

Governor DeWine Announces Support for Community-Based Interventions to Prevent Violent Crime

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced that support is now available for non-profits and governmental agencies to establish or enhance community-based interventions to prevent violence and connect crime victims to recovery services.

A total of \$20 million in grant funding is now available as part of Governor DeWine's new Community Violence Prevention Grant Program, which is administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS). The grant program is aimed at supporting community-based nonprofits, law enforcement agencies, and state and local government entities that have implemented or would like to implement collaborative approaches toward reducing community violence.

"There are many great collaborations all over the state that are working to help victims of

violent crime and prevent future violence," said Governor DeWine. "The goal of this new grant program is to help these entities enhance their work and make an even bigger impact."

Examples of eligible projects include:

Wrap-around services for child victims of violence and their families.

Peer and community support programs that target immediate violence reduction and provide resources for those most likely to be involved in violence.

Civilian-based crisis response teams that support individuals undergoing behavioral crises.

Focused-deterrence programs that discourage specific high-risk offenders from committing crimes while also offering resources and support.

Hospital-based violence intervention programs that focus on reducing retaliatory violence and preventing re-injury by engaging injured victims of vio-

lent crime while they are recovering in the hospital.

Trauma recovery programs that address the needs of underserved crime survivors.

The Community Violence Prevention Grant Program is funded as part of the \$250 million in ARPA funds that Governor DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly dedicated to first responders in December to counter various pressing issues exacerbated by the pandemic, including increased crime rates.

The program is one of several new grant programs developed by Governor DeWine since taking office in 2019. Other programs developed to prevent violent crime and support the work of first responders include the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, Ohio School Safety Center, Ohio Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment, Ohio Of-

fice of First Responder Wellness, Ohio Prisoner Extradition Reimbursement Program, Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program, Ohio Ballistics Testing Initiative, Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program, Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program, Ohio Court Backlog Reduction Program, and the new eWarrant database.

Additional Grant Information

The grant application is available via the OCJS grant solicitation website, and all applications are due by November 1, 2022, at 5 p.m. Applicants may apply for up to 24 months of funding, which can be back-dated to September 1, 2022.

Applicants can register for a voluntary bidder's conference training webinar for the American Rescue Plan Act Funding on October 6, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The training will provide information helpful for both the application preparation and review process.

Governor DeWine Announces Partnership with Midwest Governors to Establish a Regional Hydrogen Coalition to Expand Economic Opportunity

September 19, 2022

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced a partnership between six fellow governors in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to collaborate on developing a robust hydrogen market, supply chain, and workforce across the Midwest by signing the Midwest Hydrogen Coalition Memorandum of Understanding (M-H2 Coalition MOU).

"Ohio has always been a leader in innovation and technology, and this partnership will be the start of a new era of energy production that will create jobs and grow our economy," said Governor DeWine. "This is just the beginning of our support for a clean hydrogen market,

and we look forward to relationships like the one announced today developing and expanding in the Buckeye State."

The M-H2 Coalition MOU will support advancing hydrogen production in the region, with little to no greenhouse gas emissions, while leveraging participating states' unique assets. Developing a strong Midwest hydrogen market ecosystem that reduces pollution, enhances energy security, and improves public health outcomes will enable existing industries to remain globally competitive and encourage new industries to build and grow in the Midwest.

View the Midwest Hydrogen Coalition Memorandum of Understand-

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The coalition will conduct its work by employing a coordinated multi-state, multi-sector approach to developing a robust and sustainable hydrogen economy across the Midwest, informed by industry, academic, and community engagement. Ohio will utilize its advanced manufacturing, engineering, and research and development expertise to help promote diverse hydrogen production pathways throughout the Midwest region. These innovations and opportunities will be crucial to safeguard the region's manufacturing economy in the long term.



Governor DeWine Orders Flags Lowered in Honor of Sheriff Dale Williams

September 26, 2022

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—In honor of the life and service of Carroll County Sheriff Dale Williams, Governor DeWine



has ordered that flags of the United States and the State of Ohio be flown at half-staff upon all public buildings and grounds throughout Carroll County. Flags shall remain lowered until sunset on the day of his funeral.

All other public buildings and grounds throughout the state may fly the flags of the United States and the State of Ohio at half-staff at their discretion for the same time period.

Governor DeWine Awards \$7.7 Million for First Responder Wellness

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced today that 20 local first responder agencies will receive a total of \$7.7 million to help them boost their staffing levels to ensure thorough coverage for emergency response.

The grants represent the second round of the new Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program. To date, Governor DeWine has awarded \$9.4 million to 46 Ohio agencies as part of this program, which supports wellness needs of first responders such as stress and burnout caused by understaffing.

