



**ANDY BESHEAR**  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Secretary of State**  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

**2020-253**  
**March 23, 2020**

**STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO**  
**COVID-19 RELIEF FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease causing illness that can range from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death, and many cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth, with cases appearing in multiple counties, indicating the virus is community spread; and

**WHEREAS**, Kentuckians are encouraged to remain Healthy at Home, which will help protect our community from the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of COVID-19 endangers public health and safety and, if Kentuckians do not work together to contain the disease, it threatens to overwhelm the Commonwealth's healthcare resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kentucky Department of Public Health have recommended that the public practice social distancing, meaning staying home when possible and otherwise maintaining six feet of distance from other individuals, to minimize the transmission of the coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, did declare by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 emergency has and will continue to cause severe economic consequences across the Commonwealth and the nation, including the interruption of employment of a substantial number of Kentuckians; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to respond to the emergency and for the public purpose of protecting and safeguarding the public health, safety, and welfare of Kentuckians, it is necessary to establish the Team Kentucky Fund to provide financial assistance to those whose employment is displaced due to the COVID-19 emergency. The establishment of



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this Fund serves to benefit those persons identified herein and any financial assistance is provided as a matter of grace:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby Order and Direct that, notwithstanding any policy, statute, or administrative regulation to the contrary:

1. The Public Protection Cabinet establish the Team Kentucky Fund ("Fund"), to be administered by the Secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet ("Secretary").
2. The Fund shall consist of monies received from public or private sources to be used solely for the public purpose of protecting and safeguarding the public health, safety, welfare, and protection of Kentuckians, by providing supplemental financial assistance to those who are severely financially impacted due to the COVID-19 emergency
3. The establishment of this Fund serves a public purpose and is of benefit to the state to indemnify those persons identified herein. It is the intent of this Executive Order that financial assistance is provided, as a matter of grace, for such persons.
4. The Secretary, pursuant to KRS 39A.180, KRS 12.270(2), KRS 13A.190, and other applicable law, shall establish standards regarding acceptance and expenditure of funds based on eligibility and qualifications for assistance provided to an applicant. The standards shall include establishing eligibility criteria and a process for receiving, adjudicating, and paying requests for assistance from the Fund. Such standards shall be consistent with the public purpose of this Order to provide assistance to Kentuckians whose employment is displaced consequent to the COVID-19 emergency. No part of this Fund shall be expended for administrative purposes, with the exception of processing fees imposed by merchant banks or credit card companies.

This Order is effective March 23, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State