

Kentucky Funding in the Economic Stimulus Package

Transportation

Kentucky will receive \$421 million for highways and bridges and about \$50 million for transit. Fifty percent of the funds must be obligated within 120 days. Governor Beshear and legislative leaders are developing a road plan to meet federal requirements.

Energy

Kentucky will receive about \$63 million for energy initiatives. That includes around \$7 million direct to the largest cities and millions more in competitive energy efficiency and conservation projects.

Water and Sewer

Kentucky will receive approximately \$49 million in additional funds for wastewater projects and approximately \$19 million in additional funds for drinking water projects. Although these funds will be funneled through the state revolving loan funds, the economic stimulus legislation allows much of the principal and interest to be forgiven.

Environment

Kentucky cities can compete among other local governments for a portion of the \$100 million appropriated to fund brownfields assessments and cleanup.

Community Development and Housing

Kentucky will receive about \$12 million for local community development block grants, around \$7 million of which is for small city projects. Public housing authorities will receive \$52 million for their capital funds.

Health and Welfare

Kentucky will receive about \$220 million for areas like weatherization, child care, child support enforcement and homelessness prevention.

Public Safety and Homeland Security

Kentucky will receive around \$30 million to combat violence against women and to support criminal justice efforts at both the state and local levels. Several cities will receive direct local law enforcement funding and/or funding to put more police on the streets.

Education and Job Training

Kentucky will receive around \$66 million for job training programs. An additional \$535 million will be used to preserve existing commitments to K-12 and higher education as well as to continue efforts to hold down the cost of college tuition. Another \$389 million will go to Title 1, Head Start, technology and school lunch programs, and other programs that help families in crisis.

Medicaid

Kentucky's Medicaid program will receive about \$990 million over the next two years. The program faces a \$232 million deficit this year while demand for services is increasing by about 3,000 people a month.

General Fund

Kentucky will receive around \$120 million to help address shortfalls and mitigate deeper budget cuts over the next two years.