



# Department of Justice

**United States Attorney Robert M. Duncan, Jr.  
Eastern District of Kentucky**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
MONDAY, DEC. 16, 2019  
[www.usdoj.gov/usao/kye](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/kye)

CONTACT: Gabrielle Dudgeon  
PHONE: (859) 685-4887  
E-MAIL: [Gabrielle.Dudgeon@usdoj.gov](mailto:Gabrielle.Dudgeon@usdoj.gov)

## **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS MORE THAN \$333 MILLION TO FIGHT OPIOID CRISIS**

*\$9.98 Million Will Support Efforts to Combat Drugs and Crime in the Eastern District of Kentucky*

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The Justice Department’s Office of Justice Programs today announced awards of more than \$333 million to help communities affected by the opioid crisis. \$9,980,656 will help public safety and public health professionals in the Eastern District of Kentucky combat substance abuse and respond effectively to overdoses. OJP Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan made the announcement during a visit with local, state and federal officials in West Virginia, one of the states hardest hit by the epidemic.

“The opioid crisis has destroyed far too many lives and left too many Americans feeling helpless and hopeless,” said PDAAG Sullivan. “This epidemic—the most deadly in our nation’s history—is introducing new dangers and loading public health responsibilities onto the public safety duties of our law enforcement officers. The Department of Justice is here to support them during this unprecedented and extremely challenging time.”

With more than 130 people dying from opioid-related overdoses every day, the Department of Justice has made fighting addiction to opioids—including heroin and fentanyl—a national priority. The Trump Administration is providing critical funding for a wide range of activities—from preventive services and comprehensive treatment to recovery assistance, forensic science services and research—to help save lives and break the cycle of addiction and crime.

“The opioid crisis is one of the most acute problems we face in the Eastern District of Kentucky, and solving it will take a coordinated response by all stakeholders, including law enforcement, the healthcare and treatment community, and many others,” said Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. “We are grateful for the support of the Department of Justice, as these awards will undoubtedly assist law enforcement and public health efforts in our District, and throughout the Commonwealth.”

The awards announced today support an array of activities designed to reduce the harm inflicted by these dangerous drugs. Grants will help law enforcement officers, emergency responders and treatment professionals coordinate their response to overdoses. Funds will also provide services for children and youth affected by the crisis and will support the nationwide network of drug and treatment courts. Other awards will address prescription drug abuse, expand the capacity of forensic labs and support opioid-related research.

The following awards were made to organizations in the Eastern District of Kentucky:

- Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet- \$4,990,407
- Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts-\$2,500,000
- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services- \$990,249
- Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc.- \$750,000
- Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet- \$750,000

Information about the programs and awards announced today is available [here](#). For more information about OJP awards, visit the [OJP Awards Data webpage](#).

The Office of Justice Programs, directed by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan, provides federal leadership, grants, training and technical assistance, and other resources to improve the nation's capacity to prevent and reduce crime, assist victims and enhance the rule of law by strengthening the criminal and juvenile justice systems. More information about OJP and its components can be found at [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov).

###