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AVO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, LLC RECEIVES \$99,768.91 IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT RECOVERY HOUSING ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

Canton, OH — AVO Behavioral Health, LLC has received \$99,768.91 in grant funding to support its efforts in helping fight addiction by delivering needed Recovery Housing Enhancement program services, AVO Behavioral Health, Ashley Collins, COO announced today.

The grant from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation will go toward AVO Behavioral Health, LLC comprehensive support services for local recovery housing, aimed at removing barriers to care and fostering a smooth transition back into the community. This initiative features peer support specialists and a dedicated team of providers to deliver tailored care directly to residents. The funds will help sustain and expand these comprehensive services, ensuring ongoing innovation and accessibility. AVO Behavioral Health, LLC remains committed to empowering individuals in recovery and strengthening their connection to the community, Ashley Collins, COO said.

"AVO Behavioral Health, LLC is committed to creating innovative, accessible solutions that empower individuals in recovery and strengthen their connection to the community." Ashley Collins, COO

The grant is part of an inaugural round of approximately \$51 million in funding made available by the Foundation as part of its mission to combat the opioid epidemic by supporting prevention, treatment and recovery programs and services in our communities. The grant money was funded by 55 percent of settlement funds that Ohio is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic.

The grant received by AVO Behavioral Health, LLC reflects the Foundation's commitment to supporting organizations on the frontlines of the addiction epidemic by advancing efforts that foster more resilient, healthier communities across Ohio.

Across Ohio, organizations like AVO Behavioral Health, LLC are working day in and day out to strengthen their communities that have been impacted by the opioid epidemic, said Alisha Nelson, Executive Director of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation.

"We're pleased to partner with AVO Behavioral Health, LLC to support their efforts to save lives, rebuild families affected by addiction, and foster strong and resilient places to live," Nelson said.

The recipients announced as part of the Foundation's first grant cycle were chosen after a robust review process that included evaluation by the local OneOhio Regional Board, the OneOhio Expert Panel and the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Grant recipients have demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the opioid crisis. The funded initiatives are evidenced-based and align with Ohio's approved <u>abatement strategies</u>, including prevention, recovery supports, services for impacted families and children, and many more.

A complete list of recipients can be found at <u>OneOhioFoundation.com/GrantAwards</u>.

The Foundation had an overwhelming response to the 2024 Regional Grant application process, with more than a half-billion dollars in funding requests submitted for the \$51 million available this cycle. Organizations and leaders seeking to submit applications in the future can sign up on the Foundation's website <u>here</u> to receive updates.

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About AVO Behavioral Health, LLC

AVO Behavioral Health and Recovery believes that love conquers all. Our mission is to practice with a patient centered approach to help individuals, families and communities for people struggling with substance use disorder, emotional, or behavioral health by providing individualized outpatient treatment.

We believe that it is our mission to practice evidence based care in our organization that offers the highest quality in direct clinical services but also aids those suffering from substance use disorder and dual diagnosis issues nationwide by providing clinicallyappropriate resources and referrals, community support, educational and preventative platforms to further the understanding that addiction is a public health issue, that the stigma of substance use disorder and mental health must be broken, and that recovery is possible

About the OneOhio Recovery Foundation

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation created under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost, and other state and local leaders, with the mission of advancing Ohio's addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts now and into the future.

The Foundation is governed by a 29-member board from across Ohio and is funded by 55 percent of settlement funds that Ohio is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. Funds support local efforts to prevent and combat addiction and are also invested to support those efforts for the long term.