

Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program Grant Summaries

In 2022, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine launched the Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience program to support the recruitment and wellness needs of Ohio's first responders. The list below summarizes the first four rounds of awards. This list was compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Members of the media with general questions about the grant program should contact DPS Communications Director Bret Crow at bacrow@dps.ohio.gov or 614-769-4779. Those with questions about specific grant awards should contact the agency receiving the award.

Ashland

- The **Polk Jackson Perry Fire District (Ashland County)** will receive **\$243,000** to hire two full-time firefighters/EMT paramedics for two years.

Athens

- The **Athens County 911** will receive **\$285,893.96** to hire two full-time dispatchers.
- The **Athens County Emergency Medical Services** will receive **\$341,520.60** for hiring two full-time paramedics.

Belmont

- The **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.
- The **St. Clairsville Police Department (Belmont County)** will receive **\$5,200** to provide access to an online wellness app that provides confidential wellness support.

Butler

- The **Fairfield Fire Department (Butler County)** will receive **\$735,135.87** to hire three full-time firefighters/paramedics.
- The **Fairfield Township Fire Department (Butler County)** will receive **\$9,000** for peer support training for personnel.
- The **Madison Township Fire Department (Butler County)** will receive **\$141,909** to hire two full-time paramedics for two years.
- The **Trenton Fire Department (Butler County)** will receive **\$555,340** to hire five part-time firefighters/paramedics and four part-time firefighters/EMTs for two years.

- The **West Chester Township Police & Fire Departments (Butler County)** will receive **\$179,200** for annual wellness checks and clinician visits for all personnel.

Clark

- The **North Hampton Police Department (Clark County)** will receive **\$150,047.60** to hire one full-time officer.
- The **Springfield Fire Rescue Division (Clark County)** will receive **\$111,559** for on-site wellness checks for all firefighters for two years and peer support and fitness training.

Clermont

- The **Central Joint Fire-EMS District (Clermont County)** will receive **\$21,600** for two mental health and physical wellness screenings for all personnel.
- The **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 firefighter/paramedic.
- The **Miami Township Fire & EMS (Clermont County)** will receive **\$220,000** to hire a frontline behavioral health support specialist to work with police, fire, and EMS for various services including critical incident debriefing.
- The **Pierce Township Police Department (Clermont County)** will receive **\$12,537.44** to make counseling more readily accessible and for officer training about stress management and psychological first aid.
- The **Stonelick Township Fire Department (Clermont County)** will receive **\$338,225** to hire two full-time firefighters/paramedics.
- The **Wayne Township Fire and Rescue Department (Clermont County)** will receive **\$182,575.05** to hire one full-time firefighter/paramedic.

Crawford

- The **Crestline Police Department (Crawford County)** will receive **\$16,000** for a semiannual psychological evaluation for all personnel.

Cuyahoga

- The **Beachwood Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$29,750** for an employee assistance program and to provide access to an online wellness app for confidential support.
- The **Brecksville Police & Fire Departments (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$14,800** for fire department and law enforcement wellness plans.

- The **Brook Park Police & Fire Departments (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$220,773.84** to hire one full-time firefighter/paramedic.
- The **Chagrin Valley Dispatch (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$556,267.38** to hire three full-time dispatchers.
- The **Chagrin Valley Dispatch (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$45,000** for training an emotional support K9 and handler, expanded peer support training, and an officer wellness position.
- The **Cleveland Department of Public Safety (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$310,000** to hire two therapists, provide access to an online app for confidential wellness support, and train mindfulness instructors.
- The **Cleveland Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$23,400** for a peer support training class for police and fire personnel.
- The **Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$190,963.36** to create a wellness office to provide peer support to division personnel, offer critical incident stress training, and contract with a licensed clinical counselor to provide guidance to the peer support team.
- The **Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$5,478** for online peer support, stress, and resiliency courses and peer support certification.
- The **East Cleveland Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$345,678.95** to hire five full-time firefighters for two years.
- The **Highland Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$219,504** to hire one full-time firefighter/paramedic.
- The **Mayfield Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$29,765.88** for an agency wellness program that includes clinical support, 24/7 resources for traumatic events, critical incident stress management for the long-term effects of post-traumatic stress, and physical exams.
- The **Mayfield Village Police & Fire Departments (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$173,340.40** for a comprehensive mental health, wellness, and physical fitness program for fire and police.
- The **Parma Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$771,396.90** to hire five full-time firefighters.
- The **Shaker Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$29,400** for wellness and nutrition resources, peer support training, three mental health presentations per year, and individual mental-physical wellness assessments.
- The **Solon Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$14,400** to contract with a licensed clinician for wellness checks for personnel for two years.

