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>>> Controlling Board Approved CARES Act Funding to Support Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Ohioans Impacted by COVID-19

A package of more than \$419.5 million CARES Act funding to help Ohioans, developed by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted, in partnership with the General Assembly, was approved by the Controlling Board today. This package [includes funding](#) for small businesses, restaurants and bars, hospitals, higher education, arts, nonprofits, and low-income Ohioans impacted financially by the pandemic. [Read more](#) about the package.

>>> Ohio Opiate Project ECHO Relaunches Programming

The Ohio Opiate Project ECHO will relaunch programming on Nov. 6. Project ECHO is a formal learning session that creates a community that shares learning, knowledge and experience with each other to improve delivery of care across the state. Two Project ECHO sessions are offered each week and include free CME/CE credit and focuses on Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD – formerly Medication Assisted Treatment or MAT) and is hosted by Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). Prescribers and support health services providers are welcome to attend.

- *Prescriber Mentor Opiate* is offered at 7 a.m. on Fridays and is a cycle of 12 foundational MOUD topics.
- *Continuing Education Ohio Opiate Project ECHO* is offered at 3 p.m. on Fridays and is a program of current topics and journal club articles.

Learn more and register to receive notifications about the programs at <https://www.neomed.edu/projectecho/programs/opiate/>.



>>> Deadline Extended for Community Outreach and Education Initiative Funding Application

OhioMHAS is extending the deadline for interested organizations to apply for the [Community Education & Outreach initiative](#). The new deadline for applications is by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. This initiative seeks to decrease stigma and connect Ohioans to support for emotional distress, mental health conditions, or substance use challenges that are brought on or exacerbated by COVID-19. The goal is for local partners to reach Ohioans of all ages with this information in communities throughout the state. Through this initiative educational materials and information will be distributed to Ohioans to help them understand the signs and symptoms of emotional distress, mental health promotion strategies to manage emotional distress, and pathways to get help when needed. Implementing organizations will engage with local partners for distribution of information and educational resources focused on managing emotional distress for children/youth/adults/older adults/families, signs and symptoms of mental illness, and where to call/text to connect to help or services and supports including local resources and the Ohio CareLine and Crisis Text Line. OhioMHAS will provide templates for print materials and for the CareLine and Text Line. This information may be supplemented. Information should be disseminated in the community at locations where people are already safely interacting, including but not limited to Job and Family Services, food pantries, Grab & Go meal pick-up, produce distribution sites, churches/temples/mosques, COVID testing sites, and other locations culturally relevant to a variety of citizens in the community.

A total of \$2 million is available with individual awards capped at \$25,000 per organization. Questions must be submitted to communityoutreach@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on Oct. 29. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on

Friday, October 30. Awards will be made on Nov. 3 for project completion by Dec. 30, 2020. Click [HERE](#) to view the funding guidance and application.

Please note that applicants will not need to enter information into GFMS as part of their initial application. Successful awardees who are not already enrolled in GFMS and OAKS will need to do so prior to receiving funding. Please complete the application as well as submit the required agreement and assurances described in the guidance document. If you have already completed your application, there is no need to submit another application. Department staff are working to respond to all outstanding questions received related to this funding opportunity.

>>> YouthMOVE Fall Zoom Series

YouthMOVE Ohio is hosting a Fall Zoom series for young people (ages 14-26) to virtually hang out with positive peers, have fun, and learn about YouthMOVE and advocacy. The sessions take place on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. through Nov. 12. Use Zoom ID: 83988970995.

>>> National Conference on Gambling Addiction & Responsible Gambling

The National Council on Problem Gambling will host its [34th National Conference on Gambling Addiction and Responsible Gambling](#) online on Nov. 5-6 and Nov. 12-13. Click [HERE](#) to register. For more information, email ncpg@ncpgambling.org or call 202.547.9204.

>>> Responsible Gambling in Ohio Venues: Collaboration Across the Continuum of Care – Nov. 18

The Problem Gambling Network of Ohio is hosting a [Responsible Gambling in Ohio Venues: Collaboration Across the Continuum of Care](#) webinar on Nov. 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Participants will hear from gambling operators, regulators, prevention professionals, experts in treatment, and a recovery advocate the strategies they use to promote responsible gambling in Ohio and the key to their success: collaboration. Attendees will learn strategies Ohio gambling venues use to promote responsible gambling, discuss with regulators relevant laws and regulations currently in place and legislation for potential expansion, hear from experts across the continuum of care on how they collaborate with operators and regulators, and hear from a recovery advocate discussing current responsible gambling strategies and what is still needed. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register online.

>>> Reminder: Financial Wellness Fundamentals Roundtable – Nov. 2

OhioMHAS, in partnership with Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery, will host a virtual Financial Wellness Fundamentals Roundtable on Nov. 2 at 4 p.m. The free roundtable will include an individual in recovery, a clinical perspective, and a financial expert. The discussion will focus on: pitfalls and struggles that lead to financial hardships; money in recovery; and skills crucial to recovery and financial wellness. Click [HERE](#) to register.



For information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus>. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov. COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites and [HERE](#) for the latest SAMHA COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources.

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