

Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Program Grant Summaries

In 2021, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine launched the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant program to assist local law enforcement agencies in investigating and preventing violent crime. The list below summarizes the first seven 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.

Allen

- The **Allen County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$294,781.80** to help maintain staffing levels.
- The **Lima Police Department (Allen County)** will receive **\$75,425** to address gun violence and prevent shootings with a new mobile gunshot detection system. The mobile system will be placed in hot spot areas with high incidents of gunfire and firearm assaults to help the department capture valuable evidence of criminal activity and act as a deterrent to potential gun violence.

Athens

- The **Athens Police Department (Athens County)** will receive **\$200,680** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of four dispatchers, 15 officers, and eight supervisors.

Brown

- The **Hamersville Police Department (Brown County)** will receive **\$163,967.22** for retention bonuses for three officers and to fill one full-time and two part-time officer vacancies.

Butler

- The **Hamilton Police Department (Butler County)** will receive **\$967,319.76** for retention bonuses for 124 officers.
- The **Ross Township Police Department (Butler County)** will receive **\$235,244.25** to fill one full-time officer vacancy for two years and retention bonuses for two supervisors and seven full-time officers.

Champaign

- The **Champaign County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$28,800** to aid in retaining current staffing levels for at least five years and develop career employees and career prosecutors dedicated to the pursuit of justice.
- The **Mechanicsburg Police Department (Champaign County)** will receive **\$140,527.12** to aid in hiring staff to fulfill pre-pandemic levels of five full-time officers.

Clark

- The **Clark County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$639,691** for National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) training for staff and NIBIN equipment to link local gun crimes to other agencies' cases.
- The **Springfield Police Division (Clark County)** will receive **\$305,206.94** to combat crime with new video technology and automatic license plate readers that will be used to quickly gather actionable intelligence to help investigate and solve incidents of gun violence in high-crime areas.

Clermont

- The **Bethel Police Department (Clermont County)** will receive **\$111,556.36** to fill one full-time position, one vacancy, and provide retention bonuses to two supervisors, four full-time officers, and two part-time officers.
- The **Owensville Police Department (Clermont County)** will receive **\$88,812.72** to pay for retention bonuses to maintain current staffing levels and to add full-time officers to fill two vacancies.
- The **Pierce Township Police Department (Clermont County)** will receive **\$226,931.08** to fill a vacant position for an officer and for retention bonuses for five supervisors, one detective, two investigators, and nine officers.

Clinton

- The **Wilmington Police Department (Clinton County)** will receive **\$194,759.20** for retention bonuses for six supervisors, 19 officers, and eight dispatchers.

Columbiana

- The **East Liverpool Police Department (Columbiana County)** will receive **\$323,413.40** to bring staffing levels back up to pre-pandemic levels, reassign two officers to the Columbiana County Drug Task Force, and replace the vacant school resource officer position.
- The **Salem Police Department (Columbiana County)** will receive **\$159,704** for retention bonuses and work with city leaders to increase officer pay over time.

Crawford

- The **Bucyrus Police Department (Crawford County)** will receive **\$445,947.10** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels for 20 officers.
- The **Crawford County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$215,217.68** to hire a criminal investigator to assist local law enforcement agencies with case investigations.
- The **Crestline Police Department (Crawford County)** will receive **\$343,149.66** for filling three vacancies within the department.

