



On April 25, 2022, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine awarded \$3.7 million in grants to local law enforcement agencies as part of the new Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program. This is the first round of funding to be awarded through this program. Round one funding includes 18 grants that will be used toward local programs impacting 21 local law enforcement agencies. Agencies marked with an asterisk are using funds to launch new programs.

Media questions about the Ohio Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program should be directed to Ohio Department of Public Safety Assistant Communications Director Lindsey Bohrer at 614-752-6585 or lrbohrer@dps.ohio.gov. Specific questions about individual programs should be directed to the local agency receiving the grant award.

Cleveland Division of Police: \$355,400

Cuyahoga County

The Cleveland Division of Police will 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.

*Columbus Division of Police: \$413,908

Franklin County

The Columbus Division of Police will 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.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office: \$250,670.19

Cuyahoga County

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office will 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.

Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department: \$163,000

Cuyahoga County

The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office will 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.

*East Cleveland Police Department: \$149,236.58

Cuyahoga County

The East Cleveland Police Department will 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.

Elyria Police Department: \$193,496.88

Lorain County

The Elyria Police Department will 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.

*Euclid Police Department \$174,771.75

Cuyahoga County

The Euclid Police Department will 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.

*Franklin County Sheriff's Office: \$337,850.96

Franklin County

The Franklin County Sheriff's Central Ohio Violence Eradication Response Team (COVERT) will 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.

*Ironton Police Department: \$84,862.57

Lawrence County

The Ironton Police Department will 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.

Lima Police Department: \$75,425

Allen County

The Lima Police Department will 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.

Mansfield Division of Police: \$272,000

Richland County

The Mansfield Division of Police will 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.

*Middletown Police Department: \$33,000

Warren/Butler Counties

The Middletown Police Department will 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.

Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium: \$130,418

The Mansfield Police Department will administer a 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.

Painesville Police Department: \$136,482.60

Lake County

The Painesville Police Department will 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.

Summit County Sheriff's Office: \$421,241.13

Summit County

The Summit County Sheriff's Office will 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.

[Toledo Police Department: \\$220,000](#)

[Lucas County](#)

The Toledo Police Department will 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.

[Warren Police Department: \\$218,344](#)

[Trumbull County](#)

The Warren Police Department's Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) will 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.

[Westlake Police Department: \\$119,250](#)

[Cuyahoga County](#)

The Westlake Police Department will 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.