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June 3, 2021

The Honorable Rick Girdler, Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Chris Freeland, Co-Chairman  
Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee  
Legislative Research Commission  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Senator Girdler, Representative Freeland, and Members of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 45.750-800, the Finance and Administration Cabinet is reporting the attached actions involving:

**Emergency Repair, Maintenance and Replacement Project Purchase**

Kentucky State Police – Emergency Helicopter Replacement in the amount of \$1,400,000 funded with \$700,000 from the Capital Construction and Emergency Repair, Maintenance and Replacement account and \$700,000 from available funds within the Kentucky State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly M. Johnson".

Holly M. Johnson  
Secretary

Attachments

**Date:** June 3, 2021  
**Agency:** Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, Kentucky State Police  
**Project:** Emergency Helicopter Replacement  
**Account Number:** CA3Y  
**Type of Action:** Emergency Repair, Maintenance and Replacement Project

The Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet has approved the purchase of a used 2005 Bell 407 helicopter in the amount of \$1,400,000 funded with \$700,000 from the Capital Construction and Emergency Repair, Maintenance and Replacement account and \$700,000 from available funds within the Kentucky State.

This project is necessitated due to an unforeseen mechanical breakdown, electrical breakdown, or structural defect that must be corrected to make an item of equipment usable and is in accordance with KRS 45.750(1)(g), (2) and (3), and 45.780.



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Commissioner Phillip Burnett  
Kentucky State Police  
919 Versailles Road  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Commissioner Burnett:

This letter is to inform you that your request for an emergency repair, maintenance, or replacement project to purchase a used 2005 Bell 407 helicopter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the amount of \$1,400,000 has been approved. The project will be funded with an allocation of \$700,000 from the Capital Construction and Emergency Repair, Maintenance and Replacement account and \$700,000 from available funds within the Kentucky State Police.

This Emergency Helicopter Replacement project is necessary due to an unforeseen mechanical breakdown, electrical breakdown, or structural defect that must be corrected to make an item of equipment usable and is in accordance with KRS 45.750(1)(g), (2) and (3), and 45.780.

This action will be on the agenda of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee currently scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2020 at 3:30 pm in Room 171, Capitol Annex. Please have a representative familiar with this project in attendance for any related questions the committee may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly M. Johnson".

Holly M. Johnson  
Secretary



**Andy Beshear**  
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## **KENTUCKY STATE POLICE**

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**Mary C. Noble**  
Secretary

**Col. Phillip Burnett, Jr.**  
Commissioner

June 2, 2021

Holly M. Johnson, Secretary  
Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Room 383, Capitol Annex Building  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Secretary Johnson:

The Kentucky State Police requests approval of a \$1,400,000 emergency repair, maintenance or replacement project to purchase a used helicopter that is necessitated by an unforeseen mechanical breakdown, electrical breakdown, or structural defect that must be corrected to make an item of equipment usable. This request is in accordance with KRS 45.750(1)(g), (2) and (3), and 45.780.

During a routine 100/300 hour inspection, our Bell OH 58C helicopter was found to have several maintenance issues. Two of these issues are considered major and make the aircraft not airworthy. One issue was that the vertical tail fin's leading edge was found to be delaminating and coming off. Due to the age (over 50 years old) of the aircraft and the fact that the manufacture has discontinued production of this airframe, there is not a replacement part readily available. The second issue is a crack in the front right windscreen. This crack has been present for several years and has increasingly progressed. It has now reached a limit where it is a safety of flight issue. As with the vertical fin, due to the age and shape of the windscreen, replacement parts are not readily available.

Recently, the Kentucky State Police was made aware that the FBI is selling a 2005 Bell 407 helicopter and is willing to negotiate for a direct sale. The helicopter is in very good condition and could be utilized almost immediately after installation of KSP communications.

The Kentucky State Police uses its helicopters to respond to various aviation requests that support: our own missions, local law enforcement agencies, Kentucky Emergency Management in times of natural disaster, active shooter, executive transport, search and rescue, missing persons, and a variety of other missions. Replacing this helicopter will ensure that the Kentucky State Police has the capability to continue to respond to these missions and maintain government operations. The immediate / emergency

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replacement of this helicopter is critical to the KSP to provide airborne law enforcement services to the Commonwealth.

Funding for this project includes \$700,000 from the Capital Construction and Emergency Repair, Maintenance and Replacement account and \$700,000 from available funds within the Kentucky State Police's budget (\$350,000 from available restricted funds and \$350,000 from the General Fund).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact my Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Burnett, Jr." in a cursive style.

Phillip Burnett, Commissioner  
Kentucky State Police