Cuyahoga

- The **Brooklyn Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$181,471.39** for special detail consisting of four officers to deter crime and increase engagement with the community with a goal of decreasing weapons related offenses
- The **Beachwood Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$559,073.82** to assign two full-time officers to their Specialized Patrol Enforcement and Response (SPEAR) to provide high-visibility in target areas to reduce crime.
- The **Bratenahl Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$89,500** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current full-time staffing levels for 11 of the authorized 15 sworn staff.
- The **Cleveland Division of Police (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$355,400** to address homicides and felonious assaults, particularly those committed with firearms, by enhancing the work of its Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC). Operational intelligence and situational awareness will be improved with new technology to help identify wanted suspects.
- The **Cleveland Division of Police (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$4,215,000** for retention bonuses for 1,405 sworn officers.
- The **Cleveland Division of Police (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$1,747,101.01** to expand work to deter youth from gang involvement; purchase a National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) system to aid in solving gun crimes; and expand the number of Violent Crime Reduction Teams that immediately respond to violent crimes in the city.
- The **Cleveland State University Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$240,084.30** for retention bonuses for 21 officers and dispatchers.
- The **Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$250,670.19** to create a team of investigators working as part of the Cuyahoga County Crime Gun Intelligence Center who will be assigned exclusively to investigating National Integrated Ballistic

Information Network (NIBIN) leads tied to incidents in suburban Cuyahoga County communities. These investigators will work with suburban agencies and will assist as needed with tasks such as interviewing witnesses and obtaining search warrants.

- The **Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$989,628.30** to hire three additional attorneys to focus on prosecuting the current backlog of domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Funding will also be used to continue providing forensic phone extractions for law enforcement partners and to conduct a study of the effectiveness of ongoing violence-reduction strategies.
- The **Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$163,000** to expand on current efforts to combat violent crime by targeting more resources to hot spot areas with high rates of violent crime. The department will increase collaboration with more than 60 Cuyahoga County law enforcement agencies by offering additional technological resources to aid in investigating incidents of violence, preventing crime through general deterrence, and increasing the apprehension of violent offenders.
- The **Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$1,532,448.48** for retention bonuses for 159 deputies, Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy training, recruitment advertisements, and to fill 14 vacancies.
- The **East Cleveland Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$149,236.58** to work to reduce gun violence in their community with new gunshot detection technology to increase response times and improve effectiveness at crime scenes. The gunshot detection technology will also allow the department to utilize gunfire location and frequency data to identify strategic hot spot locations for future saturation patrols. Data will also be used to further develop the community's comprehensive community policing initiative with an emphasis on neighborhoods where community outreach may have the highest impact on reducing incidents of gun violence.
- The **Euclid Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$174,771.75** to implement a new intelligence-led policing initiative using predictive analysis to target gun violence in neighborhood micro-locations. The focused-deterrence initiative will create Gun Violence Reduction Teams (GVRT) that will focus solely on these gun violence hot spots with the goal of identifying those illegally in possession of firearms, increasing gun seizures, and reducing the number of shots fired in these areas. GVRT officers will rapidly respond to calls of shots fired to identify and arrest suspects, locate and interview witnesses, and provide first aid to any victims.
- The **Euclid Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$107,000** to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime.
- The **Garfield Heights Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$1,311,936.82** for advanced crime analysis and new technology to help identify repeat offenders and hotspots for crime.

- The **Lakewood Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$217,752.26** for new technology to help reduce criminal activity and violent crime. Funds will also be used to increase patrols and decrease gun violence at Madison Park, which has seen a recent spike in violent crime.
- The **Maple Heights Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$216,237** to pay for retention bonuses to keep current staffing levels stable.
- The **Orange Village Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$239,689.39** to help gain leads using new technology to identify, apprehend, and prosecute criminal offenders.
- The **South Euclid Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$382,430.34** for filling two vacancies, a new hire, and retention bonuses for 11 officers.
- The **Strongsville Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$1,620,514.87** for hiring three full-time police officers and five full-time dispatchers.
- The **Westlake Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$119,250** to work to reduce gun-related crimes and other acts of violence by enhancing its current hot spot policing efforts through daily focused patrols, regular saturation patrols, and new technology in identified areas with high violent crime rates. Concentrated focus on specific hot spots will prevent crime through general deterrence and increased risk of apprehension. The Westlake Police Department will also work to engage the community through continued problem-oriented policing to address underlying conditions that lead to recurring crime problems.

Darke

- The **Arcanum Police Department (Darke County)** will receive **\$20,221.76** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of one supervisor and three officers.

