



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, compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, summarizes the fifth round of awards.

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.

- **Akron Fire Department** (Summit County) will receive **\$5,376,200** to hire 25 full-time firefighters/paramedics.
- **Amherst Police Department** (Lorain County) will receive **\$84,749** for behavioral health evaluations, dietary and wellness programs, and a mobile wellness app.
- **Ashland Police Division** (Ashland County) will receive **\$24,850** for annual wellness sessions with a licensed clinician and a mobile wellness app.
- **Bellefontaine Fire Department** (Logan County) will receive **\$20,700** for group and individual critical incident stress management training.
- **Bremen Rushcreek Township Fire** (Fairfield County) will receive **\$9,875** for wellness assessments, counseling, and ongoing critical incident/crisis counseling.
- **Brookville Police Department** (Montgomery County) will receive **\$1,499** for a mobile wellness app.
- **Canton Fire Department** (Stark County) will receive **\$15,750** for peer support and resiliency training.

- **Cincinnati State Police Department** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$58,720** for biweekly behavioral and nutrition specialists, annual wellness checks, and critical incident follow-up with a clinician.
- **Columbus Department of Public Safety** (Franklin County) will receive **\$1,237,000** for critical incident stress management training, overtime/backfill for staff attending training, support for a multi-agency wellness center, a COVID impact study, and a mobile wellness app.
- **Copley Township Fire Department** (Summit County) will receive **\$60,661.23** for peer support and resiliency training and overtime/backfill to cover staff attending training.
- **Coshocton County Emergency Medical Service** will receive **\$29,998** for a mobile wellness app.
- **Coventry Township Fire Department** (Summit County) will receive **\$9,000** for peer support training.
- **Dayton Fire Department** (Montgomery County) will receive **\$5,803,572.53** to hire 30 full-time firefighters for two years, a full-time wellness coordinator and coordinator training, wellness checks with three follow-up visits, mental and physical readiness assessments, and recommendations.
- **Deerfield Township Fire Rescue** (Warren County) will receive **\$3,608,035.34** to hire 19 full-time firefighters.
- **East Cleveland Fire Department** (Cuyahoga County) will receive **\$15,000** for wellness services and training through a partnership with an area clinician.
- **Fairport Harbor Fire Department** (Lake County) will receive **\$2,430** for cortisol and testosterone blood testing in conjunction with an established mental health program.
- **Franklin Township Fire & EMS** (Clermont County) will receive **\$27,200** for annual wellness checks for all personnel with a licensed clinician, wellness and peer support training, and overtime/backfill for staff attending training.
- **Fremont Police Department** (Sandusky County) will receive **\$8,670** for monthly yoga and mindfulness support for all department personnel.

- **Genoa Township Fire Department** (Delaware County) will receive **\$32,200** for a weekly yoga, wellness, and health program and mental wellness/trauma assessments and counseling.
- **Glendale Public Safety** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$192,000** for mental health counseling access for the police and fire departments, mental and physical health screenings, and a professional nutrition, yoga, personal training, and assessment program.
- **Hamilton County Sheriff's Office/Communication Center** will receive **\$616,422.29** for partial funding for a wellness coordinator position, peer support team consultation, peer team and onboarding training, resiliency and/or mental health training, dietician consultation for first responders, and overtime/backfill for staff attending training.
- **Hamilton Fire Department** (Butler County) will receive **\$1,840,433.01** to hire 10 full-time firefighters and to provide mental and physical wellness evaluations and follow-up counseling sessions with a licensed clinician as needed.
- **Hamilton Police Department** (Butler County) will receive **\$63,520** for critical incident stress management and peer support training for eight officers including overtime/backfill for staff attending training.
- **Harrison County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$31,460** for individualized wellness assessments/programming and for HIPPA-compliant data collection.
- **Henry County South Joint Ambulance District** will receive **\$4,874.67** for critical incident stress debriefing training for three personnel and overtime/backfill to attend training.
- **Hocking Township Fire Department** (Fairfield County) will receive **\$123,189** for a full-time health and wellness officer.
- **Huber Heights Fire Division** (Montgomery County) will receive **\$287,600** for a wellness coordinator position and behavioral health services.

- **Lafayette Township Fire & Rescue District** (Medina County) will receive **\$22,550** for crisis intervention, peer support, and specialized training.
- **Liberty Township Fire Department** (Butler County) will receive **\$1,062,906.98** to hire three full-time firefighters and one full-time fire prevention specialist for two years.
- **Louisville Fire Department** (Stark County) will receive **\$278,977.60** to hire two part-time firefighters/paramedics for two years.
- **Madison Fire District** (Lake County) will receive **\$11,200** for annual mental health screenings.
- **Marion Police Department** (Marion County) will receive **\$39,615.50** for biannual mental health wellness checks and physical and dietary education.
- **Marion County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$144,980** for an on-site wellness coordinator and physical and dietary education.
- **Meigs County 911** will receive **\$6,000** for mental health first aid and psychological first aid certification courses for two staff members.
- **Meigs County EMS** will receive **\$6,000** for mental health first aid and psychological first aid certification courses for two staff members.
- **Miami Township Fire Department** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$122,000** for bimonthly wellness checks with a licensed clinician, wellness office staffing, peer support training for eight personnel, and overtime/backfill to attend training.
- **Monroe Township Fire Department** (Licking County) will receive **\$47,450** for peer support and resiliency training, annual mental health evaluations, and a mobile wellness app.
- **North College Hill Fire Department** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$602,349.49** to hire 2.5 full-time firefighters and for peer support and resiliency training.

