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## **State Awards \$2.5 Million to Strengthen Recovery Housing Options for Ohioans**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today announced \$2.5 million in grants to strengthen and expand sober housing options for Ohioans in recovery from alcohol or other drug addiction. The funding will support a total of 25 projects benefitting 18 counties – adding approximately 200 new beds to Ohio’s growing recovery housing stock.

“When it comes to maintaining sobriety, a destructive living environment can derail recovery for even the most highly-motivated individual,” said OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck. “Recovery housing provides a safe, supportive environment where a person in recovery can adjust to sobriety, rebuild shattered relationships, obtain employment and seek permanent housing.”

Recovery housing is defined as a safe and healthy living environment that promotes abstinence from alcohol and other drugs and enhances participation and retention in traditional clinical treatment. Residents benefit from peer support and accountability, and gain valuable relapse prevention and employment skills training as they transition to living independently in the community.

Today’s announcement brings the total state investment in recovery housing the past three years to \$12.5 million. An additional \$2.5 million has been set aside for State Fiscal Year 2017. This year’s grantees include seven new counties that previously had not received state dollars for recovery housing: Ashtabula, Athens, Fairfield, Fulton, Lake, Licking and Trumbull.

“Priority was given to communities that demonstrated the greatest local need. We are thrilled to expand our reach this year to include new areas,” said Plouck, noting that by the end of the SFY 16-17 budget cycle, OhioMHAS hopes to have increased housing capacity by nearly 1,000 beds statewide.

Longitudinal studies of peer-run recovery homes have demonstrated that after 24 months, when compared to individuals who returned directly to their communities of origin after treatment, peer-run housing residents had significantly better outcomes. Chief among those outcomes are decreased substance use, decreased rates of incarceration, higher rates of employment and increased income.

A statewide map of funding awards follows. For more information about Ohio’s recovery housing efforts, visit: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=753> and <http://www.ohiorecoveryhousing.org/>.

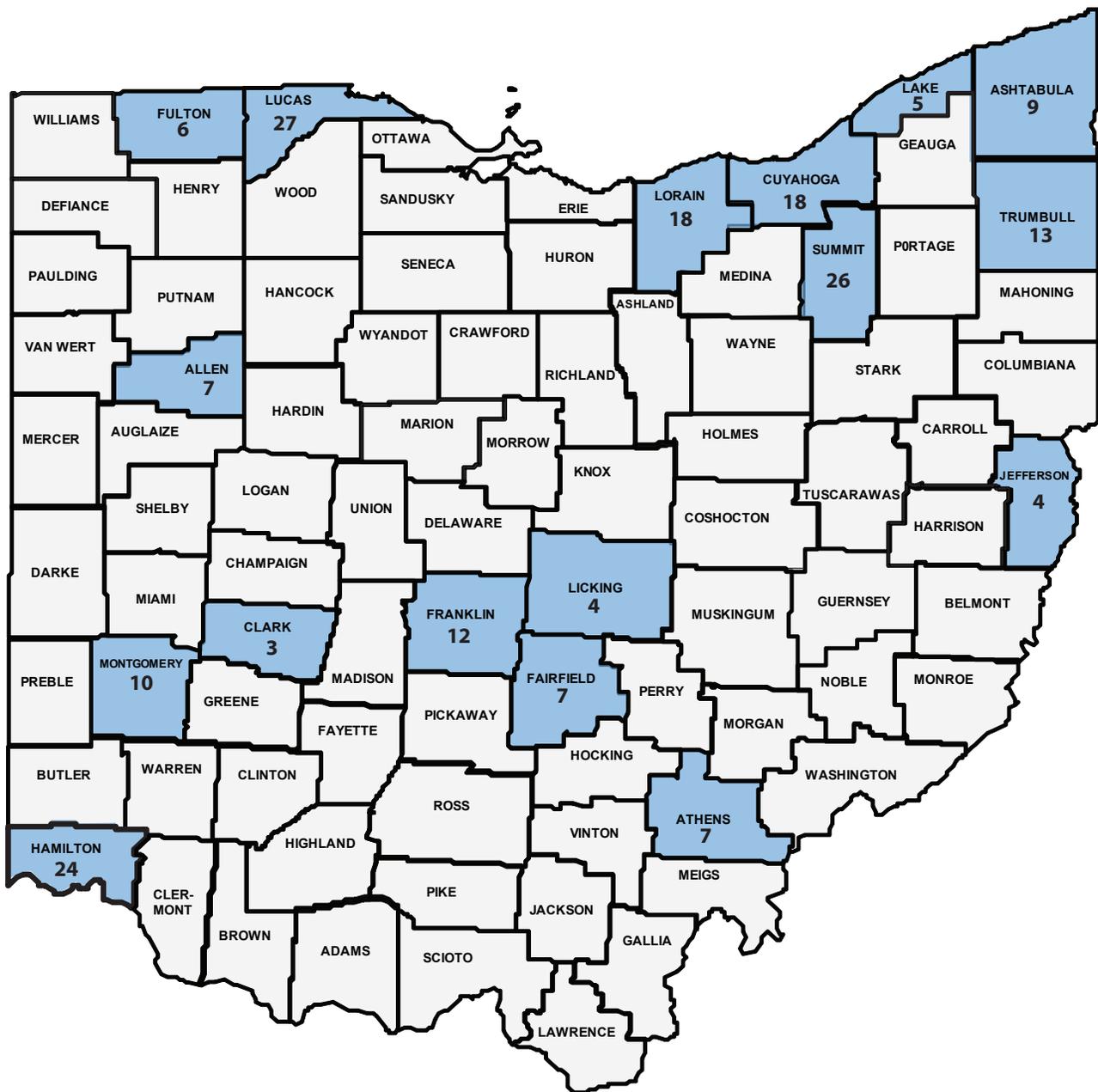
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### SFY 2016 Recovery Housing Grantees

Applicant	County	Award	Bed Capacity (New)
Lima UMADAOP	Allen	\$80,000	7
Bridges to Discovery (Opal House)	Ashtabula	\$122,000	3
Lake Area Recovery Center	Ashtabula	\$58,395	6
John Clem House	Athens	\$61,200	7
Gemini	Clark	\$29,400	3
NORA	Cuyahoga	\$87,000	0
Woodrow Project	Cuyahoga	\$115,000	18
Fairfield County ADAMH	Fairfield	\$122,475	7
Midwest Maternity	Franklin	\$75,792	5
Serenity Street Foundation	Franklin	\$100,220	7
A Renewed Mind	Fulton	\$111,730	6
First Step Home	Hamilton	\$99,945	24
Family Recovery Center	Jefferson	\$34,020	4
Lake-Geauga Recovery Center	Lake	\$57,955	5
MHRB Licking-Knox	Licking	\$124,223	4
Primary Purpose	Lorain	\$92,600	0
Road to Hope	Lorain	\$122,000	18
UMADAOP of Lucas County	Lucas	\$116,000	16
Zepf Center	Lucas	\$80,000	11
Mercy Manor	Montgomery	\$105,231	10
Family & Community	Portage	\$113,162	0
Community Health Center	Summit	\$105,359	20
Truly Reaching You	Summit	\$90,000	6
Glenbeigh	Trumbull	\$42,518	6
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<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,231,225</b>	<b>200</b>
Ohio Recovery Housing (Quality)		\$135,000	
Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers		\$25,000	
Hancock County		\$91,000	
Union County		\$17,775	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,500,000</b>	

## Snapshot of Recovery Housing Beds: General Revenue Fund, State Fiscal Year 2016\*



Total number of proposed beds: 200

\*As of Nov. 17, 2015