

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 two 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.

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.

Clark

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

Clermont

- 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.

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

Defiance

- The **Defiance County 911 Center** will receive **\$25,000** to offer a health and wellness program for employees.
- 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.

Fairfield

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

Franklin

- The **Grove City Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$12,400** for a peer support program.
- The **Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium (MECC) Regional Council of Governments (Franklin County)** will receive **\$630,474** to hire three full-time dispatchers.

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.

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.

Lake

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

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 **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.

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 **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.

Montgomery

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

Scioto

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

Shelby

- 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.

Summit

- 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 **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 **Springboro Division of Police (Warren County)** will receive **\$11,664** for wellness checks for police department personnel.