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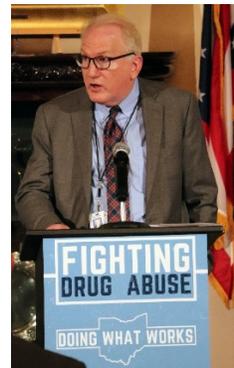
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>>> UPDATED MEMO: FY 19-20 Community Resiliency Project Capital Funding

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services today released an updated memorandum providing additional implementation guidance regarding the requirements for applicants to the [Community Resiliency Project Capital Funding](#). Most notably, the deadline for submission of the project worksheet has been extended to **Oct. 15, 2018**. Click [HERE](#) to view the updated memo. Click [HERE](#) to see the Frequently Asked Questions document.

>>> Prescription Opioid Deaths Hit Eight-Year Low, Heroin Deaths Four-Year Low

Prescription opioid-related overdose deaths have reached an eight-year low and heroin-related overdose deaths are at a four-year low, according to a [new report](#) released Thursday by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Illegally produced fentanyl, which is being mixed and used with other street drugs such as cocaine, heroin and psychostimulants like methamphetamine, is now driving Ohio's unintentional overdose deaths, which climbed to 4,854 in 2017. The report also revealed that the number of overdose deaths declined during the second half of 2017 by 23 percent. "The good news is Ohio is seeing significant progress in reducing the number of prescription opioids available for abuse," OhioMHAS Director Mark Hurst, M.D. said. "This progress is significant because prescription opioid abuse is frequently a gateway to heroin and fentanyl use." Read the full ODH [news release](#).



[Overview of state efforts to combat opioids](#)

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[Fentanyl backgrounder](#)

[Community Action Guide to Address Opioid Abuse](#)

[Community Response Plan Template](#)

>>> REMINDER! 2018 Ohio Rally for Recovery is Tomorrow -- Noon-4 p.m.

There's still time to join the faces and voices of recovery at **Ohio's 17th Annual Statewide Rally for Recovery** at Huntington Park this Saturday (tomorrow) from Noon-4 p.m. in downtown Columbus. Comedian Mark Lundholm will serve as emcee. The event will feature recovery speakers, including Brandon Novak from MTV's *Jackass*, live music performances from



Matt Butler, Missiles from MAARS and On the One, dozens of vendors and the recovery countdown. Around 3,000 tickets have been claimed so far. Get your free ticket [HERE](#).

In the News

9.28.18 | *WOSU 89.7* [Despite rise in opioid overdoses, Kasich touts progress](#)

9.27.18 | *Science Magazine* [Breaking the silence around mental health](#)

9.27.18 | *WSYX-TV* [Report shows lows in prescription opioid, heroin deaths in Ohio](#)

9.26.18 | *Findlay Courier* [CRAFT-ing the tools to address and endure a loved one's addiction](#)

9.23.18 | *Wooster Daily-Record (Special Insert)* [Saving Lives: A Suicide Prevention Toolkit for Friends and Families](#)

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