



## **Commission approves newest Dayton Recovery Plan community investments**

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The City of Dayton announces the newest investments of Dayton Recovery Plan funds, following approval by the City Commission. Investments of \$250,000 for New Beginnings for You and \$147,000 for Expressions of Life were approved on Jan. 25, 2023.

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.

Funding for both projects 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.

New Beginnings for You is using the Dayton Recovery Plan investment for renovations to its building at 405 W. First St., to include offices, a job training and testing center, a mental health/counseling center, and a life skills training center. Services are designed to meet the needs of Dayton youth, young adults and families who are at-risk and who are more likely to suffer from adverse effects of the COVID-19 public health crisis. In addition to the construction costs, the funding will also cover equipment such as appliances and furniture.

Non-profit organization Expressions of Life will use the funds to purchase its current location (160 Salem Ave.) and pay for construction and renovation services for a community center. Expressions of Life's mission is feeding people healthy food for their bodies and healthy information for their minds, with culturally relevant services and programs. It has been in operation since 2011.

### ***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 Dayton's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The \$138 million award is the largest grant in Dayton's history. For a plan overview and updates, go to [daytonohio.gov/drp](http://daytonohio.gov/drp).

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