- The **Solon Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$33,250** for a wellness app and peer support training for first responders.
- The **South Euclid Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$10,500** for frontlines mental health workshops for all personnel and shift coverage for personnel attending training.
- The **Strongsville Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$15,983.95** for a 40-hour first responder resiliency and peer support training course for five officers.
- The **University Heights Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$204,600** for peer and clinical support, stress training, and fitness and medical exams for all personnel.

Defiance

- The **Defiance County 911 Center** will receive **\$25,000** to offer a health and wellness program for employees.
- The **Defiance County 911 Center** will receive **\$13,000** for annual wellness checks for all personnel with follow-up reports and wellness appointments and resources for depression, anxiety, and medication use.
- The **Defiance Fire & Rescue Division (Defiance County)** will receive **\$794,835** to hire three full-time firefighters with sign-on bonuses and one full-time battalion chief.
- The **Defiance Police Department (Defiance County)** will receive **\$21,578.60** for online training and a mobile wellness app.
- The **Hicksville Police Department (Defiance County)** will receive **\$8,300** for peer support training, access to an online wellness app, and incident stress intervention.

Delaware

- The **Delaware Police Department (Delaware County)** will receive **\$34,800** for annual mental wellness checks.
- The **Elm Valley Joint Fire District (Delaware County)** will receive **\$154,041.68** to hire four part-time firefighters/EMTs for two years.

Fairfield

- The **Hocking Township Fire Department (Fairfield County)** will receive **\$701,515.52** to hire four full-time firefighters/paramedics.

Franklin

- The **Columbus Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$227,486.04** to create a wellness lieutenant position and to pay for overtime to cover shifts for officers to attend critical incident stress training.
- The **Dublin Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$310,000** for annual wellness check-ups for sworn personnel and dispatchers, funding for additional mental health visits as needed, and advanced individual wellness training for personnel.
- The **Grove City Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$12,400** for a peer support program.
- The **Grove City Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$104,000** to provide individualized and small group wellness checks and resilience training.
- The **Hilliard Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$70,272** for semiannual mandatory session with a psychologist for all personnel for two years.
- The **Jefferson Township Fire Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$74,700** for resiliency training and annual medical and mental wellness checks for firefighters for two years.
- The **Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium (MECC) Regional Council of Governments (Franklin County)** will receive **\$630,474** to hire three full-time dispatchers.
- The **Washington Township Fire Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$37,800** for annual wellness checks for all firefighters.

Geauga

- The **Bainbridge Fire Department (Geauga County)** will receive **\$264,436** for a comprehensive wellness, physical, and behavioral health program and for suicide prevention.

Greene

- The **Beavercreek Police Department (Greene County)** will receive **\$23,629** for a wellness program coordinator, peer support team training, and access to an online wellness app for confidential support.

Hamilton

- The **Cincinnati Police Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$147,492.80** for mental health wellness programs for sworn personnel, a wellness coordinator position, and a mental wellness educational event.
- The **Delhi Township Fire Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$31,200** for a yoga wellness program for fire and police personnel.

- The **Evendale Fire Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$8,200** for a mobile wellness app.
- The **North College Hill Police Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$12,851.20** for peer support and critical incident stress management training and for backfill and overtime pay for staff to attend training.
- The **Sharonville Fire Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$650,055** to hire three full-time firefighters/paramedics for two years.

Hocking

- The **Logan Police Department (Hocking County)** will receive **\$20,293.54** to provide access to an online app that offers confidential wellness support and a wellness training module.

