Attorney General’s Office of Senior Protection
As the former Attorney General, Gov. Beshear continues to make fighting back against scammers a priority.

On Monday, the Governor published a Charitable Giving Guide (https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/2020-Charitable-Giving-Guide.pdf) that advises Kentuckians how to verify Kentuckians already are facing the greatest challenge of our generation with COVID-19, and that the guide (https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/2020-Charitable-Giving-Guide. (https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=420).

Gov. Beshear said with the grant, his administration is supporting the Office of the Attorney General in doing more to stop scams through the grant program.

The Attorney General’s Office of Senior Protection has been awarded $144,136 to hire a dedicated investigator to address a dramatic expansion in financial fraud and exploitat “Senior Justice Initiative,” to combat COVID-19 fraud targeting seniors.

As part of the application, the Office of the Attorney General indicated that they have seen an alarming increase in the number of senior victims and amount of financial fraud in victim to financial exploitation and fraud during the COVID-19 pandemic have overwhelmingly been Kentuckians who are ages 60 or older. Increases in online shopping and or scammers to successfully lure victims into these scams.

Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy
The Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy (DPA) has been awarded $102,270 to launch a pilot project in Hardin County to address adverse effects of COVID-19 on indiger

Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Mary Noble said COVID-19 has affected indigent clients’ access to the court system and to legal counsel with some in-person serv

“This grant funding is instrumental as we work to adjust to a new normal within the court system and how legal services are being provided electronically. DPA’s pilot program c

DPA said the funds will be used to implement a pilot project to address systemic pandemic-created constitutional barriers that have arisen due to the global coronavirus outbrea request. Both agree with the need for enhanced technology in all courtrooms in the county to protect the health and constitutional rights of justice-involved persons and are in s

This project will:

- Identify constitutional issues related to access to courts and counsel during the pandemic;
- Enhance access to courts through electronic means, both for in-custody and out-of-custody clients; and
- Create guidelines and recommendations for short-term and long-term solutions that must be implemented to better prepare the criminal legal system moving forward.

For additional information and to apply for CESF grant funding visit the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet’s website (https://justice.ky.gov/Departments-Agencies/GMD/Pages/c

More Information
Read about other key updates, actions and information from Gov. Beshear and his administration at governor.ky.gov (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__lnks.gd_l_eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA3MTYuMjQ0OTQyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJo 2Dl&d=DwMFAA&c=jvUANN7rYqzaQJvTqI-69lgi41yDEZ3CXTgIEaHlx7c&r=g4e_99SoG5mW9-yc2DxpBLIrguZU0r_FdtV_FB-44pQ&m=kPirBbYP6Dvvf3w405K_ymDRKKWc1

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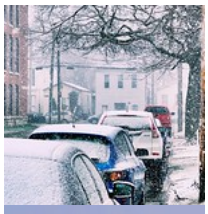
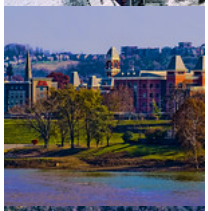
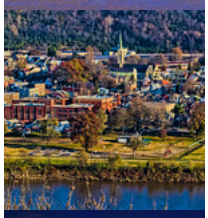
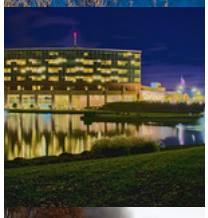
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/7372926@N06/47218320672/in/pool-773339@N20)
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/miamiboy/47184596121/in/pool-773339@N20)
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/miamiboy/47184413071/in/pool-773339@N20)
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/miamiboy/32275086277/in/pool-773339@N20)
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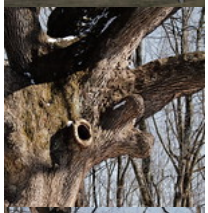
-  (https://www.flickr.com/photos/mcconnell_springs_photo_journal/46864760851/in/pool-773339@N20)
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