

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's 'Moving Ohio Forward' Demolition Grant Program

The Ohio Attorney General's "Moving Ohio Forward" program was launched in 2012 after the National Mortgage Settlement was finalized with 49 states and the nation's five largest mortgage servicers. Attorney General DeWine earmarked \$75 million in settlement funds for a demolition program.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine at the site of a demolition of an abandoned house in Cincinnati

BY THE NUMBERS

\$75 million:

The amount of settlement money that went toward the removal of abandoned and blighted structures throughout Ohio



About the settlement:

- The settlement addressed robo-signing abuses, which worsened foreclosure issues during the recession.
- Affected borrowers received direct assistance in the form of cash payments, loan modifications, and reduced interest rates.
- States also received discretionary funds to help alleviate issues caused by foreclosure.
- Attorney General DeWine used the discretionary funds to create his "Moving Ohio Forward" program to benefit neighborhoods and communities that were also victims of the foreclosure crisis. To maximize the reach of the program, counties were required to provide matching funds for any grant amount beyond the first \$500,000.



14,608

The number of blighted residences demolished as a result of the program

\$119 million

The sum of the grants and the matching funds that were dedicated to the program

3,449

The number of blighted housing units demolished in Cuyahoga County, the recipient of the largest share of funds, as it had the most foreclosures



88

The number of Ohio counties that received a proportional allocation of the funds based upon the number of foreclosures between 2008 and 2011

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