

Andy Beshear



Public Safety – Actions Taken

- Took action to enhance public and officer safety including funding for firearms training, Western Kentucky training facility, and an increased training stipend.
- Awarded nearly \$8 million in grant funding to assist state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase the tools and resources that will all them to protect our communities and better ensure their own safety on the front lines of duty.
- Announced nearly \$2 million in grant funding to enhance public safety, curb the sale of illegal drugs, and fight addiction.
- Awarded more than \$350,000 to prevent youth crime in the commonwealth.
- Announced the Military to Law Enforcement Program to allow local law enforcement agencies in Kentucky to hire active service members of the U.S. military during their last 180 days of service.
- Made historic investments in law enforcement by providing funds to Kentucky State Police (KSP) to recruit, train, and retain the essential workforce needed to continue to provide the highest level of security to all Kentuckians.
- Ensured all state police troopers will receive a \$15,000 raise.
- Supported KSP in purchasing body cameras.
- Championed legislation making it easier for law enforcement to conduct undercover stings and increase the chances of stopping horrific crimes against children from being facilitated through the internet.

Sexual Assault Prevention

- Announced more than \$2 million in grant funding to 33 agencies to stop sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.
- Signed Senate Bill 38, which defines Class A and B felony incest as a violent offense.
- Signed Senate Bill 271, improving how domestic violence data in Kentucky is collected, analyzed, and used.
- Awarded nearly \$8 million to 56 programs and projects that support victims of violent crime by using the State Fiscal Recovery fund to ensure that support for victims and survivors of crime continues despite the nationwide reduction in the federal Victims of Crime Act awards.
- Announced nearly \$23 million in grant funding from the federal VOCA Formula Victim Assistance Grant Program supporting victims of crime in Kentucky.
- Announced \$849,491 in federal grant awards to KSP to hire a new investigator with the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative investigative team.

- Announced awards in 2021 totaling over \$4 million to fight sexual assault and domestic violence through the Violence Against Women Act's 'STOP' formula grant program
- Signed House Bill 310, which allows a Commonwealth's Attorney to file a petition for an involuntary commitment for violent offenders who are incompetent to stand trial, which closed a gap that allowed some defendants to avoid both prison and mental health treatment

Report Domestic Violence

Call the free 24-hour hotline at 800-656-HOPE (4673) or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE (7233).