



### Rebuilding Kentucky After Disasters

- Worked quickly to secure federal disaster declarations for both the Western Kentucky tornadoes and Eastern Kentucky floods, including a Presidential visit following each emergency declaration signing.
- Deployed the Kentucky National Guard, Kentucky State Police, and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife officers to immediately assist in rescue and recovery.
- Partnered with National Guard units from Tennessee and West Virginia to support rescue efforts for more than 1,300 Kentuckians in flooded areas in Eastern Kentucky.
- Coordinated state response efforts with an outpouring of help from other local and federal teams, nonprofits, and other volunteer organizations to provide security; deliver food, medicine, water and other supplies; clear debris; repair roads and bridges; and provide shelter.
- Implemented innovative platforms to help survivors and affected communities by creating:

#### **Commonwealth Sheltering Program**

- ◇ Administration agencies, including Kentucky Emergency Management, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and Kentucky State Parks worked together to provide emergency shelters for Kentucky families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the tornadoes or flooding.
- ◇ Sheltering options included travel trailers, state park lodges and cabins, and privately operated hotels.
- ◇ The program has provided nearly 1,200 households in the east and west with shelter.

#### **Multi-Agency Resource Centers**

- ◇ Provided a one-stop shop for survivors to get assistance with all their needs in one location, and provided survivors with real-time answers to questions and concerns.
- ◇ These “MARCS” also provided victims an opportunity to talk with FEMA representatives.
- ◇ Established novel Team Kentucky funding programs to raise money to support victims of these devastating natural disasters.

#### **Funding Programs for Western Kentucky Disasters Include**

- ◇ Over \$46 million in individual and public assistance to the areas impacted provided by FEMA.
- ◇ \$59.8 million in funding support by the U.S. Small Business Administration for home and business loans.
- ◇ \$500 million from private insurance to those who were injured or affected.
- ◇ \$200 million in bipartisan support with the General Assembly established in the “Western KY SAFE Fund.”
- ◇ Established a groundbreaking fundraising initiative, the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund, which has received more than \$52 million from more than 150,000 donations.
- ◇ For a full list of expenditures and information regarding the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief

Fund, visit the website at [teamwkyrelieffund.ky.gov](http://teamwkyrelieffund.ky.gov).

### **Funding Programs for Eastern Kentucky Disasters Include**

- ◇ Over \$101 million in support to those impacted provided by FEMA.
  - ◇ \$57.7 million in low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.
  - ◇ \$212.7 million in bipartisan support with the General Assembly established in the “Eastern KY SAFE Fund.”
  - ◇ Established a groundbreaking fundraising initiative, the Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund which has received more than \$13 million from more than 41,000 donations.
  - ◇ Additional donations continue to be needed; find more information on how to donate and more information on the expenditure of funds from the program at [teamekyfloodrelieffund.ky.gov](http://teamekyfloodrelieffund.ky.gov).
- In addition to monetary support for these two historic Kentucky disasters, First Lady Britainy Beshear spearheaded toy drives for children in these regions that saw an incredible amount of participation and were well-received by these children in need.