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JEFFERSON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT RECEIVES \$187,951 IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT EMPOWER YOUTH: BUILDING RESILIENCE AGAINST OPIOID TEMPTATIONS THROUGH PREVENTURE

STUEBENVILLE, OH — The Jefferson County General Health District has received \$187,951 in grant funding to support its efforts in helping fight addiction by delivering a much needed youth opioid prevention education program, Andrew Henry, Health Commissioner announced today.

This grant from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation will fund a two-year cycle in which the Jefferson County General Health District will offer Empower Youth: Building Resilience Against Opioid Temptations through PreVenture. The prevention program will target adolescents in Jefferson County school districts by teaching skills and promoting social norms that protect against using harmful substances. The Jefferson County General Health District intends to provide this program to all Jefferson County middle and high school students ages 12-17.

“The JCGHD is eager to offer the PreVenture program to the youth of Jefferson County. This is a tremendous opportunity to bring our passion for addiction prevention and community education together for the young people of Jefferson County. I am proud of our administrative and nursing teams for working collaboratively to submit a strong application. The OneOhio Recovery Foundation grant has been an extremely competitive process.” Andrew Henry, Health Commissioner

The grant is part of an inaugural round of approximately \$51 million in funding made available by the Foundation as part of its mission to combat the opioid epidemic by supporting prevention, treatment and recovery programs and services in our communities. The grant money was funded by 55 percent of settlement funds that Ohio is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic.

The grant received by the Jefferson County General Health District reflects the Foundation’s commitment to supporting organizations on the frontlines of the addiction epidemic by advancing

efforts that foster more resilient, healthier communities across Ohio. Organizations like the Jefferson County General Health District are working day in and day out to strengthen their communities that have been impacted by the opioid epidemic, said Alisha Nelson, Executive Director of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation.

“We’re pleased to partner with the Jefferson County General Health District to support their efforts to save lives, rebuild families affected by addiction, and foster strong and resilient places to live,” Nelson said.

The recipients announced as part of the Foundation’s first grant cycle were chosen after a robust review process that included evaluation by the local OneOhio Regional Board, the OneOhio Expert Panel and the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Grant recipients have demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the opioid crisis. The funded initiatives are evidenced-based and align with Ohio’s approved [abatement strategies](#), including prevention, recovery supports, services for impacted families and children, and many more. A complete list of recipients can be found at OneOhioFoundation.com/GrantAwards.

The Foundation had an overwhelming response to the 2024 Regional Grant application process, with more than a half-billion dollars in funding requests submitted for the \$51 million available this cycle. Organizations and leaders seeking to submit applications in the future can sign up on the Foundation’s website [here](#) to receive updates.

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About the Jefferson County General Health District

Located in Steubenville, OH, the Jefferson County General Health District’s mission is to provide public health services focused on community wellness, disease prevention and protection where Jefferson County residents live, work, learn and play.

About the OneOhio Recovery Foundation

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation created under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost, and other state and local leaders, with the mission of advancing Ohio’s addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts now and into the future.

The Foundation is governed by a 29-member board from across Ohio and is funded by 55 percent of settlement funds that Ohio is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. Funds support local efforts to prevent and combat addiction and are also invested to support those efforts for the long term.