

Press Release



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Greene County Public Health Receives Traffic Safety Grant For FY22

Federal Funds from Ohio Traffic Safety Office Help Save Lives in Greene County

XENIA, OH – Officials for Greene County Public Health have announced that the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s (ODPS) Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) awarded \$41,476.63 in federal traffic safety funding to the health district for federal fiscal year 2022.

“Partnerships are critical to the success of any safety effort, and we are committed to working with safety partners to address traffic safety concerns in Greene County,” said Howell. The health district has identified that efforts in education regarding the importance of seat belt use, the dangers of impaired and distracted driving and educating new, young drivers is impacting the safety and welfare of the citizens of Greene County. To save lives and improve the quality of life for our citizens, the Safe Communities Coalition will use the grant funds to work with local law enforcement, conduct seat belt surveys with universities and high schools, promote national campaigns including Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, share information at local fairs and festivals and work with new, young drivers.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine stated “The programs supported by these grants do such important work to encourage safety on our roadways. By offering this grant funding each year, the Ohio Traffic Safety Office can help ensure that the message surrounding the dangers of distracted and impaired driving continues to be reinforced.”

“By offering this funding directly to our local traffic safety partners, they have the flexibility to use the funds in a way that best meets the individual needs of their communities,” said Felice Moretti, OTSO director “This funding will enhance their existing work, so it’s more impactful and saves more lives.”

A total of \$2,102,484.18 through 44 countywide grants were awarded to communities to address traffic safety issues that involve impaired driving via alcohol or drugs, seat belt usage, distracted driving, youthful driving, and motorcycles. Ohio’s Safe Communities network uses local coalitions to deliver traffic safety messages and programs throughout the year at the local level.

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The funds are passed through OTSO from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to support the efforts of safety partners statewide and focus on traffic safety priority areas such as restraint use, impaired and distracted driving, motorcycle safety and youthful drivers.

Competitive grant proposals are accepted and reviewed by OTSO. The FFY 2022 competitive grant process solicited grant proposals from state agencies, non-profit organizations, colleges, universities, hospitals, political subdivisions and other interested groups within selected Ohio counties and jurisdictions (based upon the number of fatal crashes).

For more information on the Greene County Safe Communities coalition, email jdrew@gcph.info or call 937-374-5683.

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