



Governor Fletcher Delivers \$300,000 In Funding For No Child Left Offline Initiative

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – Governor Ernie Fletcher today presented \$300,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission funding for No Child Left Offline, the initiative to provide refurbished computers and supplies to underprivileged children and their families.

“We live in the information age. Providing underprivileged children and families with computer access is one way we are moving all Kentuckians forward,” said Governor Fletcher. “Children have a vast array of educational, civic and economic opportunities via the Web, and without these computers they would miss those opportunities.”

ConnectKentucky places computers with at-risk middle school students who qualify for free and reduced lunch in 15 distressed counties. They receive desktop computers with Intel Pentium processor or equivalent, monitors, Lexmark Inkjet printers and cartridges, Microsoft Windows operating systems, Word processing applications, spreadsheets and other utilities and Internet security software. Computers also come with applications to engage recipients in educational exercises, healthy lifestyles, problem solving, civics, geography and other items.

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is a federal-state economic development program to meet infrastructure needs and support education, workforce development, leadership and civic capacity building, entrepreneurship, development and affordable and accessible health care. Fifty-one counties in eastern and southcentral Kentucky are eligible to apply for funds through the Governor’s Office for Local Development.

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