

529.140 Human trafficking victims fund.

- (1) The "human trafficking victims fund," referred to in this section as the "fund," is created as a separate revolving fund within the Office of the Attorney General.
- (2) The fund shall consist of proceeds from assets seized and forfeited pursuant to KRS 529.150; proceeds from the fee in KRS 529.130; proceeds from penalties collected under KRS 183.075, 219.085, 277.410, and 281.767; grants; contributions; appropriations; and any other moneys that may be made available for purposes of the fund.
- (3) Moneys in the fund shall be distributed to agencies serving victims of human trafficking, including but not limited to law enforcement agencies, prosecutorial agencies, and victim service agencies. The Office of the Attorney General shall promulgate administrative regulations to develop procedures for distributing funds pursuant to this section. The administrative regulations shall require that:
 - (a) The Office of the Attorney General use funds received to maintain programs for the prevention of human trafficking, provide education, training, or public outreach programs about human trafficking, and conduct human trafficking investigations. The Office of the Attorney General may recoup costs for conducting any programs or trainings; and
 - (b) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services use funds received to serve minor victims of human trafficking under KRS 620.029.
- (4) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any moneys remaining in the fund at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year to be used for the purposes set forth in this section.
- (5) Any interest earnings on moneys in the fund shall become a part of the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.
- (6) Moneys in the fund are hereby appropriated for the purposes set forth in this section.

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