

Actions Since Eastern Kentucky's Devastating Flooding in July 2022

- The Kentucky National Guard and their counterparts in Tennessee and West Virginia, as well as Kentucky State Police and Fish and Wildlife, saved 1,400 lives.
- Gov. Beshear immediately declared a state of emergency, activated the state's price gouging laws and set up a [resource site](#) where those affected could access information in one place.
- The Governor also signed the \$212.7 million Eastern Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies into law.
- Eastern Kentucky has received more than \$281 million in federal assistance. These funds include:
 - \$108 million from the FEMA Individuals and Households Program to help survivors with their recovery;
 - More than \$49.4 million from FEMA Public Assistance for 408 projects;
 - More than \$24 million from the National Flood Insurance Program, which closed more than 400 claims and paid policyholders; and
 - More than \$58.8 million in low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Association for over 11,000 households.
- The Office of Unemployment also assisted with Disaster Unemployment Assistance for those eligible. More than 200 people have been hired through these efforts through the program. These teams also offered employment assistance, support for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community and more through our resource centers.
- 360 individuals were provided temporary shelter and resources through Kentucky State Parks. Over 380 households took shelter through the Commonwealth Sheltering Program.
- As of today, the Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund has raised more than \$13.2 million from over 41,500 donors. First, \$440,000 paid funeral expenses for the 44 people who lost their lives in the floods. The fund directly provided \$4 million in immediate relief payments to individuals who suffered property damage in the storms.
- Over \$1 million from the fund has been committed to rebuilding homes and home repairs with nonprofit partners, including Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky, Housing Development Alliance and Homes Inc. According to Fahe, 311 muck-outs, rehabs and new homes have been completed for families affected.
- So far, three high-ground communities have been announced in [Knott](#), [Perry](#) and [Letcher](#) counties.
- Gov. Beshear and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin [announced](#) \$5.3 million to help flood recovery efforts in Letcher and Perry counties. The funds will provide water and sewer service to new housing developments that are considered high-ground sites.
- So far, 1,096 state-and county-owned bridges have been inspected by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, which determined that 166 need replacement or repair. Over 80 bridges have been completed, with 12 more preparing for contract.
- Nearly 410,000 tons of flood debris have been removed from roadsides and more than 600 miles of waterway. As requested by county governments, nearly 6,000 tons of debris was removed from private property.