"By helping our first responder agencies bring their staffing levels up, we hope to ease some of the stress on current staff who are taking on added responsibilities," said Governor DeWine.

A total of approximately \$75 million will be awarded to law enforcement agencies, dispatch centers, fire departments, and emergency medical services agencies as part of this program in coming months.

Entities receiving grant funding as part of the second round of the Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program are as follows:

Athens County 911 will receive \$285,893.96 to hire two full-time dispatchers.

Athens County Emergency Medical Services will receive \$341,520.60 to hire two full-time paramedics.

Bethesda Fire Department (Belmont County) will receive \$209,294.40 to hire one full-time EMT, one full-time EMTA, and one full-time paramedic.

Brook Park Police & Fire Departments (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$220,773.84 to hire one full-time firefighter/paramedic.

Chagrin Valley Dispatch (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$556,267.38 to hire three full-time dispatchers.

Copley Township Fire Department (Summit

County) will receive \$472,170.21 to hire two full-time firefighter/paramedics.

Franklin Township Fire and EMS (Clermont County) will receive \$856,554.76 to hire one full-time captain, one full-time lieutenant, three full-time firefighters/paramedics, and one part-time firefighters/paramedic.

Highland Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$219,504 to hire one full-time firefighter/paramedic.

Hocking Township Fire Department (Fair-

field County) will receive \$701,515.52 to hire four full-time firefighters/paramedics.

Indian Lake EMS (Logan County) will receive \$222,397.68 to hire one full-time EMT/paramedic.

Kirtland Fire Department (Lake County) will receive \$589,060.17 to hire three full-time firefighter/paramedics.

Lakemore Police Department (Summit County) will receive \$127,021.44 to hire one full-time officer.

Marion County Sheriff's Office will receive \$388,995.56 to hire two full-time deputies and

one full-time dispatcher.

Marion Police Department (Marion County) will receive \$194,465.56 to hire one full-time officer.

Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium Regional Council of Governments (Franklin County) will receive \$630,474 to hire three full-time dispatchers.

Monroe Township Fire Department (Licking County) will receive \$796,610.24 to hire four full-time firefighters.

The Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program is administered by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. The program awards funding for initiatives that support wellness programs addressing mental, physical, and emotional health issues unique to first responders; recruitment and retention efforts to restore workforce levels; onboarding and training costs; and explorer programs to engage young adults about first responder careers. This funding includes approximately \$1.3 million that was awarded to several statewide service providers in June.

The program is funded as part of the \$250 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that Governor DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly dedicated to first responders last year to help counter various pressing issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including increased stress and decreased staffing levels.

Governor DeWine has also placed enhanced focus on the wellness of first responders through the creation of the Ohio Office of First Responder Wellness within the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The new statewide office focuses exclusively on the well-being of first responders and provides specialized support and training to help emergency-response agencies proactively address post-traumatic stress and other traumas caused by factors that are unique to first-responder careers.

Other assistance for first responders developed by Governor DeWine since taking office in 2019 includes the creation of the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, Ohio School Safety Center, Ohio Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment, Ohio Prisoner Extradition Reimbursement Program, Ohio Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, Ohio Ballistics Testing Initiative, Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program, Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program, Ohio Court Backlog Reduction Program, and the new eWarrant database.

Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program
Round Two: \$7.7 million

- Athens County 911
- Athens County Emergency Medical Services
- Bethesda Fire Department (Belmont County)
- Brook Park Police & Fire Departments (Cuyahoga County)
- Chagrin Valley Dispatch (Cuyahoga County)
- Copley Township Fire Department (Summit County)
- Franklin Township Fire and EMS (Clermont County)
- Highland Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)
- Hocking Township Fire Department (Fairfield County)
- Indian Lake EMS (Logan County)
- Kirtland Fire Department (Lake County)
- Lakemore Police Department (Summit County)
- Marion County Sheriff's Office
- Marion Police Department (Marion County)
- Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium Regional Council of Governments (Franklin County)
- Monroe Township Fire Department (Licking County)
- North Hampton Police Department (Clark County)
- Port Clinton Fire & Rescue (Ottawa County)
- Stonelick Township Fire Department (Clermont County)
- Wayne Township Fire and Rescue Department (Clermont County)

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North Hampton Police Department (Clark County) will receive \$150,047.60 to hire one full-time officer.

Port Clinton Fire & Rescue (Ottawa County) will receive \$220,964.04 to hire one full-time assistant chief.

Stonelick Township Fire Department (Clermont County) will receive \$338,225 to hire two full-time firefighter/paramedics.

Wayne Township Fire and Rescue Department (Clermont County) will receive \$182,575.05 to hire one full-time firefighter/paramedic.

Full List of Grant Recipients: Rounds 1 & 2