



# 2024

ANNUAL  
REPORT

# A LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the critical work that the OneOhio Recovery Foundation has accomplished over the past year, we are reminded of the toll that the addiction epidemic has taken on the lives of Ohioans. The devastation caused by addiction reaches every corner of our state. It touches families, children, employers, first responders, and many others in indirect ways. Stopping, healing and reversing this crisis is our mission, and through the collaborative efforts of many partners, we are hard at work.

In 2024, the Foundation took a significant step forward by awarding more than \$45 million in grants to local programs that are addressing the needs of those affected by the addiction crisis. These initial grants are supporting a range of initiatives—from prevention, education, and treatment programs to recovery, housing, and mental health services. The Foundation's comprehensive approach and focus on evidence-based solutions ensures that every dollar is spent wisely, benefiting those who need it most in ways that can make real progress.

The success of these programs is not just measured in the dollars awarded, but in the lives that are transformed across our state. Our grantees are empowering individuals, families, and communities to break free from the cycle of addiction. These efforts are helping prevent new addiction, support those in recovery, and—perhaps most notably—offer hope to those who feel that it has long since run out.

Throughout this work we never forget who we serve. We are especially proud of our commitment to transparency, accountability, and community-driven solutions. Our meetings are open to the public and meeting readouts are posted on our website for all to see and inspect. Our finances are audited and publicly reported. Every grant has been carefully vetted by experts and local leaders to ensure that funds are distributed in the most effective manner. It is this rigorous process that allows us to be confident that each investment is a step toward lasting change.

We know our work is far from finished. The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is committed to continuously refining and reenergizing our efforts, responding to emerging needs and working alongside our partners to make sure that every Ohioan can heal and thrive. **As we prepare for another round of grants, we remain dedicated to ensuring that these funds are used to build a future where no one is left behind.**

We thank you for your continued support and for joining us in the fight against addiction.

Sincerely,



**Alisha Nelson**  
Executive Director



**Don Mason**  
Chair, Board of Directors

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization responsible for managing 55% of the opioid settlement funds the state receives, holding the pharmaceutical industry accountable for its role in the opioid crisis.

Guided by its vision of an Ohio where hope thrives, families are strong, and everyone has what they need to live with purpose and dignity, the Foundation is committed to saving lives, preventing substance misuse, promoting recovery, and building resilient communities. Through partnership, advocacy, and innovation, it invests in effective strategies that work with those on the frontlines of the addiction crisis to strengthen substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts, ensuring long-term support for Ohioans.

### THE FOUNDATION'S WORK

OneOhio advocates for and promotes the health and safety of Ohioans by advancing evidence-based programs, services, and public policies that address addiction and its related challenges. A key pillar of its efforts is a competitive grant process that funds prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives aligned with both proven best practices and community-identified needs.

**In its inaugural regional grant cycle, the Foundation awarded more than \$45 million to support 245 projects across Ohio.** These grants are expanding access to critical services, supporting long-term recovery, and enhancing the capacity of local organizations to respond effectively to the addiction crisis. All grant applications underwent a rigorous, multi-step review process that incorporated feedback from regional volunteers, independent experts, and the Foundation's Grant Oversight Committee, with final funding decisions made by the Board of Directors. Through these efforts, OneOhio is committed to ensuring that every dollar invested drives meaningful, lasting impact in communities across the state.

### GOVERNANCE

The Foundation is governed by a 29-member board of directors, 19 of whom are selected by regional boards across Ohio, ensuring representation from every part of the state. State government leaders, including the governor, attorney general, and bipartisan leadership of the Ohio House and Senate, appoint the remaining 10 members. This collaborative governance model reflects the statewide nature of the addiction crisis and the importance of community-driven solutions.



## BY THE NUMBERS

Grant Applicant  
Training Webinar  
Attendees:

962



\$45.4  
MILLION

Grant Awards

1,300

IMPACT ACADEMY  
WEBINAR  
ATTENDEES



245

Grantees



In-Person Grant  
Information Session  
Attendees:

350

11

Public, Full Board of  
Directors Meetings

The Foundation's Impact Academy provided four free webinars in 2024 on topics such as recovery housing, recovery support services, prevention, and evidence-based practices, supporting organizations across Ohio in their efforts to combat addiction. **In all, more than 1,300 participants—representing those on the frontlines of this addiction epidemic—attended these Impact Academy sessions.**

In addition to these virtual offerings, the Foundation hosted in-person information sessions in Regions 1, 2, 7, and 17. These sessions drew more than 350 stakeholders and changed valuable insights into the First Regional Grant Cycle, fostering local engagement and deepening community understanding of the grant process.

