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| **Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Grants**     | Public and private sector diesel fleets in any Ohio county, operating class 7 and class 8 trucks (with a gross vehicle weight rating of at least 26,000 pounds.) | One-time only offering of $5 million in grants to repower or replace large gasoline or diesel trucks with alternative-fueled trucks that can run on compressed natural gas, liquid natural gas or propane, including bi-or dual-fueled trucks that can run on both alternative fuel and gasoline or diesel. Grants will pay the lesser of $25,000 per vehicle, or 50% of the engine components or the cost of conversion parts and equipment. Maximum grant award of $400,000. | First-come, first-served. Open until all available funds have been allocated | 2018 — Present                                            | Funding Questions  
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| **Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Grants**          | Local governments, nonprofit organizations, watershed groups, SWCDs and local park districts. | Up to $400,000 to conduct stream restoration and nonpoint source pollution management projects. 40 percent of total project costs are required to be provided as local match. Approximately $2.6 million per year is available. | Deadline varies.                               | 2007 — Present                                            | John Mathews  
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| **Community Recycling and Litter Prevention Grants** | Eligible applicants include Ohio counties, municipal corporations, townships, villages, state colleges and universities, solid waste management districts or authorities, park districts, health districts, Keep Ohio Beautiful affiliates, boards of education and non-profit organizations. | The Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Program offers up to $200,000 for projects that initiate or expand recycling programs, encourage sustainable practices, and support litter prevention efforts. Local governments can receive funding to purchase equipment for the collection and processing of recyclables. Communities and non-profit organizations can also receive funding to implement litter collection events and tire amnesty programs (tire amnesty programs require a minimum $0.50 collection fee). Applications are submitted through the online Recycle Ohio Grant (ROG) system. | Annually on or about February 1                  | 2008 — Present                                            | Katie Courtright  
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<td><strong>Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program</strong></td>
<td>Currently limited to public transit systems for replacement of diesel buses that are eligible under the Federal Highway Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and located in an eligible Ohio county.</td>
<td>$8-10 million awarded annually for engine repowers and vehicle replacements in SFY 2017 and 2018</td>
<td>Varies. One round annually, usually in the fall. Dates not set for 2019.</td>
<td>2009 — 2011 2012 — Present</td>
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<td><strong>Grant Funded Brownfield Technical Assistance</strong></td>
<td>Local governments, port authorities, park districts and other public entities in Ohio.</td>
<td>Grant funding is available to cover costs associated with providing technical assistance (TA) by Ohio EPA staff to assist with property assessment and cleanup under the Voluntary Action Program. In general, the volunteer determines the scope of VAP TA review and what questions or issues are evaluated during VAP TA. Some examples of grant-funded technical assistance that can be provided includes:  - Guidance on technical or legal issues related to potential NFA letters or VAP urban setting designation (USD) requests  - VAP document review (e.g., review of Phase I and II assessments, sampling plans, risk assessments, remedial action plans and draft NFA Letters where CNS has not yet been requested) For more funding resources, please visit the Community Brownfield Funding Resources page.</td>
<td>Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.</td>
<td>Grant Funded Brownfield Technical Assistance provided since 2000</td>
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<td><strong>Home Sewage Treatment Systems</strong></td>
<td>Public entities (Cities, village, and county health departments) are eligible to establish linked deposit programs in their county. These public entities can then administer assistance to individual homeowners.</td>
<td>Two options are potentially available to eligible applicants. First, a Linked Deposit program can be established, which will provide an interest rate buy down on loans that homeowners receive from a commercial bank. Second, a direct loan can be awarded from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) to the eligible entity to establish its own revolving loan program.</td>
<td>Nominations are accepted (as part of the WPCLF program) on an annual basis, with a deadline of August 31, for the upcoming program year, which begins January 1.</td>
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<td><strong>Lake Erie Protection Fund</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ohio Revised Code 1506.23</td>
<td>Government, non-profit and for-profit entities are eligible to apply for funding. Funding may not be used to fund staff salaries for state employees. Applicants must be based in Ohio, although work may be contracted with outside entities as necessary. Small grants up to $50,000 are available to fund research and on-the-ground projects aimed at protecting, preserving and restoring Lake Erie or its tributary watersheds in Ohio. The Lake Erie Protection Fund focuses on projects that lead to better management decisions for both environmental protection and economic development. Special grant projects may be funded - amounts and topics change annually. The Fund is supported through donation or purchase of a Lake Erie license plate displaying the Marblehead Lighthouse or Toledo Harbor Lighthouse by Ohio artist Ben Richmond, or the Lake Erie life ring.</td>
<td>Due dates available bi-annually – dates change annually.</td>
<td>2006 — Present</td>
<td>Lynn Garrity&lt;br&gt;Ohio Lake Erie Commission&lt;br&gt;P.O. Box 1049&lt;br&gt;Columbus, OH 43216-1049&lt;br&gt;(614) 506-0619&lt;br&gt;<a href="mailto:lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov">lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov</a></td>
<td>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Mosquito Control Grants</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ohio Revised Code 3734</td>
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| Recycling Market Development Grants               | Businesses and non-profit organizations are eligible to receive MDG funds, but must be sponsored by agency of the state, as established in ORC Sections 343, 3736, and all applicable sections of the ORC. An agency of the state may be a municipal corporation, county, township, village, state college and university, or solid waste management district and authority. | The Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Program offers up to $200,000 for Market Development projects that propose to create the infrastructure necessary for successful markets of recyclable materials and related products. | Annually on or about February | 2008 — Present  | Katie Courtright  
