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### >>> OhioMHAS Awards \$2.5M to Strengthen Recovery Housing Options for Ohioans

As noted on the front page of the November issue of *e-Update*, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) recently 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. The announcement brings the total state investment in recovery housing the past three years to \$12.5 million. 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.

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### >>> IT Security: Have a Happy Holiday Season by Keeping Information Secure

From OhioMHAS Office of Information Services Deputy Director Rose Tolliver:

With the many recent events in the world, it is a good time to be reminded of basic information security best practices that are relevant to not only our work but our personal lives as well. We all know that information security requires that we don’t share our passwords and that periodically we change our passwords. We also know that we should use strong passwords that aren’t easy to figure out. Passwords that are composed of a single word or that use the login name or have a common keyboard sequence like ABC123 are not strong passwords. This is a good time to ensure that your data security is protected via strong passwords. Social engineering threats are also a major concern for information security. These threats involve requesting personal information that can be used to access private information. These types of threats can be difficult to identify because they can appear to be very appropriate. For example, a caller, email or text message may identify themselves as a legitimate business. They may request you return a call to a phone number specified in the communication or respond to the email with specific information. Beware, and follow up with the business directly to validate the request.

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