



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2026-465
July 27, 2026

In Kentucky, we are reigniting the American Dream.

That Dream starts with a good paying job and a place to call home, a place to raise your family, a place that provides opportunity and stability.

Every Kentuckian deserves the opportunity to find their New Kentucky Home and live the American Dream.

Demand for homes in Kentucky is rapidly growing. Through the New Kentucky Home initiative, this Administration has elevated Kentucky's presence on the global stage and welcomed people and businesses the world over to invest, live, and work in the Commonwealth. In six years, we have announced more than 1,300 private sector new-location and expansion projects, created more than 70,000 jobs, and attracted more than \$50 billion in new investment to the Commonwealth. On top of that, we have exported more than \$51 billion worth of Kentucky products to countries around the world.

Plus, the jobs we are creating are not just jobs; they are careers paying an average wage more than \$30 per hour. In 2026, that number is closer to \$31.50 an hour. It is clear why more people are choosing to call the Commonwealth their New Kentucky Home.

Despite natural disasters and economic headwinds, Kentucky continues to lead by investing in our people. Through programs like our High Ground Communities, we are helping Kentuckians rebuild their lives after disasters, constructing new homes in places where families will feel safe from the perils that originally uprooted them.

Team Kentucky will continue to deliver on every available opportunity to help Kentuckians achieve their own version of the American Dream. With a shortage of more than 200,000 homes, Kentucky families need and deserve more affordable options. Safe, stable housing is necessary for our people, especially after natural disasters.

I am committed to making certain Kentuckians have a place to call home, a place where they can feel safe, raise a family, and achieve the American Dream.

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 this Commonwealth, including but not limited to Senate Bill 197 (R.S. 2026), Section 27, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

- I. **Building Homes in Communities Hit By Disasters.** The Finance and Administration Cabinet will provide \$2.5 million to the Team Kentucky Emergency Relief Fund, within the Public Protection Cabinet, to be used exclusively for the purpose of building and creating more affordable housing in Eastern Kentucky's High Ground Communities.



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This Order shall take effect immediately.

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

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State