Huron

- The **Huron County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$63,172.04** to hire a wellness coordinator, offer trauma counseling, and provide access to an online app for confidential wellness support.
- The **Monroeville Police Department (Huron County)** will receive **\$7,322.20** for annual clinician visits for all first responders and a mobile wellness app.
- The **Willard Fire and Rescue Department (Huron County)** will receive **\$39,144.36** for annual wellness reviews with a clinician for all first responders, three visits for crisis trauma counseling, and a mobile wellness app.
- The **Willard Police Department (Huron County)** will receive **\$24,712.74** for annual wellness checks for first responders, crisis trauma counseling, a wellness app, and to hire a wellness coordinator for five hours per week.

Jackson

- The **Jackson County EMS** will receive **\$12,400** for mental health visits and nutrition classes for personnel.

Jefferson

- The **TEMS Joint Ambulance District (Jefferson County)** will receive **\$198,612** to hire a wellness coordinator and for three clinical sessions annually for all EMS personnel.

Lake

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

Lawrence

- The **Ironton Police Department (Lawrence County)** will receive **\$1,920** for semiannual mandatory mental health sessions with a licensed clinician for all personnel.

Licking

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

Logan

- The **Bellefontaine Police Department (Logan County)** will receive **\$119,420** for wellness and fitness programming including nutrition consultations, physical therapy, and mental health wellness checks.
- The **Indian Lake EMS (Logan County)** will receive **\$222,397.68** to hire one full-time EMT/paramedic.

Lorain

- The **Elyria Police Department (Lorain County)** will receive **\$49,000** for a contract with a doctor to provide wellness training and counseling for personnel.
- The **Lorain County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$36,000** for four one-hour sessions with a psychologist for wellness checks for each deputy.
- The **Sheffield Village Police Department (Lorain County)** will receive **\$19,500** to provide access to an online wellness app and online wellness courses.

Lucas

- The **Lucas County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$38,720** to provide support sessions for employees focusing on wellness and disease prevention.
- The **Toledo Police Department (Lucas County)** will receive **\$173,400** for mandatory annual clinician visits for all officers for two years, treatment sessions, and research to analyze program.

Mahoning

- The **Youngstown Police Department (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$36,000** to provide access to an online wellness app that provides confidential wellness support.

Marion

- The **Marion County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$388,995.56** to hire two full-time deputies and one full-time dispatcher.
- The **Marion Police Department (Marion County)** will receive **\$194,465.56** to hire one full-time officer.

Medina

- The **Brunswick Division of Police (Medina County)** will receive **\$51,200** for a comprehensive mental, emotional, and physical wellness program.
- The **Brunswick Hills Township Fire Department (Medina County)** will receive **\$3,264.80** to offer an Employee Assistance Program and wellness training for staff.
- The **Erhart York Township Fire Department (Medina County)** will receive **\$108,841.36** to hire five part-time firefighters/EMTs for two years.
- The **Medina County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$36,500** for annual clinician-officer wellness sessions and clinician consultation to assess individual wellness results.
- The **Montville Township Police Department (Medina County)** will receive **\$13,898.75** to offer a mental health program to staff and their families focused on wellness.
- The **Wadsworth Police Department (Medina County)** will receive **\$59,732** for annual clinician wellness checks and mandatory fitness evaluations and training for sworn and dispatch personnel and clinician ride-alongs.

Meigs

- The **Meigs County EMS** will receive **\$311,167.28** to hire two full-time paramedics for two years.

Miami

- The **Troy Police Department (Miami County)** will receive **\$6,774.78** for wellness checks for sworn personnel and overtime for checks after regular shift hours for two years.

Montgomery

- The **Dayton Police Department (Montgomery County)** will receive **\$388,571.41** for a comprehensive, two-year wellness program, peer support training, and a wellness app for all staff.
- The **Huber Heights Fire Division (Montgomery County)** will receive **\$547,093.34** to hire one full-time firefighter and one captain for two years.

- The **Vandalia Division of Police (Montgomery County)** will receive **\$13,000** to provide access to a health and wellness app that provides confidential support and an online library of wellness courses.