# 2024 REGIONAL GRANT CYCLE SUMMARY

The inaugural grant cycle demonstrated the significant need for the Foundation’s partnership, as well as the robust infrastructure dedicated to addressing the addiction crisis in Ohio.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED  
**1,442 from 777 organizations**

GRANTS AWARDED  
**245 projects**

TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED  
**\$45.4 million**

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

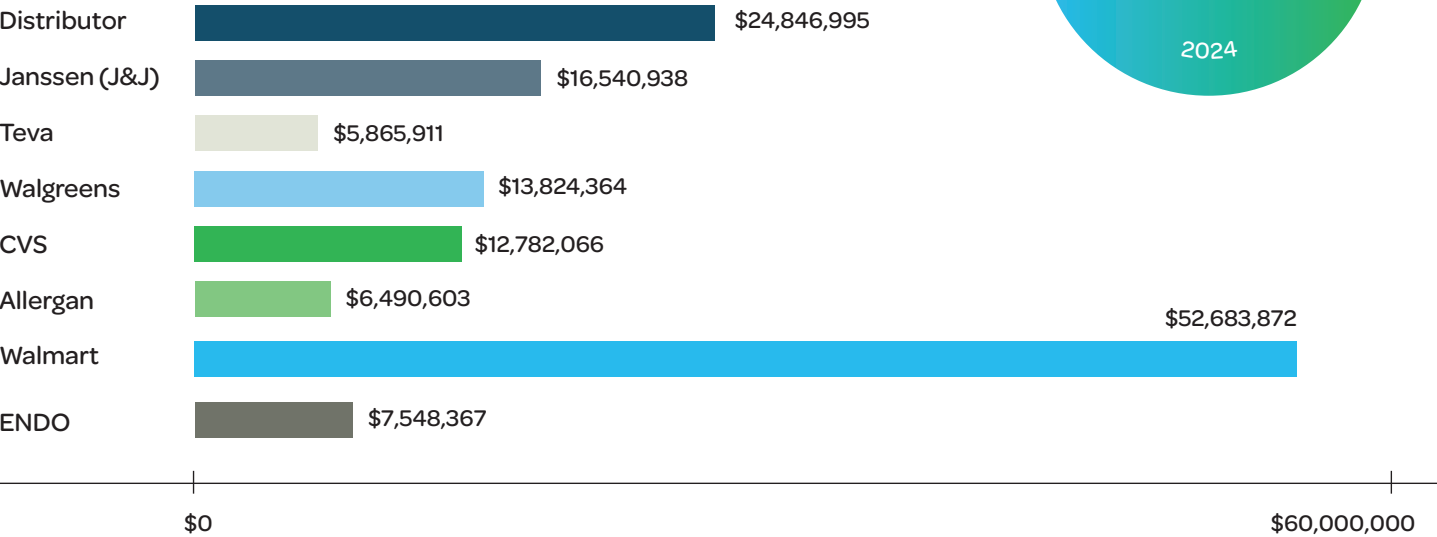
The OneOhio Recovery Foundation was created as part of the OneOhio Plan, which established guidelines for state and local governments to engage in settlement negotiations and litigation with manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioids. Formalized through the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the plan provided a mechanism to distribute opioid litigation settlement funds.

As outlined in the OneOhio MOU, 15 percent of the funds go to Ohio’s state government, 30 percent directly to

local governments, and 55 percent to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation for distribution to organizations across Ohio for treatment, recovery and prevention efforts.

With funds from the initial distributor settlement scheduled to flow to Ohio through 2038, and additional funds expected, the responsibility now comes to the Foundation to ensure that these resources are used wisely to benefit all Ohioans – now and in the future.

