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**RECEIVES \$142,544.00 IN FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN ADDICTION PREVENTION,
TREATMENT, RECOVERY, AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE ACROSS OHIO**

DATELINE — **Ashtabula Municipal Court** has been approved for **\$142,544.00** in grant funding from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to support its efforts to address substance use disorders and strengthen prevention, treatment, recovery, and community resilience initiatives, **Ashtabula Municipal Court** announced today.

With the grant award approved, **Ashtabula Municipal Court** looks forward to finalizing its grant agreement and putting these funds to work in the community.

The grant awarded by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation will provide funding to support the **Ashtabula Municipal Court Recovery Court Specialized Docket**, which was established in 2017 to address the needs of individuals impacted by substance use disorders within the justice system.

The grant is part of a \$45.7 million regional grant funding opportunity awarded by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation as part of its mission to strengthen addiction prevention, treatment, recovery, and community resilience across Ohio. This is the second round of regional grants distributed by the Foundation. The grant funding comes from 55 percent of the funds the state is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic.

The grant awarded to **Ashtabula Municipal Court** reflects the Foundation's commitment to supporting organizations on the front lines of addressing substance use disorder. These investments strengthen community-driven prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts that help build healthier, more resilient communities across Ohio.

Ashtabula Municipal Court is an example of the dedicated, top-notch organizations working across Ohio every day to help individuals, families, and communities impacted by substance use disorder, said **Alisha Nelson, Executive Director of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation**.

“These new grant awards build on the momentum of our first cycle and represents another powerful opportunity for Ohioans to come together and create lasting change,” **Nelson**

said. “With these investments, we can expand hope, strengthen recovery, and equip our local organizations on the frontlines with the tools they need to help more individuals and families heal.”

Grant recipients are selected through a rigorous, locally driven review process that prioritizes evidence-informed strategies to address substance use disorder. Regional volunteers, the OneOhio Expert Panel, and the Foundation's Board of Directors work together to ensure funding decisions reflect community needs while maintaining transparency and accountability.

This second grant cycle builds on the success of the Foundation’s inaugural grant cycle, which awarded more than \$45 million over 240 projects across Ohio. These investments supported a wide range of evidence-informed initiatives, including youth prevention programs, school-based mental health services, recovery housing, treatment expansion, post-overdose reach, and behavioral health workforce development.

A complete list of Regional Grant Cycle 2 recipients can be found [here](#).

Organizations and groups interested in future funding opportunities can visit OneOhioFoundations.com/Grants to learn more and sign up to receive updates on upcoming grant cycles.

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.

About ORGANIZATION

The Ashtabula Municipal Court is located in the City of Ashtabula and serves the jurisdictions additional Ashtabula Township, Saybrook Township, and Plymouth Township. The Court is comprised of: one Judge, Judge Laura DiGiacomo

one Court Administrator/Clerk of Court, Tonja Amato, and one Magistrate, full-time and part-time Deputy Clerks, Probation Officers, and Bailiffs/Court Security Officers. In addition to its general court operations, the Court administers a specialized docket known as Recovery Court, which is overseen by a Drug Court Administrator, Kathy Kasputis, and provides a structured, treatment-focused approach for eligible individuals involved in the justice system.