



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. Compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the list below summarizes the seventh 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.

Athens

- The **Ohio University Police Department (Athens County)** will receive **\$10,000** for sign-on bonuses for two new officers.

Clark

- The **Bethel Township Fire Department (Clark County)** will receive **\$50,000** for peer support training and wellness checks.

Crawford

- **Crawford County Board of Commissioners** will receive **\$37,946** for critical incident stress management and peer support team training for first responders.

Cuyahoga

- The **City of Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$1,336,800** to hire a recruiting consultant, advertising for new recruits, and sign-on bonuses for 359 new first responders.
- The **Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$10,000** for job fair fees related to hiring events.
- The **Lyndhurst Fire Department (Cuyahoga County)** will receive **\$20,000** for recruitment services and advertising.

Franklin

- The **Columbus Department of Public Safety (Franklin County)** will receive **\$1 million** for a recruiting marketing program to attract first responders.

Hamilton

- The **Cincinnati Fire Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$801,502.72** for recruiting supplies, recruiting staff, and sign-on bonuses for 100 new hires.
- The **Hamilton County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$2,000** for recruiting supplies.
- The **Loveland Symmes Fire Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$92,000** for a behavioral health consultant and to hire a wellness coordinator.
- The **Montgomery Fire Department (Hamilton County)** will receive **\$40,000** to create a recruitment video.

Jefferson

- The **Wintersville Volunteer Fire Department (Jefferson County)** will receive **\$278,356.96** to hire two full-time firefighters.

Lake

- The **Lake County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$12,000** for recruiting supplies.

Meigs

- The **Middleport Police Department (Meigs County)** will receive **\$6,000** for sign-on bonuses for two new officers.

Montgomery

- The **Montgomery County Sheriff's Office** will receive **\$48,000** for recruitment advertising.

Ottawa

- The **Oak Harbor Police Department (Ottawa County)** will receive **\$8,000** for sign-on bonuses for two new officers.

Portage

- The **Kent Fire Department (Portage County)** will receive **\$34,000** for a recruitment consultant and job fairs.

Van Wert

- The **Van Wert Police Department (Van Wert County)** will receive **\$20,055.36** for sign-on bonuses for three new officers and one new dispatcher.

Vinton

- The **Village of McArthur (Vinton County)** will receive **\$92,048.26** to hire one full-time police officer with a sign-on bonus.

Washington

- The **Washington County Board of Commissioners** will receive **\$18,640.96** for sign-on bonuses for two new deputies and two new dispatchers.