

Governor DeWine Announces Nearly \$50 Million for Local Jail Projects

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Annette Chambers-Smith today announced funding support for construction, renovation, and security improvement projects at nearly a dozen local jails in Ohio.

Governor DeWine announced the grant awards this morning while meeting with community leaders at the Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO) in Stryker, Ohio, which serves Williams, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Lucas counties. CCNO will receive more than \$4.6 million to enhance inmate and staff safety through the installation of secure cell doors in a unit of the jail that houses high-security inmates. Funds will also go toward building an operations center for staff between two mini-

mum-security dorms. In total, approximately \$50 million in funding from the Ohio Jail Safety and Security Program will be awarded to 11 county jail projects, including six construction and/or renovation projects.

"It's critical that our jails are safe and secure, but it's also important that our jail environ-

ments can influence positive change and put inmates on a good path upon release," said Governor DeWine. "With this funding, we're helping these local jails move forward with projects that will allow them to better meet the demands of our modern criminal justice system and further support the growing number of inmates struggling with substance use and mental health issues."

Jail Grant Map

2023 Ohio Jail Safety and Security Grant Recipients Construction/Renovation Projects:
 Auglaize County: \$2,035,970
 Columbiana County: \$462,500
 Greene County: \$15,000,000
 Lucas County: \$10,065,000
 Wayne County: \$15,000,000
 Williams County: \$4,662,756

Security Upgrades:

Carroll County: \$227,300
 Hancock County: \$248,480
 Needs/Feasibility Assessments:
 Jackson County: \$1,000,000
 Miami County: \$175,000
 Ottawa County: \$350,000

MORE: Detailed Summary of 11 Jail Projects

Governor DeWine worked in partnership with the Ohio General Assembly to secure funding for Ohio Jail Safety and Security Grant Program as part of the current capital budget. The program is administered through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Bureau of Adult Detention.

These grants represent the second round of funding offered as part of the program. The first round of grants included \$45 million for major construction projects at six local jails and an additional \$5 million for smaller-scale projects at six additional facilities.



Governor Announces 95% of Ohio Schools Offer Prevention-Focused Services

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today announced that his initiatives to increase Ohio students' access to services that help prevent or intervene in emotional, behavioral, and mental health disorders have hit a new milestone with the release of the 2020-2021 Prevention Services Data Report. The report shows that 95% of Ohio schools offered prevention-focused programs and supports, while more than 81% of schools offered prevention-focused curricula.

"Providing students with the tools they need to better cope with life stressors in healthy, safe, supportive ways helps individuals build resiliency and reduces risk factors," said Governor

DeWine. "Prevention services are part of educating the whole child, meeting their wellness, as well as their academic needs. This approach sets them up for success throughout their lives."

"This report shows how Ohio schools are supporting student wellness work through an outstanding increase of prevention programming and supports," Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Stephanie Sidens said. "Prevention education helps students build the resiliency skills needed to overcome life's obstacles and fully engage in learning."

Other takeaways from the report include:

Nearly 90% of schools reported partnering with community coalitions, organizations, or other external agencies to provide prevention services and resources to families. This 50% increase from the previous academic year likely is related to additional state funding that was used to build community partnerships with the ultimate goal of providing evidence-informed prevention services for every child, in every grade, in every school.

Almost 90% of schools reported efforts to engage parents and families in prevention-focused services.

More than 93% of schools reported offering some type of prevention-focused professional development and training for school personnel, and 72%

of schools reported participating in some type of prevention-focused professional and peer learning during the 2020-2021 school year.

Governor DeWine established the Student Wellness and Success program, which has dedicated \$1.2 billion in funding for schools to provide mental, behavioral, and physical health programs to their students since 2019. The Student Wellness and Success program now is part of the current funding formula. In addition, Governor DeWine secured \$20 million in funding in the 2020-2021 budget for prevention education and professional development.

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Governor DeWine Announces Safety Grants for 600+ K-12 Schools

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today awarded more than \$42 million to support physical safety and security upgrades at hundreds of Ohio schools.

A total of 624 schools will receive funding as part of the fifth round of Ohio's K-12 School Safety Grant Program. This new round of funding brings the total number of schools served by this program to 2,789 and the total amount of funding awarded to more than \$215 million.

"Our educators care deeply about the safety of Ohio students, as evidenced by the thousands of schools that came forward with solid security improvement plans that they intend to carry out with this funding," said Governor DeWine. "There is nothing more important than the safety of our kids, and with today's announcement, every qualifying school that applied for a grant has now received at least one award, including schools in all 88 counties."

DETAILS: 624 Schools Receiving R5

School Safety Grant Funding

Governor DeWine partnered with the Ohio General Assembly to launch the K-12 School Safety Grant Program in 2021. The program was created to help schools pay for physical security expenses such as new security cameras, public address systems, automatic door locks, visitor badging systems, and exterior lighting.

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission administered the program in partnership with the Ohio School Safety Center. The program was funded through Ohio's operating budget and with allocations from the American Rescue Plan Act.



K-12 Safety Grant Map

MORE: Complete List of 2,789 Schools and Grant Amounts (R1-R5)

Since taking office in 2019, Governor DeWine has led several initiatives to support school safety, including the creation of the Ohio School Safety Center, which works to assist lo-

cal schools, colleges, universities, and law enforcement agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to threats and acts of violence, including self-harm, through a holistic, solutions-based approach to improving school safety.

Governor DeWine also created the Student Wellness and Success Fund, a \$1.2 billion investment that is now a part of the school funding formula, to provide wraparound services to students. Wraparound services are programming and

supports meant to build skills and fulfill a student or familial need. To date, this funding has launched 1,300 mental health programs and trained 6,500 educators and school professionals.

April 25, 2023

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—

The following are updates from the State of Ohio regarding remediation work at the site of the Norfolk Southern train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio.

Fish Collection? A team from Ohio EPA's division of surface water completed a third day of fish collection on Wednesday from the North Fork of Little Beaver and the Lower Little Beaver Creeks.

The fish tissue will help determine if there is need for fish consumption advisories in these streams.



Hazardous Waste Removal

According to the Ohio EPA, approximately 12.8 million gallons of liquid wastewater have been hauled out of East Palestine in total. There is currently a pile of approximately 6,800 tons of excavated soil waiting for re-

moval from East Palestine, versus 31,800 tons that have been removed.
Private Well Testing

East Palestine Update -- 04/20/23

The Ohio Department of Health, working with the Columbiana County Health District, has received verified laboratory results from 7 additional samples from private water systems as of noon Thursday. Five of those wells showed no detectable contaminants. Two wells had trace detections at levels below safe drinking-water standards. There is no evidence that these trace detections are linked to the train derailment. In total, test results from 279 samples have been verified.

East Palestine Health Clinic

The permanent East Liverpool City Hospital East Palestine Clinic opened April 10 and of-

fers the same services as the former clinic, but will also provide traditional comprehensive primary care, including treatment, prescriptions, lab testing, and consultation with specialists where appropriate. Physicians, registered nurses, and mental health specialists will be on hand to provide services. Referrals will be made if needed.

The clinic is located at 139 North Walnut St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 330-383-6020.

State of Ohio Updates

Unless an urgent update is necessary, East Palestine train derailment remediation updates from the State of Ohio will be issued only once a week moving forward.

