



CITY OF LIMA

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Lima City Council
50 Town Square
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Re: One Ohio Funds Memorandum of Understanding with Mental Health Recovery Services Board – Allen / Auglaize County Peer Center

Dear Council:

I am writing to inform you that I have authorized legislation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mental Health Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties (MHR SB) to administer programs and services aligned with the OneOhio Recovery Foundation guidelines for the use of opioid settlement funds.

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize the City of Lima's partnership with MHR SB for the administration of opioid settlement-funded services for calendar year 2025. As one of Ohio's premier Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Boards, MHR SB is the central coordinating body—"the HUB"—of our local Recovery-Oriented System of Care. Both the City of Lima and the Allen County Board of Commissioners view MHR SB as a natural and trusted partner in ensuring the responsible and impactful use of these critical funds to support the residents of Lima and Allen County.

Background:

In April 2024, the City of Lima and the Allen County Board of Commissioners partnered with MHR SB to submit applications to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation on behalf of local organizations. The intent was to leverage regional and state-level support while committing local matching funds to projects that address the ongoing opioid crisis. Two of these projects were successfully awarded funding through OneOhio Region 15. One such project is the Allen/Auglaize County Peer Center, which MHR SB will administer in partnership with Lighthouse Behavioral Solutions. This peer-led recovery center, located in Lima, will offer free and accessible services including individual and group peer support, recreational programming, a computer lab, and media resources—all aimed at empowering individuals in recovery. The program aims to serve approximately 660 people in its first year.

Funding Breakdown:

OneOhio Recovery Foundation Grant: \$38,500

Allen County Board of Commissioners: \$25,200 in program support and \$2,520 in administrative support to MHR SB

City of Lima: \$9,800 in program support and \$980 in administrative support to MHR SB

Total City Contribution: Not to exceed \$10,780

This funding is intended to support the project on a one-time basis. No ongoing commitment of General Fund resources or future financial support is implied or guaranteed. The City of Lima will not be responsible for sustaining any staff positions or services beyond the grant term.

We are proud to work alongside the Allen County Commissioners and MHR SB to support this effort and will continue seeking collaborative solutions to address and recover from the opioid crisis in our community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharetta Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a stylized "T" in the middle.

Sharetta T. Smith, JD, MBA
Mayor