

230.826 Kentucky problem gambling assistance account -- Purposes and uses -- Administration -- Administrative regulations -- Annual report.

- (1)
 - (a) There is established in the State Treasury a revolving account to be known as the Kentucky problem gambling assistance account.
 - (b) The account shall be administered by the director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, and shall consist of moneys distributed to it under KRS 230.817.
 - (c) Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, moneys remaining in the account at the close of a fiscal year shall not lapse but shall carry forward into the succeeding fiscal year. Interest earned on any moneys in the account shall accrue to the account.
 - (d) Except for administrative expenses of the Division of Behavioral Health relating to the account, which shall be limited to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per fiscal year, all moneys in the account are appropriated for, and shall be used exclusively for, the purposes of:
 1. Providing support to agencies, groups, organizations, and persons that provide education, assistance, and counseling to persons and families experiencing difficulty as a result of addiction to alcohol or drugs, or addictive or compulsive gambling;
 2. Promoting public awareness of, and providing education about, addictions;
 3. Establishing and funding programs to certify addiction counselors;
 4. Promoting public awareness of assistance programs for addicts; and
 5. Paying the costs and expenses associated with the treatment of addictions.
- (2) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish criteria for the expenditure of funds from the Kentucky problem gambling assistance account. The administrative regulations shall:
 - (a) Establish standards for the types of agencies, groups, organizations, and persons eligible to receive funding;
 - (b) Establish standards for the types of activities eligible for funding;
 - (c) Establish standards for the appropriate documentation of past performance and the activities of agencies, groups, organizations, and persons requesting funding;
 - (d) Establish standards for the development of performance measures or other evidence of successful expenditure of awarded funds;
 - (e) Set forth procedures for the submission, evaluation, and review of applications for funding;
 - (f) Set forth procedures for making funding awards to requesting entities who have demonstrated the capability to efficiently and effectively provide the necessary services;
 - (g) Establish requirements and procedures for the monitoring of funds awarded,

including requirements for the submission of reports and documentation supporting expenditures; and

- (h) Include any other provisions related to funding or the administration of the account as determined by the cabinet.
- (3) On or before October 1, 2024, and every October 1 thereafter, the director of the Division of Behavioral Health, in cooperation with the commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities and the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, shall submit an annual report detailing activities and expenditures associated with the Kentucky problem gambling assistance account for the preceding fiscal year. The annual report shall be submitted to:
- (a) The Legislative Research Commission; and
 - (b) The Governor.

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