

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 three 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 **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 **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.
- The **Solon Police Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$33,250** for a wellness app and peer support training for first responders.
- 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.

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 **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 **Metropolitan Emergency Communications Consortium (MECC) Regional Council of Governments (Franklin County)** will receive **\$630,474** to hire three full-time dispatchers.

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 **Delhi Township Fire Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$31,200** for a yoga wellness program for fire and police personnel.

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 **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.

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 **Elyria Police Department (Lorain County)** will receive **\$49,000** for a contract with a doctor to provide wellness training and counseling for personnel.
- 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 **Brunswick Division of Police (Medina County)** will receive **\$51,200** for a comprehensive mental, emotional, and physical wellness program.
- 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.

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 **Clearcreek Fire District (Warren County)** will receive **\$338,452.73** to create a wellness coordinator position.
- The **Springboro Division of Police (Warren County)** will receive **\$11,664** for wellness checks for police department personnel.