

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. Compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the list below summarizes the sixth round of awards. 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.

Ashtabula

• The Conneaut Police Department (Ashtabula County) will receive \$208,463 to hire one full-time officer for two years.

Athens

The Athens Fire Department (Athens County) will receive \$460,393.05 to hire 2.5 full-time firefighters for two years.

Butler

- The Miami University Police Department (Butler County) will receive \$641,230.84 to hire three full-time officers for two years with a sign-on bonus.
- The West Chester Township Police Department (Butler County) will receive \$1,834,872.15 to hire one full-time dispatcher and 7.5 full-time police officers for two years each with sign-on bonuses.

Clermont

 The Felicity Police Department (Clermont County) will receive \$96,012 to hire one full-time officer for two years.

Coshocton

 The Coshocton County Emergency Medical Service will receive \$457,658.22 to hire three full-time lieutenants for two years.

Crawford

• The Crestline Police Department (Crawford County) will receive \$153,237.68 to hire two full-time dispatchers for two years with sign-on bonuses.

Erie

The Sandusky Fire Department (Erie County) will receive \$506,594.33 to hire 2.5 full-time firefighters/paramedics for two years.

Fairfield

 The Breman-Rushcreek Fire Department (Fairfield County) will receive \$121,972.23 to hire one full-time firefighter for two years.

Hamilton

- The Cincinnati Fire Department (Hamilton County) will receive \$350,309.26 to hire a full-time wellness coordinator for two years and peer support training.
- The Cincinnati State Police Department (Hamilton County) will receive \$15,000 for hiring bonuses for three first responders.
- The Golf Manor Police Department (Hamilton County) will receive \$445,511.04 to hire two full-time officers for two years with sign-on bonuses.
- The North College Hill Police Department (Hamilton County) will receive \$918,816.20 to hire four full-time officers for two years with sign-on bonuses.
- The Sharonville Police Department (Hamilton County) will receive \$645,114 to hire three full-time officers for two years.

Henry

 The Henry County South Joint Ambulance District will receive \$1,000 for hiring bonuses for two first responders.

Lawrence

 The Chesapeake Police Department (Lawrence County) will receive \$77,938.16 to hire one full-time officer for two years.

Lorain

- The Avon Lake Police Department (Lorain County) will receive \$420,505.90 to hire two full-time patrol officers for two years.
- The Sheffield Lake Police and Fire Departments (Lorain County) will receive \$18,487.50 to purchase a mobile wellness app.

Ottawa

• The Put-in-Bay Township Port Authority (Ottawa County) will receive \$663,947.72 to hire 2.5 full-time officers and one full-time EMT for two years.

Perry

• The Perry Police Department (Perry County) will receive \$164,588.24 to hire one full-time school resource officer for two years.

Portage

 The Portage County Sheriff's Office will receive \$1,670,867 to hire eight full-time deputies for two years.

Putnam

 The Leipsic Police Department (Putnam County) will receive \$707 to advertise for hiring first responders.

Stark

- The Massillon Regional Emergency Dispatch Center (Stark County) will receive \$549,433.60 to hire four full-time dispatchers for two years and recruitment supplies.
- The Plain Township Fire Department (Stark County) will receive \$6,750 for hiring bonuses for 1.5 full-time firefighters.

Summit

The Springfield Township Fire Department (Summit County) will receive
\$243,993.40 to hire a full-time wellness coordinator for two years.

Trumbull

• The Warren Police Department (Trumbull County) will receive \$986,334.70 to hire five full-time officers for two years with sign-on bonuses.

Vinton

 The Vinton County Sheriff's Office will receive \$95,978.46 to hire one full-time deputy for two years with a sign-on bonus.

Warren

• The Franklin Police and Fire Departments (Warren County) will receive \$36,650 for a first responder recruitment video.

Williams

• The Bryan Fire and Police Departments (Williams County) will receive \$145,118.67 to hire one full-time officer for two years.