- **North Olmsted Police & Fire Departments** (Cuyahoga County) will receive **\$259,700** for a customized wellness education program and a part-time wellness coordinator.
- **Norwood Fire Department** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$214,874** for a full-time peer support specialist position.
- **Oakwood Village Police Department** (Cuyahoga County) will receive **\$9,988** for a mobile wellness app.
- **Ohio Attorney General's Office** (Franklin County) will receive **\$103,400** for COVID-19 impact educational sessions for critical incident responders, partial funding for one wellness coordinator, and two assistant wellness coordinator service providers.
- **Ohio Department of Natural Resources** (Franklin County) will receive **\$410,000** for online behavioral health screenings, an officer support team mental health training, a comprehensive mental health and virtual reality de-escalation training program, and a mobile wellness app.
- **Olmsted Township Fire Department** (Cuyahoga County) will receive **\$18,095** for peer support and critical incident stress training for one person to become an in-house trainer and for overtime/backfill for the staff person attending training.
- **Painesville City Fire Department** (Lake County) will receive **\$7,800** for overtime/backfill for six staff to attend peer support training.
- **Perry Joint Fire District** (Lake County) will receive **\$4,952.80** for peer support and critical incident stress management training for five staff.
- **Perry Port Salem Ambulance District** (Shelby County) will receive **\$337,284.78** to hire 3.5 full-time emergency medical responders.
- **Perrysburg Township Fire & EMS Department** (Wood County) will receive **\$15,900** for mental health education and a mobile wellness app.

- **Put-in-Bay Township Port Authority** (Ottawa County) will receive **\$37,200** for a comprehensive mental health and wellness program for first responders and four visits annually with a licensed clinician including one major event session.
- **Richfield Police & Fire Departments** (Summit County) will receive **\$95,000** for mental/physical wellness checks and for programming and counseling sessions for first responders.
- **Richland Township Fire Department** (Fairfield County) will receive **\$9,680** for initial clinician wellness checks and one follow-up visit.
- **Rocky River Fire Department** (Cuyahoga County) will receive **\$65,756** for annual physical and wellness evaluations with one follow-up visit, peer support training for three staff, and overtime/backfill for staff attending training.
- **Salem Township Fire Department** (Warren County) will receive **\$33,300** for mental and physical wellness assessments and occupational stress training.
- **Sandusky County EMS** will receive **\$1,217,626.86** to hire four full-time paramedics and three full-time EMTs for two years.
- **Sandusky Fire Department (Erie County)** will receive **\$11,063.50** for annual mental health evaluations.
- **Sharonville Police & Fire** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$51,914** for annual wellness checks with a clinician for all personnel, peer support team training, and a mobile wellness app.
- **South Summit Council of Governments** (Summit County) will receive **\$20,271** for mental wellness educational programs and overtime/backfill to cover staff attending training.
- **Springdale Police Department** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$12,490** for annual mental health assessments, biannual behavioral health awareness training, and a mobile wellness app.

- **Tallmadge Fire Department** (Summit County) will receive **\$105,168** for physical screenings, online and biennial behavioral health training, and overtime/backfill to cover staff attending training.
- **Toledo Fire & Rescue Department** (Lucas County) will receive **\$388,457.12** for biennial wellness checks, a wellness coordinator/consultant, monthly peer support meetings and other wellness training, comfort dog and handler training, and critical incident stress management.
- **Trenton Police & Fire Departments** (Butler County) will receive **\$47,814** for annual wellness checks for all personnel, critical incident response training, mental health training, and overtime/backfill for staff attending training.
- **Union County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$103,500** for emotional and physical health training for all first responders.
- **Valley City Fire Department** (Medina County) will receive **\$101,000** for wellness assessments and associated clinician services, biannual wellness trainings, and educational presentations.
- **Wauseon Fire Department** (Fulton County) will receive **\$67,200** for a mobile wellness app.
- **Waverly Police & Fire Departments** (Pike County) will receive **\$205,200** for a first responder mental health assistance program that includes counseling services and wellness support.
- **West Chester Township Fire Department** (Butler County) will receive **\$1,919,733.65** to hire 7.5 full-time firefighters.
- **West Milton Police Division** (Miami County) will receive **\$13,500** for emotional and physical health training for all first responders.
- **Westfield Fire & Rescue District** (Medina County) will receive **\$3,800** for annual wellness exams.
- **Whitehall Division of Fire** (Franklin County) will receive **\$36,300** for annual wellness assessments, peer support training for five staff, and overtime/backfill for staff attending training and assessments.

- **Whitewater Township Fire Department** (Hamilton County) will receive **\$17,500** for annual behavioral health checks and three follow-up visits.
- **Wilmington Police Department** (Clinton County) will receive **\$7,646** for semi-annual mental health assessments and for a partnership with wellness and stress consultants.
- **Xenia Public Safety Division** (Greene County) will receive **\$131,210** for wellness evaluations with a licensed clinician, on-site wellness training, calcium heart tests, and overtime/backfill for staff attending training.