Defiance

- The **Defiance County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$82,218.58** to hire a new full-time school resource officer to engage with students in the county's school districts. In addition to working to prevent crime, this officer will also work to educate students about the dangers of drug use through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Erie

- The **Erie County Victim Assistance Program** will receive **\$466,038.11** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of attorneys and one special sheriff deputy, as well as hiring two additional staff attorneys.

- The **Perkins Township Police Department (Erie County)** will receive **\$268,857.79** to offer hiring bonuses to attract new officers and retention bonuses for current staff.
- The **Sandusky Police Department (Erie County)** will receive **\$232,380** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 43 full time sworn peace officers and a sign-on bonus for new hire candidates.

Franklin

- The **Columbus Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$413,908** to increase the solvability of violent crimes, including homicides and felonious assaults, with a new Digital Forensics Unit Response Vehicle, which will be used to immediately respond to serious crime scenes to recover video evidence from local businesses, residences, community crime cameras, traffic cameras, etc., to allow detectives to more quickly follow up on generated leads. Additional technology will allow homicide detectives to better interpret and investigate digital intelligence to expedite investigations and prevent future crimes.
- The **Columbus Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$629,047.72** to fund crime analysts for two years, mobile license plate readers, and laptops with a goal of apprehending and successfully prosecuting violent offenders, in an effort to reduce the number of homicides that occur in Columbus' most impacted areas.
- The **Bexley Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$239,628.18** to upgrade its portable radios to eliminate dropped calls and improve communication with neighboring police departments.
- The **Franklin County Sheriff's Central Ohio Violence Eradication Response Team (COVERT)** will receive **\$337,850.96** to work to prevent violent crime including murder, robbery, and aggravated assault through interdiction operations in areas with high violent crime rates. The team will use technology to identify violent crime enterprises and will work to eliminate the backlog of firearm evidence not yet entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. COVERT will also work to link at-risk youth with mentorship and counseling services.
- The **Grandview Heights Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$238,155.40** to buy license plate readers to alert officers of license plates associated with violent offenders, warrants, and other dangerous crimes to increase investigative leads.
- The **Grove City Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$421,200** for technology to capture real-time data to better target problem areas in the city.
- The **Groveport Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$69,219.46** to deploy technology in high crime areas to more easily identify suspects responsible for acts of violence.

- The **Madison Township Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$364,995.63** to pay for retention bonuses and to fill two officer vacancies caused by the pandemic.
- The **Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS)** will receive **\$1,230,038.69** to create a violence reduction program to proactively prevent juveniles from absconding from DYS parole supervision and to quickly locate any youth who do violate the terms of their release. The new Community Intervention and Intelligence Unit will work to locate and reengage youth who have declined to abide by the terms of their parole and will engage youth to help prevent incidences of recidivism. The specialized unit will also focus on assisting local law enforcement with locating paroled DYS youth with active warrants.
- The **Perry Township Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$109,396.50** for retention bonuses for its officers currently on staff.
- The **Reynoldsburg Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$685,021.96** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of nine dispatchers, one crime analyst, 13 supervisors, and 50 officers.
- The **Upper Arlington Division of Police (Franklin County)** will receive **\$393,366.04** for the hiring of two additional officers to maintain staffing levels.
- The **Whitehall Police Department (Franklin County)** will receive **\$633,966.00** for the purchase of multiple dispatch consoles to improve communication between officers, dispatchers, and other agencies to allow for continuity of service and to enhance the department's ability to respond to and proactively address violent crime.

Gallia

- The **Gallia County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$109,586.88** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of one chief deputy, two lieutenants, three sergeants, two detectives, and 15 deputies.
- The **Gallipolis Police Department (Gallia County)** will receive **\$155,579.18** to aid in filling two vacancies for two years and retention bonuses for 10 full-time officers, one part-time officer, one detective, and one supervisor.

