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## City receives money to pay DARE officers

The Lakewood Division of Police is receiving \$62,335 to support the salaries of police officers participating in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in the city's public schools.

This money from Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray's Special Drug Use Prevention Grant program is in

addition to annual funding from the Ohio attorney general.

These grants are funded through unused money in a state fund dedicated to pay for drug use prevention. All drivers convicted of driving under the influence pay a \$75 fee when reinstating their licenses. This money goes into

the fund, which by the policy of prior attorneys general was reserved solely for D.A.R.E. programs. Cordray expanded the grant eligibility to include school resource officers and others who teach drug use prevention to children and teens.

This grant money must be used before May 31, 2010.