## 2024 OneOhio Opioid Funds Received





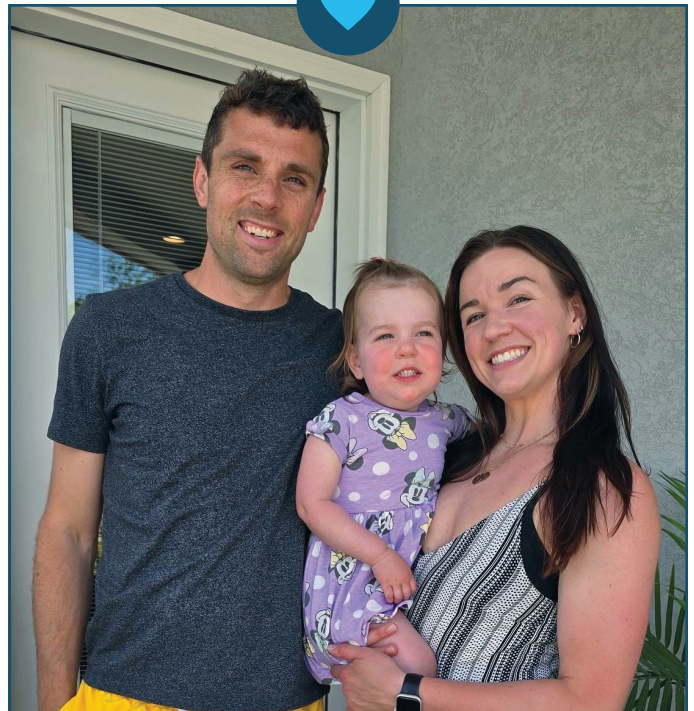
# SNAPSHOTS OF PROGRESS

## MISSION MOMENTS: HONORING THE FACES BEHIND THE FIGHT

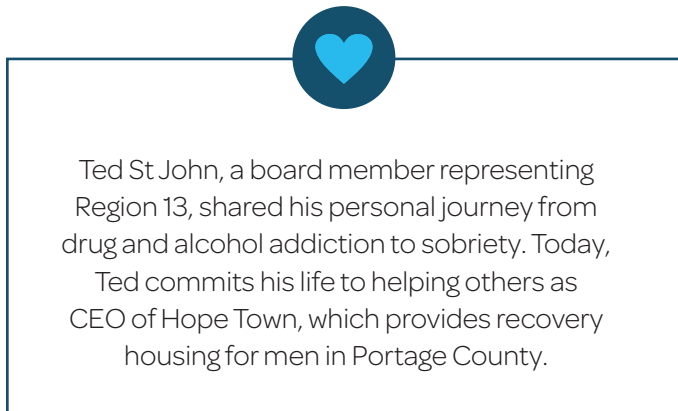
In 2024, the OneOhio Recovery Foundation continued to share “Mission Moments” at the start of Board of Directors meetings. This has now become a heartfelt tradition that centers the voices and stories of Ohioans affected by the addiction crisis. These moments serve as powerful reminders of the lives behind the statistics, reinforce the Foundation’s commitment to community-driven healing, and inspire the Foundation’s ongoing efforts to build a healthier, more compassionate Ohio.



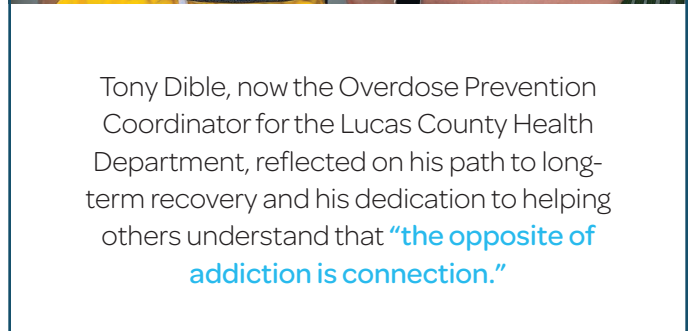
Angela Rahman shared the story of her daughter, Amber, who tragically passed away from an overdose just 11 days shy of her 22nd birthday. Angela now advocates for prevention and support services in Warren and Clinton counties.



Victor Daprice, a Region 7 volunteer, recounted his family’s struggles with his son’s addiction and the transformative power of support and resilience.



Ted St John, a board member representing Region 13, shared his personal journey from drug and alcohol addiction to sobriety. Today, Ted commits his life to helping others as CEO of Hope Town, which provides recovery housing for men in Portage County.



Tony Dible, now the Overdose Prevention Coordinator for the Lucas County Health Department, reflected on his path to long-term recovery and his dedication to helping others understand that **“the opposite of addiction is connection.”**

