

[View this email in your browser](#)

THE STATEHOUSE REPORT

August 5, 2022

A publication of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio
[Printer Friendly Version](#)

Full results of statehouse primary races now available



On Tuesday, Ohio conducted its second primary election of the year, holding primary contents for seats in the Ohio General Assembly, political party state central committees, and a handful of local ballot issues.

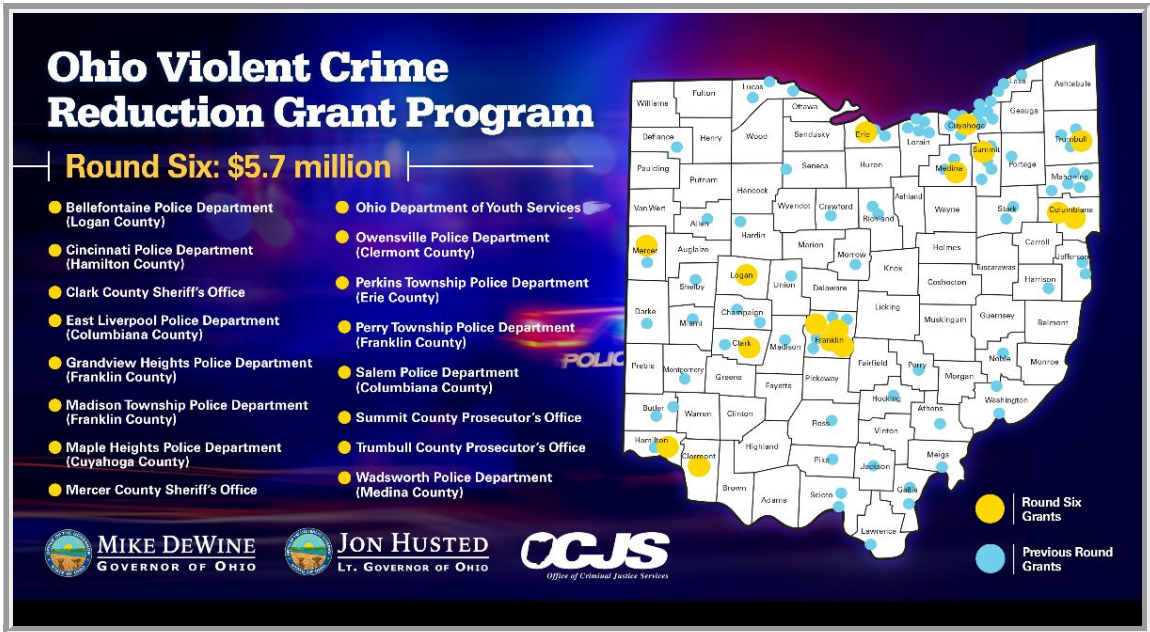
Statewide turnout for the unique second primary was 7.93 percent, a historic low for a primary election, although there is little precedent in Ohio history for an August primary.

The full unofficial results for state General Assembly seats can be accessed below.

[General Assembly Unofficial Primary Results](#)

Most statehouse incumbents running for re-election retained their seats, although two incumbent House Republicans and one House Democrat were defeated. The primary contests are the first election utilizing the new legislative district lines, which will only be used for the 2022 election cycle.

Latest round of Violent Crime Reduction grants announced



On Friday, the DeWine Administration announced the latest round of violent crime reduction grant recipients. A total of \$5.7 million was made available to 16 different state and local entities in this round. At the county level, both the Mercer and Clark County Sheriffs' offices received grant funding, as did the Summit and Trumbull County Prosecutors' offices.

This round of grants, part of a larger \$58 million grant program, are aimed at providing law enforcement additional tools to combat violent crime. The funding is made possible through both state appropriations and American Rescue Plan Act funding.

“Law enforcement agencies have created innovative and strategic initiatives to prevent and disrupt crime across the state,” said Governor DeWine. “Each agency’s needs may be slightly different, but they share a common goal of creating safer communities, and my office is proud to support them.”

Additional information regarding the grant program can be found [here](#).

Governor calls for dedicated law enforcement training funding

Governor Mike DeWine this week called for a dedicated funding source for law enforcement training as part of the next state biennial budget. The governor stressed the importance training for law enforcement and the need for a dedicating fund to support these efforts.

The current state operating budget created a one-time \$15 million pilot program through the Ohio Attorney General's office for training peace officers. According to the Attorney General's office, over 27,000 law enforcement officers received training across 800 agencies. A dedicated funding stream would allow this training to continue on a permanent basis.

Budget requests for state agencies will be filed in the coming months, with the budget bill scheduled to be introduced in early 2023.

