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OCJS and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy Team up to Provide Heating Assistance to Domestic Violence Shelters

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, has teamed up with Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) to provide more than \$50,000 in heating assistance to domestic violence shelters in Ohio.

OCJS contacted OPAE, a nonprofit, about the possibility of the organization assisting shelters with their heating bills, particularly after the harsh winter that Ohio has experienced. Historically, OCJS has worked with state partners to provide assistance.

"We are so appreciative of OPAE and its immediate willingness to provide assistance to these shelters in a time of need," said OCJS Executive Director Karhlton Moore. "Because of this incredible partnership, Ohio's domestic violence shelters will be able to continue to provide critical services to victims."

OPAE is a nonprofit membership organization created to advocate for affordable energy policies for moderate and low-income Ohioans. Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy works with 64 nonprofits throughout the state, helping families pay their utility bills and weatherizing homes.

"Ohio Partners and its members welcomed the opportunity to help ensure the shelters are able to carry out their mission," said OPAE Executive Director Dave Rinebolt. "This is a great example of community groups working together to help families in times of crisis."

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OCJS serves as the lead justice planning and assistance agency for the state. Through research, technology and grants, OCJS serves a wide variety of agencies committed to reducing and preventing crime across Ohio.