

1 AN ACT relating to fiscal matters providing funding for disaster recovery and  
2 relief, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated Restricted Fund moneys in the  
5 amount of \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 from the West Kentucky State Aid  
6 Funding for Emergencies (SAFE) Fund to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services,  
7 Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, for  
8 mental health care in counties impacted by the December 2021 storms and tornadoes.

9 (2) The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual  
10 Disabilities shall distribute these moneys to the Community Mental Health Centers that  
11 have been providing mental health services and supports to individuals in the storm-  
12 impacted counties that are in their designated regions and were named in the Presidential  
13 Declaration of Emergency issued on December 13, 2021.

14 (3) (a) Each of the eight counties named in the Presidential Declaration of  
15 Emergency shall be allocated \$1,500,000:

- 16 1. Caldwell County;
- 17 2. Fulton County;
- 18 3. Graves County;
- 19 4. Hopkins County;
- 20 5. Marshall County;
- 21 6. Muhlenberg County;
- 22 7. Taylor County; and
- 23 8. Warren County.

24 (b) These moneys shall be used to:

- 25 1. Assist the Community Mental Health Centers in recouping additional costs  
26 incurred in making services and staff available in the first month following the storms'  
27 impacts;

1           2. Provide for hiring additional staff as necessary to address the emerging need  
2 for additional mental health services to individuals living and working in these affected  
3 counties; and

4           3. Continue providing mental health services in the local schools and consulting  
5 with school staff in addressing increased mental health demands from students, teachers,  
6 and staff.

7           (4) A Community Mental Health Center shall:

8           (a) Reimburse the Commonwealth for the amount of the moneys received from  
9 the fund if the Community Mental Health Center receives moneys from any other sources  
10 for the same purpose; and

11           (b) Provide information for a report to be submitted by the Cabinet for Health and  
12 Family Services to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by the  
13 tenth day of each month, beginning February 10, 2022, and ending July 10, 2024. The  
14 report shall include:

15           1. The name of each Community Mental Health Center receiving moneys from  
16 the fund;

17           2. The dollar amount of moneys received; and

18           3. A description of how the moneys were used.

19           ➔Section 2. Whereas support and relief efforts are imperative for the  
20 Commonwealth to recover from the considerable damage caused by deadly storms and  
21 tornadoes, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage  
22 and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.