Hamilton

- The **Cincinnati Police Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$393,597.41** to identify prolific offenders and crime hotspots by deploying gunshot detection technology, which will alert officers to locations where gun crimes are actively occurring, reducing response time, preserving evidence, and creating better investigative opportunities.
- The **Springfield Township Police Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$255,974.87** for aid to bring staffing levels up to pre-COVID-19 numbers allowing the

agency to re-instate the IMPACT Unit in order to combat violent crime and drug activity. Three full-time officers will be hired.

- The **Xavier University Police Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$174,390** for hiring bonuses for new staff, for retention bonuses for one director, three supervisors, five dispatchers, and 11 officers, and for travel and lodging expenses for recruitment.

Hardin

- The **Ada Police Department (Hardin County)** will receive **\$53,283.80** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels and recruiting prospective employees.

Harrison

- The **Cadiz Police Department (Harrison County)** will receive **\$29,796** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels for eight of sworn staff.

Henry

- The **Henry County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$194,985.25** for the hiring of one full-time deputy and retention bonuses for 24 personnel.

Hocking

- The **Hocking County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$414,030.63** to hire and fund new staff, including a full-time assistant prosecutor and a full-time prosecutor's investigator to reduce caseload, maintain efficient criminal prosecution, and assist in office management and communication between law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and victims.

Huron

- The **Willard Police Department (Huron County)** will receive **\$393,097.78** to maintain its workforce and to attract and retain new officers with hiring and retention bonuses.

Jackson

- The **Jackson County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$191,862.72** to pay for retention bonuses for both deputies and dispatchers. Funds will also be used for new technology to enhance intelligence gathering efforts and to support Operation Clean Up, which focuses on target enforcement of violent crimes.
- The **Oak Hill Police Department (Jackson County)** will receive **\$20,316.80** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of two supervisors, three full-time officers, and two part-time officers.

Jefferson

- The **Dillonvale Police Department (Jefferson County)** will receive **\$28,600** to hire a part-time officer to increase law enforcement presence and enhance public safety.
- The **Toronto Police Department (Jefferson County)** will receive **\$48,702.40** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of five patrolman, two sergeants, two captains, and the chief.

Lake

- The **Mentor Police Department (Lake County)** will receive **\$186,000** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 77 officers, 15 dispatchers, and four part-time officers/dispatchers.
- The **Painesville Police Department (Lake County)** will receive **\$136,482.60** to expand its Intersection Camera System to the southern and western parts of the city to allow for city-wide coverage of significant intersections, traffic choke points, and roads leading into and out of the city. Videos of vehicles before, during, and after incidents of violent crime will help investigators quickly develop tangible leads and will be useful to neighboring communities for incidents involving travel to and from Painesville. The cameras will also serve as a crime deterrent.
- The **Willoughby Police Department (Lake County)** will receive **\$4,280** for the development of a recruitment video to encourage new hires and increase staffing levels.

Lawrence

- The **Ironton Police Department (Lawrence County)** will receive **\$84,862.57** to expand officer presence in targeted areas with high violent crime rates to address issues of domestic violence, assault, burglary, menacing, and other violent crimes. Funding will help the department increase visible police presence to potentially prevent violent crimes from occurring. The Ironton Police Department will also hold several town hall meetings to collaborate with the public on crime reduction strategies and will conduct in-class discussions with youth.

Licking

- The **Licking County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$400,669** to develop and implement a strategic plan for violent crime reduction and to identify future needs associated with anticipated growth in the county. Funds will also be used toward new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime, as well as for the creation of violent crime awareness literature, pamphlets, and training materials to be distributed throughout Licking County to schools, businesses, fairs, and community events.

- The **Newark Division of Police** (Licking County) will receive **\$128,400** to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime.

Logan

- The **Bellefontaine Police Department (Logan County)** will receive **\$78,780.20** to replace eight cruiser video cameras and buy new hardware, software, and a server to help collect more evidence to prosecute violent offenders.

