

**15.247 Victim, witness, and family protection program -- Protective services.**

- (1) The Attorney General shall develop and administer a program for the protection of crime victims and witnesses and their immediate families.
- (2) Within the limits of the administrative regulations, guidelines, and appropriations for this purpose, the program shall provide funding to the Department of Kentucky State Police or to a sheriff's office or city or county police department agreeing to provide protection to crime victims and witnesses and their families.
- (3) Any Commonwealth's attorney or county attorney may apply to the Attorney General for funding for protection of crime victims, witnesses, and their families.
- (4) No protective service shall be rendered to the same person for more than six (6) months.
- (5) Protective services funded by this program shall be limited to:
  - (a) Physical protection of the person;
  - (b) Physical security measures for the person's residence, vehicle, workplace, or combination thereof; or
  - (c) Short-term relocation.
- (6) The Attorney General shall promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A for the operation of the program.
- (7) Nothing in this statute shall be construed to create a cause of action for money damages against the state, a county, a municipality, or any of their agencies, public officials, or employees.
- (8) No court shall order a law enforcement agency to protect crime victim witnesses or their immediate families.
- (9) No record that may lead to the identity of a person seeking or given protection under this section shall be an open record. This protection shall extend even to the question of whether such a record exists.

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