Ottawa

- The **Mid-County Joint Ambulance District (Ottawa County)** will receive **\$4,590** for a mobile wellness app.
- The **Port Clinton Fire & Rescue (Ottawa County)** will receive **\$220,964.04** to hire one full-time assistant chief.
- The **Port Clinton Fire & Rescue (Ottawa County)** will receive **\$51,300** for an annual mandatory wellness evaluation for all department personnel.

Perry

- The **Thorn Township Fire Department (Perry County)** will receive **\$532,837.71** to hire three full-time firefighters/paramedics for two years.

Portage

- The **Kent Fire Department (Portage County)** will receive **\$102,500** for mental health wellness evaluations with a licensed clinician for all personnel, a wellness phone app, and a semi-annual supervisor mental health training.
- The **Kent State University Police (Portage County)** will receive **\$45,500** for training for a therapy K9 for daily interaction within the department, overtime for critical incident stress management calls for sworn and dispatch personnel, contracts with licensed clinician/nutritionist, and yoga for the agency wellness plan.

Preble

- The **Camden Somers Township Fire & Rescue (Preble County)** will receive **\$56,100** for peer support training.
- The **Gasper Township Fire/EMS (Preble County)** will receive **\$265,991** to hire three part-time firefighters/EMT paramedics for two years and to offer mental health evaluations and follow-up sessions for all personnel.
- The **Gratis EMS (Preble County)** will receive **\$845,104.51** to hire three full-time paramedics, one full-time advanced EMT, three part-time EMTs, and three part-time paramedics for two years.

Richland

- The **Shelby Police & Fire Departments (Richland County)** will receive **\$20,000** for a mobile wellness app.

Sandusky

- The **Fremont Fire Department (Sandusky County)** will receive **\$7,200** for monthly yoga therapy and mindfulness for all department personnel.

Scioto

- The **Scioto County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$272,537.24** to hire a dedicated wellness coordinator and a staff clinician.

Shelby

- The **Perry Port Salem Ambulance District (Shelby County)** will receive **\$10,750** for mental health assessments twice a year and annual follow-up wellness evaluations.
- The **Sidney Police Department (Shelby County)** will receive **\$22,000** for a wellness plan for both law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Stark

- The **Canton Police Department (Stark County)** will receive **\$124,400** for employee assistance program counseling services and a dedicated wellness coordinator.
- The **Canton Township Fire Department (Stark County)** will receive **\$185,758.72** to hire four part-time firefighters/paramedics for two years.
- The **Jackson Township Fire Department (Stark County)** will receive **\$116,549** for peer support and resiliency training for all firefighters and critical incident stress management training and certification for one firefighter.

Summit

- The **Akron Fire Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$42,000** for peer support training and for overtimes costs to cover open shifts so personnel can attend the training.
- The **Copley Township Fire Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$472,170.21** to hire two full-time firefighters/paramedics.
- The **Lakemore Police Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$127,021.44** to hire one full-time officer.

Trumbull

- The **Eagle Joint Fire District (Trumbull County)** will receive **\$1,974** to give employees and their families access to up to five free professional counseling sessions per year.

Union

- The **Marysville Police & Fire Departments (Union County)** will receive **\$11,616** for first responder annual mental health checkups.
- The **Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District (Union County)** will receive **\$45,050** for a wellness and fitness initiative focused on medical examinations, fitness, rehabilitation, and behavioral health.

Warren

- The **Clearcreek Fire District (Warren County)** will receive **\$338,452.73** to create a wellness coordinator position.
- The **Hamilton Township Police Department (Warren County)** will receive **\$41,750** for annual mental health assessments for personnel.
- The **Springboro Division of Police (Warren County)** will receive **\$11,664** for wellness checks for police department personnel.

Washington

- The **Belpre Volunteer Fire Department (Washington County)** will receive **\$100,000** to implement a wellness coordinator program for two years.
- The **Marietta Police & Fire Departments (Washington County)** will receive **\$127,750** for up to 10 one-hour sessions with a crisis counselor for employees and a mobile wellness app.