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**ACADEMY OF MEDICINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$8,900 IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) EDUCATION**

Cleveland, OH — The Academy of Medicine Education Foundation (AMEF), the charitable arm of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) has received \$8,900 in grant funding to support its efforts in helping fight addiction by delivering needed medication assisted treatment (MAT) prescribing education for physicians, AMEF announced today.

The grant from the OneOhio Recovery Foundation will go toward medication assisted treatment training. MAT is a critical component of treatment and recovery for individuals suffering from opioid use disorders. Physicians who wish to provide office-based opioid treatment with buprenorphine in the state of Ohio are required to complete 8 hours of continuing medical education related to substance use and addiction every two years, and this funding will help us provide that training.

The AMEF project aims to increase the number of physicians who can provide this office-based treatment by offering a training session to introduce more physicians to MAT treatment.

“The Academy is proud to be a part of this important effort as the state continues to work itself out of this devastating once in a generation epidemic,” said AMCNO Executive Director Jen Johns

The grant is part of an inaugural round of approximately \$51 million in funding made available by the OneOhio Recovery 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.

Across Ohio, organizations like the AMCNO 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 the Academy 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 [abatement strategies](#), including prevention, recovery supports, services for impacted families and children, and many more.

A complete list of recipients can be found at [OneOhioFoundation.com/GrantAwards](https://OneOhioFoundation.com/GrantAwards).

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 [here](#) to receive updates.

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## **ABOUT THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE OF CLEVELAND AND NORTHERN OHIO**

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) is a nonprofit 501(c)6 professional organization of over 6,700 physicians and medical students with the mission of supporting physicians in being strong advocates for all patients and promoting the practice of the highest quality of medicine. Founded in 1824, AMCNO has a long history of physician advocacy as the oldest professional organization in Ohio. To learn more, visit [amcno.org](http://amcno.org).

### ***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.*

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