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| Scrap Tire Grants                                 | Businesses and non-profit organizations are eligible to receive STG funds, but must be sponsored by agency of the state, as established in ORC Sections 343, 3736, and all applicable sections of the ORC. An agency of the state may be a municipal corporation, county, township, village, state college and university, or solid waste management district and authority. | The Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Program offers up to $300,000 for Scrap Tire projects that propose to create the infrastructure necessary for successful markets of scrap tire materials and related products. | Annually on or about February | 2008 — Present  | Katie Courtright  
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| Surface Water Improvement Fund                    | Local governments, county park districts, soil and water conservation districts, city and/or county health departments, 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation groups with land management responsibilities, watershed groups (with local government sponsorship), state agencies with land managing responsibilities, recognized land conservancies or trusts. | Up to $150,000 for implementation of specific projects that address nonpoint source pollution and/or storm water runoff and result in water quality improvements in Ohio’s streams, rivers and lakes. | Annually | 2010 — Present  | John Mathews  
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| Targeted Brownfield Assessment (TBA) Program      | Local governments, port authorities, park districts and other public entities in Ohio. | Grant funding is available to provide property assessments that will facilitate brownfield redevelopment and encourage participation in the Voluntary Action Program at no cost to eligible public entities. Assessment services are provided to public entities by qualified environmental firms under contract with Ohio EPA as well as the Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization’s Site Investigation Field Unit. Examples of assessment projects that can be provided include:  
• Phase I environmental site assessments  
• Certified asbestos inspection of buildings  
• Geophysical surveys  
• Limited Phase II Property Assessment (screening evaluation or supplemental assessment)  
For more funding resources, please visit the Community Brownfield Funding Resources page. | Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. | 2002 — Present  | Dan Tjoelker, TBA/Grant Coordinator  
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<td><strong>Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)</strong></td>
<td>Public entities (includes villages, cities, counties, and sewer districts) are eligible for wastewater projects; Public or private entities may potentially be eligible for nonpoint source projects. All applicants must demonstrate a dedicated source of repayment for the loan.</td>
<td>Below-market interest rate loans are awarded to eligible applicants for planning, design, and construction of wastewater treatment facilities and sewer systems. The standard below-market interest rate is established monthly and is 1.25% below the general obligation bond index rate. The program also offers a small community interest rate, as well as hardship interest rates of 0% and 1%. Limited principal forgiveness is available. There are currently no minimum or maximum loan amounts. Approximately $500 million is loaned out each year.</td>
<td>Nominations are accepted on an annual basis, with a deadline of August 31, for the upcoming program year, which begins January 1. Actual loan applications are due approximately three months before the projected loan award date.</td>
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<td><strong>Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP)</strong></td>
<td>Public or private, non-profit entities.</td>
<td>The Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) was created to counter the loss of ecological function and biological diversity that jeopardizes the health of Ohio’s water resources. This program funds both preservation and restoration of aquatic habitat to accomplish this goal. The WRRSP relies on having a sponsoring wastewater loan from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF). The WRRSP sponsor can be a different entity than the WRRSP implementer. Funds for WRRSP projects will be made available by advancing a portion of the estimated amount of interest to be repaid by the sponsor over the life of the WPCLF loan.</td>
<td>Nominations are accepted on an annual basis, with a deadline of July 31, for the upcoming program year, which begins January 1. Projects which are identified as fundable will meet program requirements in the first year, and then receive their assistance award in the second year.</td>
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<td><strong>Water Supply Revolving Loan Account/Drinking Water Assistance Fund (WSRLA/DWAF)</strong></td>
<td>Community water systems, both privately and publicly owned, and nonprofit non-community water systems.</td>
<td>Below-market interest rate loans are awarded to eligible applicants for planning, design, and construction of water treatment facilities, storage facilities and distributions system improvements. The standard below-market interest rate is established monthly and is 1.25% below the general obligation bond index rate. The program also offers a small community interest rate, as well as three different tiers of Disadvantaged community rates. Limited principal forgiveness is available. There are currently no minimum or maximum loan amounts. Approximately $150 million can be loaned out each year.</td>
<td>Nominations are accepted on an annual basis, with a deadline of March 1, for the upcoming program year, which begins July 1.</td>
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| Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund Grants               | Public and private sector diesel fleets located in an eligible Ohio county, for repower or in some cases replacement with new clean diesel, alternative fuel (CNG, propane, hydrogen) or all-electric technology. | Eligible fleets include class 4-8 medium and large local freight trucks; class 4-8 school buses, shuttle buses and transit buses; freight switcher locomotives; ferries and tugboats; airport ground support equipment; port cargo handling equipment and forklifts. Funds can also be used to install shorepower for large ships in Ohio ports along Lake Erie, and for fueling/charging infrastructure for zero emission vehicles fueled by electricity or hydrogen. Ohio EPA expects to offer a single grant round of approximately $15 million annually for several years. | Open first Monday in June and closes first Friday in August, in 2019 and 2020. | 2018 — Present | Funding questions  
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