



**City announces \$40,000 in funding to support mental health and suicide prevention**  
-Dayton Recovery Plan to support the National Conference for Community and Justice -

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The City of Dayton has announced the newest investment of the Dayton Recovery Plan funds, following approval of contracts by the City Commission on December 7. An investment of \$40,800.00 to support mental health and suicide prevention was awarded to the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton (NCCJ).

NCCJ was founded in 1978 and has been successfully opposing bias, bigotry, and discrimination wherever it occurs, including neighborhoods, schools, pulpits, and workplaces throughout the region.

Funding for the NCCJ project will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan's \$7.3 million Aiding Community and Small Business Recovery component. This section of the plan focuses on supporting community health and wellness, assisting small businesses and organizations, and providing educational opportunities. There is a 100% aspirational MBE goal assigned to this contract.

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.

NCCJ plans to use the ARPA funds to purchase supplies for hosting outdoor gatherings to support mental health and suicide prevention. NCCJ has its own QPR mission to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by promoting innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training. The signs of crisis are all around and NCCJ believes that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

**About the Dayton Recovery Plan**

The Dayton Recovery Plan is 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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