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## **Ohio Awards \$400,000 in Grants to Strengthen Community-Police Relations**

(COLUMBUS) – Twenty law enforcement agencies will receive up to \$30,000 in Community-Police Relations funding from the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) to assist with initiatives to improve relationships between communities and law enforcement agencies serving them.

“Ohio is becoming a national leader in its efforts to build stronger relationships between police and communities, and the interest we received in these new grants is proof of the willingness of law enforcement to reach out to the communities they serve,” said John Born, ODPS Director and Co-Chair of the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board.

The following agencies have been awarded a Community-Police Grant:

Athens County Sheriff's Office  
Carroll County Sheriff's Office  
Miami Township Police Department  
City of Cleveland, Division of Police  
Perkins Township Police Department  
Ohio State University Police  
Mental Health America (Hamilton County)  
Toledo Police Department  
Youngstown Police Department  
Medina County Sheriff's Office

Medina County Township Police  
Medina Community Police Activities League  
Piqua Police Department  
City of Dayton Police Department  
The National Conference for Community and Justice (Dayton)  
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office  
Putnam County Sheriff's Office  
City of Sidney  
Loveland Police Department  
Akron Police Department

Examples of programs awarded include: community-policing initiatives; training; juvenile-mentoring programs; education and awareness tools; and evidence-based policing strategies.

All agencies receiving grants have agreed to become certified through the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification through the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. Within the first few months of the certification process, more than 100 Ohio law enforcement agencies have applied and are now undergoing review to fully adopt and implement the new state standards recently established by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. To date, 24 agencies have been provisionally or fully certified.

For more information on the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board or the OCJS Ohio Community-Police Relations Grant Program, please visit the [OCJS website](http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov).

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