

Kentucky will use a budget surplus to replenish its "rainy day fund." The state ended the fiscal year with a surplus of nearly \$157 million. Nearly \$122 million will go to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund, making it the largest-ever deposit to the rainy day fund. State Budget Director Mary Lassiter tells us more...

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The rainy day fund had been exhausted during the recession. There was over \$230 million in the Reserve Trust Fund in 2007. The money was depleted the next three years to offset revenue shortfalls and to prevent deeper budget cuts.

The other \$35 million will be used to cover government expenses, including recovery from spring floods that caused heavy damage in western Kentucky.