## EMPOWERING LOCAL SOLUTIONS THROUGH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

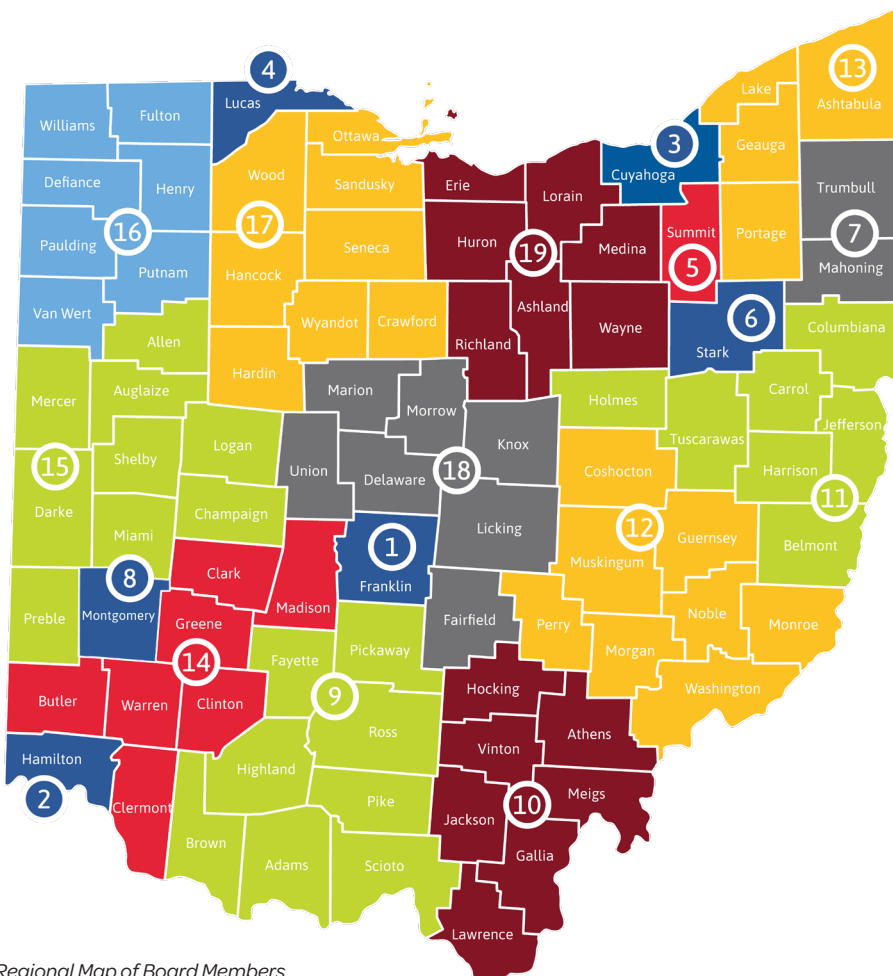
The OneOhio Recovery Foundation's structure is designed to ensure that its leadership begins where the crisis has been felt the most – at the community level. **Through 19 regional boards, local volunteers are directly engaged in identifying needs and driving investments that make sense for their communities.**

In the Foundation's first statewide grant cycle, the response was overwhelming: 1,442 applications from across Ohio.

Ultimately, the Foundation awarded more than \$45 million to 245 local projects that span prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery support.

This effort is part of a larger, intentionally designed grant process rooted in fairness, transparency, and integrity. With multiple layers of review—including local input, expert analysis, and oversight by the Foundation's Grant Oversight Committee—the system ensures that each investment is mission-aligned and built for impact. The Foundation also provides technical support to help organizations of all sizes not only to apply, but to succeed in meeting their project goals.

By empowering communities, supporting a diverse range of partners, and committing to long-term relationships, the Foundation is building a recovery infrastructure that is as broad and resilient as the state of Ohio itself.



Regional Map of Board Members





## → EXPERT GUIDANCE DRIVING EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS

To guide its grantmaking with scientific rigor and community relevance, the OneOhio Recovery Foundation established an Expert Panel comprised of members appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors, the governor, and the attorney general. Members include professionals in addiction treatment, pain management, and public health, along with individuals with lived experience. Their collective expertise ensures that funded projects are grounded in evidence-based or evidence-informed practices and align with the approved purposes outlined in the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding.

The Expert Panel plays a pivotal role in the Foundation's grant review process. After regional boards evaluate and recommend grant-application proposals, the Expert Panel conducts a technical review to confirm that each project aligns with evidence-based practices and the Ohio Abatement Strategies. Their assessments are then forwarded to the Grant Oversight Committee and the Board of Directors for final approval.

By integrating expert insights into the grant review process, the Foundation reinforces its commitment to transparency, accountability, and the effective use

of opioid settlement funds to support prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts across Ohio.

## SUPPORTING LOCAL EFFORTS THROUGH A NEW IMPACT ACADEMY

Launched by the Foundation in 2024, the OneOhio Impact Academy is a free webinar series designed to support Ohio-based organizations working to prevent and treat addiction. The Academy helps applicants better understand how to align their work with the approved uses of opioid settlement funds—focusing on topics such as recovery housing, prevention, harm reduction, and evidence-based practices. By offering practical guidance and highlighting innovative approaches, the Impact Academy is strengthening community capacity and helping ensure that grant dollars drive meaningful, measurable outcomes.





## LOOKING AHEAD

With long-term funding and a strong foundation in place, the OneOhio Recovery Foundation is committed to being a responsible steward of Ohio's settlement dollars.

The Foundation's work is just beginning. Future grant cycles will build on early success, continue to drive positive outcomes, and ensure that every dollar is used strategically for Ohio families and communities.



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