



## **City announces newest Dayton Recovery Plan investment**

**-\$300,000 award to support facility expansions by Njoy Njoy-**

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The City of Dayton has announced the newest investment of Dayton Recovery Plan funds, following approval of a project award by the City Commission on Nov. 30. An investment of \$300,000 supporting development of a new building was awarded to Njoy Njoy, a non-profit providing food and services to local citizens in need.

Njoy has been feeding the homeless and hungry in the Dayton community for more than 10 years, and the new building space will allow the organization to expand its efforts.

Funding for the Njoy project will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's \$7.3 million Aiding Community and Small Business Recovery component. This part of the plan focuses on supporting community health and wellness, assisting small businesses and organizations, and providing educational opportunities. The Dayton Recovery Plan is a \$138 million framework for community COVID relief and investment for the future, made possible by the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Njoy plans to use the funds for construction of a building (at its current West Riverview Avenue location) to serve as a multi-purpose community resource center. The organization is seeking additional funding to help with design- and construction-related costs.

Other vital programs and services will be supported including low-cost or pro bono legal services, parenting classes for youth, free health screenings, and clothing/shoes giveaways. Njoy also offers food distribution services to adults with disabilities and special needs. The organization has also partnered with a school to set-up office space in the new building to offer job training/opportunities for future home health aides. Within the first year, the new building will extend the organization's outreach and enable its programs to serve an additional 4,800 guests.

### **About the Dayton Recovery Plan**

A once-in-a-generation opportunity to address the infrastructure, economic and equity issues that exist in the city by using a data-driven approach to analyze socio-economic, health, and demographic data to make informed funding decisions. These investments directly impact minority communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and long-standing economic and social inequities in Dayton. The Dayton Recovery Plan is our city's innovative plan to utilize our share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Based on a modified CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) formula, the Local Fiscal Relief section of the ARPA bill provided \$138 million to the City of Dayton and is the largest grant in Dayton's history. For a plan overview, go to [daytonohio.gov/drp](http://daytonohio.gov/drp).

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