

Ohio Court Backlog Reduction Program Grant Summaries

In 2022, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine launched the Ohio Court Backlog Reduction program to help local courts process increasing numbers of court cases. The list below summarizes the 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 court receiving the award.

Ashtabula

- The **Ashtabula County Juvenile/Probate Court** will receive **\$309,623.57** to hire a deputy clerk and law clerk and to buy equipment.

Athens

- The **Athens County Municipal Court** will receive **\$155,633.28** to hire a security officer.

Butler

- The **Butler County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$183,783.60** to hire an investigator and a file room clerk.
- The **Butler County Domestic Relations Court** will receive **\$425,000** to hire a magistrate/mediator and a staff attorney.
- The **Hamilton Municipal Court (Butler County)** will receive **\$318,273.35** to upgrade its case management system.

Champaign

- The **Champaign County Family Court** will receive **\$80,043.60** to implement an online case document imaging system.

Crawford

- The **Crawford County Municipal Court** will receive **\$71,199.88** to implement the Ohio Community Supervision System case management tool and to fund a traffic clerk and a probation clerk.

Cuyahoga

- The **Cleveland Heights Municipal Court (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$72,249** to upgrade its case management system.

- The **Cleveland Municipal Court (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$425,000** to hire pretrial services staff and/or magistrates.
- The **Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court** will receive **\$400,000** for a new case management system.
- The **Lakewood Municipal Court (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$425,000** to hire staff that could include an IT project manager, two part-time law clerks, and a public defender.
- The **Shaker Heights Municipal Court (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$169,093.37** to hire a probation officer.

Delaware

- The **Delaware Municipal Court (Delaware County)** will receive **\$26,780** to implement a text messaging service.

Erie

- The **Huron Municipal Court (Erie County)** will receive **\$36,200.40** to hire a deputy clerk.

Fairfield

- The **Fairfield County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$147,426.47** to hire a probation support specialist, to implement electronic notifications, and to perform mental health and substance use disorder assessments for in lieu of conviction cases.
- The **Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court** will receive **\$46,800** to increase the use of contract mediators.

Franklin

- The **Franklin County Municipal Court** will receive **\$425,000** to expand pretrial services staff and/or to increase the use of contract interpreters.

Gallia

- The **Gallia County Probate/Juvenile Court** will receive **\$63,416** to upgrade its case management system by implementing a text messaging service and buying new hardware.

Geauga

- The **Geauga County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$5,000** to implement a text messaging service.

Greene

- The **Fairborn Municipal Court (Greene County)** will receive **\$21,860.40** to hire a paid intern to help with the warrant backlog.
- The **Greene County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$341,280** to add video to courtrooms and to update its case management systems to increase the efficiency of court case processing.
- The **Greene County Domestic Relations Court** will receive **\$46,327.50** to hire a domestic violence coordinator.

Hamilton

- The **Hamilton County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$425,000** to implement initiatives that could include hiring two bailiffs, updating courtroom technology, or contracting with forensic psychologists.
- The **Hamilton County Juvenile Court** will receive **\$253,885.14** to hire a clerk for pretrial services and to hire an intervention specialist for pre-sentencing/disposition services.

Hocking

- The **Hocking County Municipal Court** will receive **\$53,615.46** to use GPS tracking in lieu of jail and to provide equipment for a new risk assessment unit.

Jackson

- The **Jackson County Municipal Court** will receive **\$63,304.80** to hire a probation officer.

Lake

- The **Lake County Domestic Relations Court** will receive **\$344,418.21** to rehire a law clerk position and to hire a new magistrate.

Lawrence

- The **Lawrence County Bureau of Community Corrections** will receive **\$425,000** to implement initiatives that could include hiring pretrial services officers, increasing the use of GPS equipment, implementing kiosks, or upgrading its case management system to increase its efficiency.

Licking

- The **Licking County Domestic Relations Court** will receive **\$12,070.41** to buy audio/visual equipment for the courtroom.

- The **Licking County Probate/Juvenile Court** will receive **\$91,755.97** to hire a full-time probate clerk.

Logan

- The **Logan County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$425,000** to upgrade its case management system.

Lorain

- The **Lorain County Domestic Relations Court** will receive **\$425,000** to implement initiatives that could include hiring a director of court services and a program/data analyst, contracting with Ohio Legal Help, or upgrading its case management system to increase the efficiency of court case processing.
- The **Lorain Municipal Court (Lorain County)** will receive **\$37,460** to integrate its case management system with the jail system.

Mahoning

- The **Struthers Municipal Court (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$131,479** to hire a full-time clerk and a part-time clerk.
- The **Youngstown Municipal Court (Mahoning County)** will receive **\$87,984** to hire a full-time pretrial services staff member.

Marion

- The **Marion County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$425,000** to hire one pretrial services officer and to expand its use of GPS.

Medina

- The **Medina County Probate/Juvenile Court** will receive **\$16,250** to support the implementation of a new case management system.

Montgomery

- The **Montgomery County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$143,515.05** to implement an automated docket system.
- The **Montgomery County Juvenile Court** will receive **\$31,922.82** to implement a kiosk check-in system.

Morrow

- The **Morrow County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$160,802.24** to hire legal assistants for the judges and to implement the use of GPS.

Ottawa

- The **Ottawa County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$202,200** to hire a court reporter, to implement a self-represented litigants clinic, and to implement the use of GPS.

Perry

- The **Perry County Juvenile/Probate Court** will receive **\$30,000** to contract with an attorney/mediator for self-represented litigant help.

Portage

- The **Portage County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$27,074** to implement a kiosk check-in system.

Ross

- The **Ross County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$153,609.48** to hire a pretrial case manager.

Scioto

- The **Scioto County Adult Probation Department** will receive **\$413,388.60** to hire a pretrial services officer and a diversion officer.

Summit

- The **Akron Municipal Court (Summit County)** will receive **\$425,000** to hire a mediator, a project manager, and a technical analyst.
- The **Summit County Common Pleas Court** will receive **\$425,000** to hire a magistrate/mediator and a bailiff.

Union

- The **Union County Probate/Juvenile Court** will receive **\$93,600** to hire two probation/diversion officers.

Vinton

- The **Vinton County Court** will receive **\$11,970.60** to hire a deputy clerk.

Washington

- The **Marietta Municipal Court (Washington County)** will receive **\$275,217.31** to hire a deputy bailiff and a pretrial services/diversion probation officer.

Williams

- The **Williams County Juvenile Court** will receive **\$376,556.25** to hire two deputy clerks and one truancy/diversion officer.