

# Governor DeWine Awards 11th Round of Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Awards

December 23, 2022

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced today that 13 local law enforcement agencies will receive a total of \$9.1 million to help prevent and investigate incidents of violent crime in their communities.

The grants represent the 11th round of the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program. To date, Governor DeWine has awarded over \$79 million to 159 Ohio law enforcement agencies as part of this program. Approximately \$100 million will be awarded to local law enforcement agencies as part of the grant program in total.

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## Map of Grant Awards

Agencies receiving grants to implement violent crime reduction strategies as part of this latest round of the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program include:

The Akron Police Department (Summit County) will receive \$4,954,443 to establish a crime center, purchase dash cameras, pay for overtime costs related to the department’s gun violence reduction efforts, and to hire individuals for 18 new positions, including 12 officers with bonuses.

The Cleveland Heights Police Department (Cuyahoga County) will receive \$658,197.17 to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime and for retention bonuses.

The Columbiana County Sheriff’s Office will receive \$101,983 to pay for training to establish its own crime scene unit and to purchase a crime scene scanner and other equipment to document and process crime scene evidence.

The Crawford County Sheriff’s Office will receive \$53,928.16 to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime.

The Mansfield Division of Police (Richland County) will receive \$194,000 to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime, to hire a crime ana-



lyst, and to fund a strategic recruitment campaign to boost its staffing levels.

The Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office will receive \$185,000 to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime.

The Muskingum County Prosecutor’s Office will receive \$349,169.35 to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime; create a pre-arrest diversion program and hire a diversion coordinator; and build community collaboration and engagement to reduce violent crime by hosting a series of awareness events.

In addition, the following entities will also each receive grants to pay for retention and/or hiring bonuses to help maintain current law enforcement staffing levels, recruit new officers, and continue ongoing public safety services to prevent and investigate violent crime.

Coal Grove Police Department (Lawrence County): \$16,328

Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority Police Dept. (Cuyahoga County): \$411,615

Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office: \$1,598,041.82

Marietta College Police Department (Washington County): \$193,395.06

McConnellsville Police Department (Morgan County): \$16,848

Washington Court House Police Department (Fayette County): \$327,750.46

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Governor DeWine, in partnership with the Ohio General Assembly, created the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program last year to give local law enforcement additional tools to address

violence, including increases in crime associated with law enforcement retirements and resignations.

The program is funded through both the state operating budget and with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that Governor DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly have dedicated to first responders to counter various pressing issues exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, including violent crime. The grants announced today are all funded through ARPA.

The program is administered by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services within the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Other assistance for first responders developed by the DeWine-Husted Administration includes the creation of the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, Ohio School Safety Center, Ohio Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment, Ohio Office of First Responder Wellness, Ohio Prisoner Extradition Reimbursement Program, Ohio Body-Worn Camera Program, Ohio Ballistics Testing Initiative, Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program, Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program, Ohio Court Backlog Reduction Program, Community Violence Prevention Grant Program, and the new e Warrant database.

## Governor DeWine Signs Bills Into Law

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed the following bills into law:

House Bill 223, sponsored by Representative Brett Hillyer allows vendors to deduct sales tax remitted for certain bad debts charged off as uncollectible by credit account lenders.

Senate Bill 210, sponsored by Senator

Theresa Gavarone, regards agreements affecting legal relations between spouses; domestic violence protection orders in a dating relationship; courts maintaining Social Security numbers of parties in divorce, dissolution, annulment, or spousal support proceedings; and removes the population limit and in-territory residency preference for appointing acting judges.



On Monday, the Ohio Department of Education awarded \$5 million to libraries across the state to expand learning opportunities for students in preK-grade 12. Awardees will use the funding for programming that supports student learning, particularly in literacy, with the goal of accelerating learning for students who have been most impacted by the pandemic.

On Tuesday, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced state support for 54 rehabilitation projects that will restore 57 historic buildings across Ohio. The projects are expected to leverage approximately \$1.01 billion in private investment.



The projects are being awarded funding as part of the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program (OHPTC), administered by the Ohio Department of Development. In total, 21 communities across the state are receiving awards, which total \$64,132,847 in tax credits.

“By rehabilitating these historic buildings today, we can preserve the heart of our communities for future generations of Ohioans,” said Governor DeWine. “Once restored, these sites will help renew local communities and create additional opportunities for Ohioans.”

“In many cases, it’s more expensive to revitalize an historic structure than it is to build a new one. Historic tax credits generate opportunity for communities by attracting investment that would not make financial sense otherwise,” said Lt. Governor Husted. “When we preserve buildings that are part of a community’s historic legacy, we’re

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preserving the past and investing in the future of our great state.”

Also on Tuesday, Lt. Governor Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation, announced that 12 training providers located throughout the state will receive a total of \$2.58 million in awards through the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program (IMAP). This program helps Ohioans who are low-income, partially unemployed, or totally unemployed participate in a training program and earn a technology-focused credential at no cost to them.

The selected training providers, which include four-year universities, career centers, and private businesses, will be reimbursed up to \$3,000 per earned technology-focused credential.

“We continue to see a growing number of Ohioans find rewarding careers as a result of earning

new tech skills through IMAP,” said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. “In many cases, credentials rather than degrees are what employers are looking for when making hiring decisions—credentials are the currency of the modern economy.”



*On Wednesday, Lt Governor Husted joined Medpace, JobsOhio, REDI Cincinnati, and the City of Cincinnati to announce Medpace’s \$150 million expansion, which will create 1,500 new jobs.*

On Thursday, Governor DeWine announced that he is appointing Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney Joseph T. Deters to fill the vacancy on the Ohio Supreme Court that is occurring because Justice Sharon Kennedy was elected as Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court.

“Joe Deters has the right combination of experience, legal knowledge, and passion for public service that will serve the citizens of Ohio well as an associate justice of the Ohio Supreme Court,”

said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. “Joe is a long-serving and well-regarded public servant who is known for his legal intellect, reverence for the rule of law, and his accessibility.”

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Also on Thursday, Governor DeWine signed Executive Order 2022-17D to label tianeptine, a Schedule 1 controlled substance, classifying it as having no accepted medical use in treatment and to prohibit its use.

Finally on Thursday, Governor DeWine cautioned Ohioans for winter storm Elliot.

“I encourage Ohioans to take this winter storm seriously, and update your emergency preparedness kit with food, water, medicine, and other essential items,” said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. “I also encourage Ohioans to make a list of people to check in on, especially during the Christmas holiday weekend.”

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