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Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department Awarded Initial Opportunity Grant from West Virginia First Foundation

PARKERSBURG, WV (April 11, 2025) – The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department is proud to announce its selection as a recipient of the West Virginia First Foundation’s (WVFF) inaugural Opportunity Grant.

The grant, totaling \$296,764.95, will be used to support the expansion and long-term sustainability of the overdose Quick Response Teams and the Building Bridges to Recovery overdose outreach teams in Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane and Wirt counties. This project aligns with the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department’s mission of Promoting Health, Preventing Disease and Protecting the Public.

“We are deeply grateful to the West Virginia First Foundation for believing in our vision and supporting our work,” said Malcolm Lanham Jr., Community Health and Threat Preparedness Director. “This grant allows us to expand our current program and start to build a long-term sustainable foundation that will benefit our more rural counties that many times do not have the resources to maintain these types of programs. Together, we are making strides toward a healthier and more hopeful West Virginia.”

Jonathan Board, Executive Director of the West Virginia First Foundation, praised the work of The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. “Organizations like The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department are at the heart of our mission to empower communities and combat the effects of substance use disorder. Their dedication to creating positive change is inspiring, and we are honored to support their efforts through the Initial Opportunity Grant.”

The WVFF Initial Opportunity Grant underscores the Foundation’s dedication to investing in organizations and initiatives that address the opioid epidemic and its far-reaching impacts across the state. The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department is honored to be part of this mission and is committed to using this funding to drive meaningful change.

To learn more about West Virginia First Foundation, visit wvfirst.org. To learn more about The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department, visit www.movhd.com.

About West Virginia First Foundation: The West Virginia First Foundation (WVFF) is a nonprofit organization established to address the opioid crisis and its lasting impact across the state. Created under the terms of the West Virginia First Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), WVFF was designed to receive and distribute opioid settlement funds. Guided by the principles outlined in the MOU, the Foundation operates as a private 501(c)(3) entity to support prevention, treatment, recovery, and harm reduction efforts. Through strategic funding and community collaboration, WVFF is committed to creating sustainable solutions that improve the health and well-being of all West Virginians. For more information, visit wvfirst.org.

About The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department: The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. Its main office is located at 1824 Murdoch Ave. in Parkersburg. The offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information. Follow them at Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department MOVHD on Facebook, [@MOVHealthDept](https://www.instagram.com/MOVHealthDept) on Instagram, Twitter and YouTube and look for them on LinkedIn.