

# Ohio awards \$10M to boost opioid, addiction breakthroughs

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Ohio will pay to support development of pain management alternatives, mobile apps to improve addiction treatment and other advanced technologies through \$10 million in competitive grants.

The 15 grant winners of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission's competition supporting [scientific breakthroughs](#) that address the national opioid epidemic were announced Thursday. The research and technology initiative made up to \$12 million available.

The grant competition is part of Ohio's two-pronged strategy to drive innovative research and development in opioid and addiction science.

The second element is an \$8 million Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge. State officials were generating ideas for the contest Thursday with a Tech2025 hackathon event in New York.

Ohio saw 4,050 overdose deaths last year, among the highest in the nation. Many were linked to heroin and synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

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