Lorain

- The **Elyria Police Department (Lorain County)** will receive **\$193,496.88** to expand its Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative to reduce violent and firearm-related crimes in targeted areas with high crime rates. New technology combined with an increase in traditional proactive policing in specified areas will create coverage in identified high-crime areas 24/7 to prevent crime through general deterrence and increased risk of apprehension.
- The **Elyria Police Department (Lorain County)** will receive **\$2,765,513.43** to hire twelve new officers to allow for more proactive policing initiatives to prevent violent crime. Funds will also be used to offer sign-on and retention bonuses, to hire a recruiting specialist, and to purchase new equipment for their digital forensics unit and crime scene unit.
- The **Lorain Police Department (Lorain County)** will receive **\$42,845.83** to launch a directed-patrol initiative to deter gang-related crime through saturation patrols. The department will also develop a youth mentoring/gang diversion program in partnership with Lorain Men of Courage, a local nonprofit youth mentoring organization. The six-week mentoring program for at-risk youth will focus on diverting these youth from gang and school violence by offering mentoring and providing other supports to facilitate future success.
- The **Sheffield Village Police Department (Lorain County)** will receive **\$257,244.84** to hire two full-time patrol officers to increase law enforcement presence and enhance public safety.

Lucas

- The **Oregon Police Division (Lucas County)** will receive **\$442,373.16** to aid in hiring five full-time officers to fulfill pre-pandemic levels.
- The **Toledo Police Department (Lucas County)** will receive **\$220,000** to work to combat gun violence with new forensic technology in their Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) to increase the analysis of gun evidence through the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network to generate more leads for investigation. The department will also improve CGIC operations with more staffing during identified peak hours for

shooting incidents and with new technology to allow investigators immediate access to law enforcement databases while in the field.

- The **Toledo Police Department (Lucas County)** will receive **\$372,800** to purchase new technology that will help prevent and solve crimes in high-crime areas. The enhanced technology will be used to develop better leads to track down prolific criminals.

Madison

- The **London Police Department (Madison County)** will receive **\$126,556** to offer retention bonuses to aid in retaining its experienced officers and recruiting prospective employees.

Mahoning

- The **Austintown Township Police Department (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$281,800** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 45 officers and 19 dispatchers, and recruiting prospective employees.
- The **Boardman Police Department (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$628,358.56** to buy ballistic panels and shields, initiate more human trafficking investigations, link victims of crime to available services, and pay for overtime expenses.
- The **Jackson Township Police Department (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$35,846.64** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining and training current staffing levels of 14 officers
- The **Milton Township Police Department (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$18,000** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of nine officers.
- The **Sebring Police Department (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$51,521** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 10 officers including the chief, and 10 telecommunicators

Medina

- The **Medina County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$1,469,209.41** to hire six deputies to improve public safety by increasing law enforcement presence and enhancing community policing initiatives that engage the public. The additional personnel will also allow for an increase in the number of outstanding warrants served.
- The **Wadsworth Police Department (Medina County)** will receive **\$241,020.68** to aid in recruitment efforts, hiring one police officer, and providing surveillance technology as well as data retention/access.
- The **Wadsworth Police Department (Medina County)** will receive **\$237,956** for retention bonuses for current staff.

Meigs

- The **Pomeroy Police Department (Meigs County)** will receive **\$16,933** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of five officers and three dispatchers.

Mercer

- The **Coldwater Police Department (Mercer County)** will receive **\$36,600** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of one chief, one sergeant, six patrolmen and one dispatcher.
- The **Mercer County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$110,640.70** to purchase advanced technology that will allow the agency to access and extract digital evidence from cellular devices and other electronic equipment. The technology will aid the sheriff's office in the timely analysis of digital evidence to help them quickly solve cases and protect the community from potential repeat offenders.

Miami

- The **Piqua Police Department (Miami County)** will receive **\$201,502.08** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 22 sworn officers and four supervisors.

Montgomery

- The **Dayton Police Department (Montgomery County)** will receive **\$4,580,434.48** to enhance recruitment efforts and to restore staffing levels to pre-pandemic levels by hiring 26 cadets to complete the academy and then become full time officers.
- The **Miami Township Police Department (Montgomery County)** will receive **\$303,209.90** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 23 officers, four detectives, 11 supervisors.
- The **Riverside Police Department (Montgomery County)** will receive **\$80,250** for new technology to support work to prevent incidents of gun violence and identify those responsible for violent crimes.

Morrow

- The **Morrow County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$587,141.08** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels six full-time deputies and three full-time dispatchers.

Noble

- The **Noble County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$116,462** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of seven supervisors, one detective, nine full-time deputies, two part-time deputies, one dispatch supervisor, eight full-time dispatchers, and one part-time dispatcher.

Ottawa

- The **Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$254,123.07** to create the Ottawa County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Team. Members of the new unit will meet with victims and provide in-person support to ensure they necessary medical care, emergency housing, counseling services, etc.

Perry

- The **New Lexington Police Department (Perry County)** will receive **\$76,528.32** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 10 dispatchers, 15 officers, and two supervisors.

Pike

- The **Pike County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$412,955.99** to aid in hiring two deputies to implement crime reductions strategies to combat criminal activity involving trafficking of drugs, illegal weapons, and stolen property.

Portage

- The **Kent Police Department (Portage County)** will receive **\$376,771.20** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of nine dispatchers, 28 deputies, and 12 supervisors.
- The **Kent State University Police Services (Portage County)** will receive **\$296,982.40** for hiring and retention bonuses.

Richland

- The **Mansfield Division of Police (Richland County)** will receive **\$272,000** to increase the square mileage covered by gunshot detection technology to impact more areas of the city with high crime rates. The added technology will allow the department to improve response time to incidents of gun violence and focus on high-risk offenders in geographic hot spots.
- The Mansfield Police Department will administer a **\$130,418** grant for the **Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium (NOVCC)**, which is made up of the police departments in Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Elyria, Lorain, Mansfield, Toledo, and Youngstown. Law enforcement in these communities will amplify various existing

evidence-based investigative strategies through increased crime analysis, information sharing, and community engagement. NOVCC will also expand officer hours devoted to violent crime reduction strategies to include saturation patrols, town hall meetings, door-to-door conversations, and similar efforts to help reduce gun violence.

- The **Richland County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$106,550** for new staffing to allow for an additional deputy to be assigned to investigate major crimes such as homicide, robbery, burglary, and sexual assault. Funds will also be invested in new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime.

Ross

- The **Chillicothe Police Department (Ross County)** will receive **\$1,602,588.16** for staffing personnel to pre-pandemic staffing levels by hiring one detective, six patrol officers, and one community resource officer.

Scioto

- The **Portsmouth Police Department (Scioto County)** will receive **\$280,211.36** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 43 officers and eight dispatchers.
- The **Scioto County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$285,424.44** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 45 officers, 10 dispatchers, and the one evidence analyst.

Seneca

- The **Fostoria Police Division (Seneca County)** will receive **\$15,000** to fund police academy tuition for selected minority applicants as part of the division's work to diversify its police force while also offering more police coverage and protection for the community.
- The **Fostoria Police Department (Seneca County)** will receive **\$124,311** for retention bonuses for 21 officers and a hiring bonus for new officers.

Shelby

- The **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$37,278.45** to purchase new technology to assist in preventing and investigating incidents of violent crime, including new equipment to effectively document crime scenes and equipment to aid in identifying suspected illegal substances.
- The **Sidney Police Department (Shelby County)** will receive **\$425,704.31** to aid in hiring two full-time officers to replace positions that were cut because of the pandemic.

Stark

- The **Canton Police Department** (Stark County) will receive **\$74,760** for technology to help identify emerging hot spots, gather intelligence, deploy resources, and support crime prevention efforts. Funding will also be used to provide training on problem-oriented policing strategies to help officers build community trust.
- The **Stark County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$2,045,146.15** to partner with the Canton, Jackson Township, Alliance, Perry Township, and Massillon police departments to create the new Stark County Violent Crime Task Force. The multi-jurisdictional unit will deploy proactive and preventative enforcement strategies targeting problem areas known for gang-related activity and other incidents of violent crime. Each participating agency will dedicate a full-time and part-time officer to the task force for hot-spot policing, community-oriented policing, and engagement at community events.

Summit

- The **Bath Police Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$230,826** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of nine full-time dispatchers, one part-time dispatcher, 23 full-time officers, and one part-time officer
- The **Cuyahoga Falls Police Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$40,000** to enhance ongoing recruitment efforts through a 20-week radio campaign targeting likely police candidates.
- The **Silver Lake Police Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$53,935.24** for retention bonuses for three supervisors, five full-time officers, and five part-time officers.
- The **Stow Police Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$330,689.60** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 12 supervisors, five detectives, and 25 officers.
- The **Summit County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$764,982.74** to fund two additional prosecutor positions for the existing Gun Unit within the office and to offer retention and hiring bonuses.
- The **Summit County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$421,241.13** to add four additional deputies to the Akron Police Department Gun Violence Reduction Team (GVRT), which targets hot spot areas of high crime and violence and works to identify individuals committing crimes with guns. The additional deputies will allow GVRT to expand its surveillance and intelligence gathering into additional areas to reduce incidents of violent crime and increase the seizure of guns possessed by prohibited individuals.
- The **Summit County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$2,918,249.69** to fill 10 vacancies and for retention bonuses for two dispatcher supervisors, 17 dispatchers, 57 supervisors, and 241 deputies.

- The **Twinsburg Police Department (Summit County)** will receive **\$909,502.60** for hiring three police officers and three dispatchers and retention bonuses for 34 officer and 10 dispatchers.

Trumbull

- The **Cortland Police Department (Trumbull County)** will receive **\$112,097.73** to assign a full-time officer to the Mahoning Valley Human Trafficking Task Force to target violent traffickers. The funds will also pay for overtime for undercover operations.
- The **Niles Police Department (Trumbull County)** will receive **\$262,350.10** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of three detectives, 22 officers, and five dispatchers.
- The **Trumbull County Prosecutor's Office** will receive **\$495,151.79** to hire a new assistant prosecutor and investigator to prosecute violent crime cases that increased during the pandemic.
- The **Trumbull County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$366,799.68** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 48 deputies, one analyst, and 11 supervisors.
- The **Warren Police Department (Trumbull County)** will receive **\$237,326** to upgrade the mobile forensic capabilities of its Criminal Intelligence Unit to reduce the time it takes to provide investigators with crucial digital evidence. The upgrade will also drastically decrease the number of mobile devices sent to outside agencies for analysis.
- The **Warren Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU)** will receive **\$218,344 (Trumbull County)** to use new technology in certain hot spot geographical areas with high rates of violent crime incidents including homicide, felonious assault, rape, human trafficking, and drug trafficking. The equipment will give CIU officers access to critical evidence that can be used to analyze crime patterns and aid in CIU's intelligence-led policing strategies to predict community threats.

Union

- The **Richwood Police Department (Union County)** will receive **\$34,892** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of seven full-time police officers.

Warren

- The **Middletown Police Department (Warren/Butler Counties)** will receive **\$33,000** to develop a new hot spot policing strategic plan that will employ the use of new technology to aid in the investigation of homicides and other violent crimes. The new investigative strategy will place a concentrated focus on identified neighborhoods with high rates of crime to help investigators solve incidents of violence and deter additional violent acts.

Washington

- The **Beverly Police Department (Washington County)** will receive **\$11,833** to retain current staffing levels of three full-time officers.
- The **Marietta Police Department (Washington County)** will receive **\$228,085** for retention bonuses to aid in retaining current staffing levels of 31 officers, and four dispatchers.
- The **New Matamoras Police Department (Washington County)** will receive **\$4,200** for a retention bonus for the chief.